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**John Handley High School Collection**  
**Collection Number: 145 WFCHS/THL**

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**PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Processed by Buffy Knappenberger. Last updated May 2024.

**EXTENT:** 1.87 linear feet

**DATES:** 1917-2017.

**EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF COPIES:** Photographs in this collection have been digitized and are available to view online through the Past Perfect online database: <http://handley.pastperfectonline.com/>

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** The John Handley High School Records consists of class memorabilia, student newspapers, alumni material, and other items concerning the school. There is also correspondence related to the school's construction and blueprints. Other items in the collection include a history of the school by former student, Kenneth W. Rose, and histories of Handley Football (1919-2012) and Handley Basketball (1923-2013) by Sam McCall.

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL:** John Handley High School was built with money from the estate of Judge John Handley (1835-1895). The cornerstone was laid June 13, 1923, and the school was opened in September 1923; the first day of class was September 10. Ceremonies for the first graduating class were held on June 12, 1924. Handley High was a primary example of the use of private endowment funds to supplement tax money in support of public education.

**RELATED MATERIAL:** John Handley Collection 522 WFCHS/THL; Frederick County Virginia School System Collection 199 THL; Winchester City School Records 581 THL; Media Collection 1306 THL. Additional information regarding Handley High School is in the James A. Miller Collection, 1421 WFCHS, Box 4. The DVD "Handley High School 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Video," no date, is located in the Media Collection, 1306 THL.

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

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

## CONTAINER LIST:

### BOX 1 Construction

Architect's contract, July 1919, 1 item, 4 leaves, typescript

Bell, Stewart, Sr. – involvement, 1 leaf, typescript

Bills, correspondence, and receipts, 1922-1923, 5 items, 5 leaves, typescript

Construction contracts, 1921, 5 items, unnumbered pages, typescript (copy)

Cornerstone laying - correspondence, 1923, 2 leaves, typescript; 2 leaves, typescript (copy)

Handley High School reservoir - drawing and explanation, May 19, 1922, 1 leaf, manuscript

**Physical Location: Oversize, Box 17**

Kellison, Dennis – Research Notes for doctoral dissertation, “The Renovation and Restoration of John Handley High School, Winchester, Virginia,” Shenandoah University, 2012, correspondence between the Handley Board of Trustees and General Education Board of New York, NY. **These items should not be copied or published in their entirety without the permission of the Rockefeller Archives Center, Sleepy Hollow, New York.**

Correspondence is organized chronologically into five folders, as follows:

Correspondence – February, 1917-December, 1917, 60 letters, 65 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Correspondence – January, 1918-August, 1918, 81 letters, 102 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Correspondence – September, 1918-January 1, 1919, 45 letters, 59 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Correspondence – January, 1919-November, 1919, 101 letters, 117 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Correspondence – February, 1920-February, 1924, 33 letters, 54 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

"Establishing the Handley School: R. Gray Williams, the General Education Board, and the Problematic Legacy of Judge John Handley," by Kenneth W. Rose, 1994, 1 item, 49 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

“The Handley School, Winchester, VA”, by William R. McCormack, Architect, *The Southern Architect and Building News*, Vol. 53 (Nov., 1927), No. 11, pgs. 47-71

Sale of Smithfield farm to Colonial Brick Company - contract, 1921, 2 items, 6 leaves, typescript, copy

Workmen's compensation, 1922, 6 items, 6 leaves, typescript

### BOX 2 News Articles

Handley H.S. 1906-1979, news articles, unnumbered, printed, (photocopy)

Handley High 1980-1999, news articles, unnumbered, printed, (photocopy)

News Articles 2000-2018, news articles, unnumbered, printed, (photocopy)

Photos, unnumbered, printed

Misc, news articles, unnumbered, printed, (photocopy)

### **BOX 3 Sports**

Banner- Handley football banner, 1 item, felt

Edwin K. Barksdale Wing – Hunter Maddox Hall of Fame, John Handley High School, 2010, Recipients Photographs, 1 leaf, printed

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Edwin K. Barksdale Wing – Hunter Maddox Hall of Fame, John Handley High School, 2011, Recipients Photographs, 1 leaf, printed

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Football game Program 1941 Handley vs. Hagerstown, printed

Football Programs- 1946 (folder contains the following:)

*Handley vs. Harrisonburg, October 18, 1946*

*Handley vs. Covington, November 1, 1946*

*Warren County High vs. Handley High School, November 15th, 1946*

*2nd Annual Thanksgiving Game, Handley vs. Martinsburg, November 28, 1946*

Football Programs- 1949

*Handley vs. Warren, November 11, 1949*

Football Programs- 1955

*Handley vs. Loudoun County, September 17, 1955*

*Official Program Blue Ridge Shrine Club Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital Fund,*

*Handley Judges vs Fort Hill Sentinels of Cumberland, MD, Winchester, Virginia*

*October 15, 1955*

*Handley vs. Warren County, October 22, 1955*

Football Programs- 1956

*Handley vs. Clarke County, November 3, 1956*

*Handley vs. Martinsburg, November 22, 1956*

Football Records 1921-2004, [compiled by Justus Stryker, Aug. 2005],

12 leaves typescript

*Handley Basketball – A Complete History: All Time Results of John Handley Basketball 1923-2021* by Sam McCall, 2021, 1 booklet, 176 pages, typescript

