



Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid

ACCESSION No: HRHS-195

COLLECTION TITLE: Isaac David Byrd Collection

DATES: 1882 - 1928

SIZE: 4 folders

DONOR: Linda Wilson Appel

PROCESSED: Processed September 8, 2016 by K. Craun

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Isaac David Byrd, known as Brother Isaac, was a Dunkard circuit rider in Rockingham County. He was born in Spring Creek in 1863 and married Mary Elizabeth Akirs of Dayton around 1884. Isaac and Mary Elizabeth Akirs Byrd are the great-grandparents of the donor, Linda Wilson Appel. This collection also contains papers from the Akirs family.

Linda Wilson Appel says that her mother was terrified of her grandfather, Isaac David Byrd, when she was a small child. He had a stern countenance and was a big man. He wore the plain black clothes and hat of the order and had a long white beard down his chest. She said he rode a large white stallion and looking up at the sight of this black and white form scared her. This collection contains the bible that Brother Isaac carried in his saddlebag.

Isaac and Mary Byrd moved to Fauquier County in the early 1900's and later to Albemarle County, where they are buried at Free Union Brethren church.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection contains items from the Isaac David Byrd family and the Akirs family.

COLLECTION INVENTORY:

Folder 1:

-Tax receipts from 1885-1928 for Isaac David Byrd from Rockingham County, Fauquier County and Albemarle County, which are kept in a worn leather pouch.

Folder 2:

-Miscellaneous correspondence from the Byrd family
-Genealogy information for the Byrd family

Folder 3:

-Journals written by Mary Elizabeth Akirs in 1882 titled *Paulonian Journal*

- Handwritten piece by Mollie Akirs titled *The True Aim of Life*
- Rental Agreement dated April 1, 1886 between John Akirs and W. A Obaugh for rental of a house on High Street in Dayton
- Miscellaneous newspaper clippings c. 1930's

Folder 4:

- Bible carried by Isaac David Byrd while a Dunkard circuit rider