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MISCELLANEOUS MANUSCRIPT FILE

Knights Templar Collection
Collection Number: 1864 WFCHS MMF

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PROCESSING INFORMATION: Processed by Buffy Knappenberger. Last updated December 2023.

EXTENT: 1 folder

CREATOR: Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia

DATE: 1953

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Miscellaneous Manuscript Files (MMF) are small collections typically containing only a folder or two of materials. This folder contains a program from the Knights Templar in 1953, with two copies of articles from the *Winchester Star* about the group.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia was founded in 1823 in Winchester, VA. Founding documents of the group were found in 1900 when the town was tearing down the old market house building to make way for building City Hall. Within a cornerstone of the market house was a list of Templar members along with Masonic records.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Acquired as gift from Ben Belchic.

CONTAINER LIST:

Folder 1

Annual Ascension Service of Knights Templar (Harrisonburg, Winchester, and Luray) program, May 17, 1853

Two *Winchester Star* articles about the founding of the Winchester branch of the organization.