*Handley Pride – A History of John Handley Football, 1919-2021* by Sam McCall, 2021, 1 booklet, 220 pages, typescript

Hunter Maddox Hall of Fame, Establishment Edwin Barksdale Wing, Oct. 2010, 5 items, printed and CD

Hunter Maddox Hall of Fame, Edwin Barksdale Wing, Nov. 2011, 2 items, printed

Hunter Maddox Hall of Fame, John Handley High School, 2011 Recipients Photographs, 1 leaf, printed

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Judges Athletic Association - awards banquet program, 1970, 1 item, 1 page, printed

*Runners-up—History of Handley Basketball in the Virginia State Tournament* by Sam McCall, 1 booklet, 132 pages, typescript

*Runners-Up: The Story of the 1961-1962 Handley Judges Tate Final Basketball Team* by Sam McCall, n.d., 1 booklet, 21 leaves, typescript

*Near Miss: The Story of Handley High School's 2014 State Final Season* by Sam McCall, n.d., 1 booklet, 30 pages, typescript

*Near Miss 2: The Story of Handley High School's 2018 State Final Season* by Sam McCall, n.d., 1 booklet, 18 pages, typescript

Stadium - opening program, 1973, 1 leaf, typescript; 1 leaf, typescript (copy); 1 leaf, printed (5 copies)

Tennis—Boys' AA State Tennis Tournament, 1 item, printed

#### **BOX 4 Activities**

Archives, Handley High School, 5 items, printed

Art and Literature Magazine (folders contain the following):

*Mimesis*, 1987, 48 pages, printed

*Mimesis*, 1988

*Miscellanea*, 2008-2009

*Miscellanea*, 2012

*Cracks in the Stairs*, 2013-2014, 18 pages, printed

*An Ocean of Lost Expressions—You Dive*, 2016, 46 pages, printed

*Miscellanea*, 2017—1 book, 36 pages, printed

*Miscellanea*, 2019, 36 pages, printed

*Miscellanea*, 2021, 38 pages, printed

Calendar 1926-27, 34 pages, printed (2 copies)

Competitive drill between Handley High School and Massanutten Military Academy, 1928, 1 item, 6 pages, printed

Concert programs, 1947 and 1950, 2 items, 5 pages, printed

Faculty—Listing 1921 & 1931 faculty, Photo of 1921 Faculty, news articles, unnumbered items, printed, photocopy

"John Handley Public Schools" -pamphlet, c. 1918, 6 items, 4 pages, printed (6 copies)

Key Club Scrapbook, 1972-73, 24 pages, contains photographs, quotes, and memorabilia, housed in custom made wooden frame.

#### **Physical Location: Oversize Shelves - Scrapbooks**

National Register of Historic Places registration form, April 15, 1998, 1 item, printed

Newspaper – *The Gavel*, October 1989, 5 pages, printed

Report Cards (folder contains the following):

Duane Hughe, 1933-1934, 1 item, printed with manuscript on printed form

John C. Blackburn, 1968-1969, 6 cards with manuscript on printed form, 1 envelope with manuscript on printed form

School within a School 1999 calendar, 1 item, printed

Seventy-fifth Anniversary Celebration, 1998 (folder contains the following):

Invitation May 16, 1998, 1 page, printed

Program, May 16, 1998, 4 items, printed

Booklet, 75 Years of Excellence, 16 pages, printed (2 copies)

Minutes of Planning Committee 10/21/97, 3/3, 3/13, 3/24/98, 6 leaves, typescript

List of Possible Interviews for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 2 leaves, typescript

List of all Valedictorians and Salutatorians (1924-1997)

List of All Superintendents (1924-1997)

List of All Principals (1924-1997)

List of All Assistant Principals (1924-1997), 7 leaves total, typescript

Seventy-fifth Anniversary: “John Handley and the Value of Commemorations” Speech delivered by Kenneth W. Rose, 1995, 1 item, 8 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Student handbook, 1987-1988, 1 item, 68 pages, printed

*Trail Blazer* (school newspaper), 40 items, printed

1920 - April (2 copies), May, June

1921 - March 1 (2 copies), April 1, May 1 (2 copies), June 1, December 1 (2 copies)

1922 - January 1 (2 copies), February 1 (2 copies), March 1 (2 copies), April 1 (2 copies), May 1 (2 copies), June (3 copies), October 10 (2 copies), November 10 (2 copies), December (2 copies)

1923 - January (2 copies), February, April, May, June

1926 - March 17 (2 copies)

1932 – March

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World War II – Art stored at Handley High School, 12 leaves

World War II – Students and Staff who served in World War II

(folder contains the following):

Handley High School Students enrolled in the Armed Forces of the United States during WWII “Final copy with classes” 19 leaves, typescript, 941 names including women

