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**Fairfax Hall Records**  
**Collection Number: 480 WFCHS THL**

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**PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Initial processing of this collection begun in 1986. Last revised September 16, 2023.

**EXTENT:** 0.21 linear feet

**CREATOR:** Fairfax Hall (Winchester, Va.)

**DATE:** 1871-1904

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** The Fairfax Hall Records includes catalogues, certificates, commencement, and baccalaureate programs of Fairfax Hall. There are also copies of *The Fairfax Review*, a publication written by students. A photograph of the school building around 1900, taken from the catalog, is also part of the collection.

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL:** The Rev. Silas Billings and his daughters, Mary E. and Cornelia F. Billings established Fairfax Hall, a school for girls, in Winchester, VA, in 1869. The school occupied the premises of the former Valley Female Institute (112 S. Cameron St.) until 1902 when it was moved to the Winchester Inn (109 S. Stewart St.). It closed around 1904.

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**BIBLIOGRAPHY:** Quarles, Garland R. *Winchester, Virginia—Streets—Churches—Schools*. Winchester, VA: Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society, 1996.

**CONTAINER LIST**

**BOX 1**

Baccalaureate and commencement invitations and programs for the following years:  
1871; 1876; 1880; 1884; 1885; 1886; 1887; 1888

Catalogue, 1871-1872

Catalogues for the following years:

1877-1878; 1880-1881; 1884-1885; 1890-1891; 1893-1894; 1898-1899; 1900 (2 copies)

Certificates and reports

- Etta Robinson - June 16, 1871; June 23, 1873
- Godfrey; Miller - first quarter, 1885

Correspondence, November 29, 1874

*The Fairfax Review* (student publication)

- 1881 -- Volume 2, No. 1
- 1882 -- Volume 2, Nos. 2, 3, 6
- 1883 -- Volume 3, Nos. 1 (2 copies), 2 (2 copies), 3 (2 copies), 4, 5, 6 (2 copies)
- 1884 -- Volume 4, No. 1
- 1885 -- Volume 4, No. 4
- 1886 -- Volume 5, Nos. 1, 3
- 1887 -- Volume 6, No. 2
- 1888 -- Volume 6, No. 3
- 1889 -- Vacation number (2 copies)

Index to Fairfax Hall students, 1871-1887 (incomplete), from commencement programs

Index to Fairfax Hall teachers, 1886-1889 (incomplete)

News articles

Receipts – check and receipt for Hettie Jacob’s tuition and board, August 29, 1882

**PHOTOGRAPHS** (filed with collection)

**480-1** 112 S. Cameron Street, Winchester (school building), c1900