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**Henry Baetjer Records**  
**Collection Number: 403 WFCHS**

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**PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Initial processing undertaken in 1987. Last updated by Buffy Knappenberger in November 2024.

**EXTENT:** .84 linear feet.

**DATE:** 1868-1922

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** This collection contains a number of account books kept by Henry Baetjer & Company of Winchester, Virginia. The account books include references to the Miller Plantation Company, Baetjer's Insurance, and other assets and investments. There is also a household account book kept by Edith M. Baetjer and a record of the division of Baetjer's estate.

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL:** Henry Baetjer was born in Germany in 1841 and immigrated to Baltimore, Maryland, in 1859. Baetjer moved to Winchester shortly after the end of the Civil War and opened a dry good business on the southeast corner of Boscawen and Loudoun Street. Over the next 41 years, Baetjer's business grew to one of the largest and most successful businesses in Winchester. His son, Dr. Frederick Henry Baetjer, became one of the leading pioneers in X-Ray research. Baetjer died on May 11, 1912, and is buried in Mount Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, VA.

**RELATED MATERIALS:** A cash book belonging to Baetjer is held in the Christ Episcopal Church Records, 684 THL.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:** Baetjer, Henry Obituary, *The Evening Star*, May 13, 1912; Quarles, Garland R., *Some Worthy Lives*, Winchester, VA: Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society, 1988.

**IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Gift and loan of multiple donors.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

**BOX 1**

Account book, Henry Baetjer, 1868-1912, 1 volume (unnumbered pages, some blank); 19 cm

Sales journals, Henry Baetjer & Company (for the following years):

1872-1876, 1 volume, no cover (225 pages); 32 cm

1881-1886, 1 volume (255 pages); 32 cm

1886-1892, 1 volume (299 pages); 32 cm

1892-1895, 1 volume (199 pages); 32 cm

1895-1898, 1 volume (151 pages); 32 cm

## **BOX 2**

Cash book, Henry Baetjer & Company, 1865-1867, 1 volume (53 pages); 34 cm

Sales journals, Henry Baetjer & Company, 2 volumes, manuscript (for the following years):

1898-1901, 1 volume (151 pages); 33 cm

1901-1905, 1 volume (203 pages); 33 cm

Account book, Henry Baetjer & Company, 1910-1914, bills & invoices, 1 volume (62 pages); 32 cm

Advertisement, no date, 1 leaf, printed

**Physical Location: Oversize, Box 22**

Inventory book, Henry Baetjer & Company, 1902-1910, detailed, listing dry goods, office furniture, etc., 1 volume (79 pages); 33 cm

Record of estate of Henry Baetjer, as divided by J. George Baetjer, 1918, 1 volume (unnumbered pages, some loose leaves); 25 cm

Household account book, Edith M. Baetjer, 1913-1922, 1 volume (unnumbered pages, some loose leaves); 24 cm