JHHS students and some staff who served in WWII, 1941-45, with notes and additions including Handley students who have made the extreme sacrifice World War II and Korean War 7 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Roll of Honor Plaque, 1 leaf, photo (photocopy)

Winchester High School Seniors now serving in US Army, no date, 1 leaf printed (photocopy)

Veterans Day Commemoration 11/11/2014, 1 item, printed; 11/9/2017, 1 item, printed

## **BOX 5** Activities

Catalog, John Handley High School, c. 1918

Class of 1924 (folder contains the following):

Baccalaureate Service – June 8, 1924, 1 item, printed  
Graduation Exercises – June 12, 1924, 1 item, printed  
News article, 1 item, printed (photocopy)

Class of 1926, Sermon to the Graduates – June 6, 1926, 1 item, printed

Class of 1927, 7 items, typescript/mimeograph

Class of 1929, Graduation Exercises – June 13, 1929, 1 item (2 copies), printed

Class of 1930, Class Day Exercises – June 11, 1930, 1 item, printed

Class of 1932, News Article – August 27, 1982, 1 item, 2 leaves, printed (photocopy)

Class of 1933, Graduation Exercises – June 8, 1933 1 item, printed (2 copies)

Class of 1936, Sermon to the Graduates – June 7, 1936, 1 item, printed

Class of 1938, Graduation Exercises – June 9, 1938, 1 item, printed

Class of 1937, Senior Class Banquet – June 8, 1937, 1 item, printed

Class of 1939, Sermon to the Graduates – June 4, 1939, 1 item, printed

Class of 1940 (folder contains the following):

Prophecy, 1 item, 4 leaves, typescript (copy)  
Will, 1 item, 2 leaves, typescript (copy)

Class of 1942, News article – October 22, 2007, 1 item, printed

Class of 1944 (folder contains the following):

Sermon to Graduates – June 11, 1944, 1 item, printed  
Graduation Exercises – June 16, 1944, 1 item, printed

Class of 1945(folder contains the following):

Playbill – Senior class play “The Young in Heart,” 1 item, printed  
Sermon to graduates conducted by Winchester Ministerial Association, 1 item, typed  
The senior banquet – June 7, 1945, 1 item, typed  
Graduation exercises – June 8, 1945, 1 item, typed

Class of 1948 (folder contains the following):

News article on Handley High School Glee Club – April 2, 1947  
News article “Ten Seniors in Cast of Class Play” – March 11, 1945  
Program senior class play “Dear Ruth” – March 12, 1948  
Admission ticket 1948 graduation exercises – June 10, 1948  
Program 1948 graduation exercises – June 10, 1948  
Five-year reunion program with attached “class will” – June 20, 1953  
Ten year reunion program – November 29, 1958

Class of 1951, playbill – senior class play “A Date with Judy,” 1 item, printed

Class of 1952 (folder contains the following):

25<sup>th</sup> Reunion Program, July 16, 1977, 6 pages, typescript  
50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Program, Sept. 28, 2002, 2 pages, printed  
55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Program, Oct. 5, 2007, 2 pages, printed  
Address List, October 2007, 3 pages, typescript(photocopy)  
60<sup>th</sup> Reunion Program, Oct. 12, 2012, 6 pages, printed

Class of 1953, playbill – senior class play “The Youngest,” 1 item, printed

Class of 1954 (folder contains the following):

“The History of the Class of 1954” by Pat Cahill, 2 pages, typescript  
“The Last Will and Testament of the Senior Class of 1954” by Robert Lewis, 4 pages, typescript  
“Prophecy – 1954” by Carle Germelman, 3 leaves, typescript  
Reunion – August 7, 1999, 8 leaves, printed

Class of 1955, 20<sup>th</sup> reunion – July 12, 1975, 32 pages, photocopy

Class of 1959 (folder contains the following):

25<sup>th</sup> reunion yearbook-Sept. 22, 1984  
50<sup>th</sup> reunion yearbook – 1999, 26 pages, printed

Class of 1961, “Then and Now” 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, 2011, 54 pages, printed

Class of 1969 (folder contains the following):

Sermon to the graduates – June 8, 1969, 1 item, printed  
Graduation exercises – June 13, 1969, 1 item, printed

Class of 1970 (folder contains the following)

Sermon to the graduates- June 7, 1970, 2 pages, printed

Class of 1971 (folder contains the following):

Graduation Exercises, June 10, 1971, 2 pages, printed  
20<sup>th</sup> Reunion flyer, August 31, 1971, 1 leaf, typescript (photocopy)

Class of 1972 (folder contains the following):

Graduation Exercises, Jun 7, 1972, 2 pages, printed

Class of 1975 (folder contains the following):

Baccalaureate Service, June 8, 1975, 2 pages, printed

Senior Banquet Program, June 10, 1975, 6 pages, printed  
Graduation Exercises, June 11, 1975, 2 pages, printed  
Graduation Exercises ticket, June 11, 1975, 1 leaf, printed

Class of 1980 (folder contains the following)  
Baccalaureate Service- June 1, 1980

Alumni Directory, 1993, 2012, 1 item, printed

Alumni – news articles, unnumbered, photocopies

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**