



Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid

ACCESSION No.: HRHS-72

COLLECTION TITLE: William L. Yancey Collection

DATES: 1885; 1893-1895

SIZE: 2 (two) folders

DONOR: unknown

PROCESSED: Processed 09/03/2013 by K. Craun and L. Adams

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: William L. Yancey was a popular and successful lawyer in Harrisonburg, VA. He was born November 24, 1860 and was the son of Capt. William Benjamin Yancey, C.S.A., and Victoria Julia Winsborough Yancey. He married Mary Ashby Gibbons October 27, 1885. He died July 31, 1901 in Harrisonburg. (From p. 438 of the chapter, Men of Mark and Representative Citizens.)

See also William L. Yancey's obit from 8/2/1901 in the administrative folder for more biographical info.

A Penn Letter Book, created by Penn Manufacturing Works, is a 19th/c office supply that allowed Mr. Yancey to keep copies of letters written without a copy press or water. A letter could be either copied immediately, or several hours after writing, by placing the writing under the copy paper and rubbing with the hand. Each page of the letter could be copied as written. Blotting paper was used on the letter after copying and the writing would turn "intensely" black in a few hours. (See instructions in the Penn Letter Book, folder 2 (two).)

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This is an artificially created collection of receipts for merchandise purchased by William L. Yancey at various Harrisonburg businesses (including a tobaccos jobber, grocer, rugs and shoes merchant); letter book containing 5 (five) letters written in 1885.

COLLECTION INVENTORY:

Folder 1:

Receipt Robert E. Sullivan, 1893

Receipt Logan and Shinnick, 1893

Receipt C.H. Eshman, 1894
Receipt S.H. Moffett and Co., 1894
Receipt J.P. Houck, 1895
Receipt R.A. Vanpelt, 1895
Receipt J. F. Voorhees, 1895

Folder 2:

Penn Letter Book, 1885

ARRANGEMENT:

One folder of receipts.
One folder containing the Penn Letter Book.