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Howard and Joan Lewis Collection
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SCOPE AND CONTENT: The materials in this collection concern the history and restoration of Hawthorne, a historic home in Winchester, as well as information about the families who lived in the house.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: “Hawthorne,” currently located at 610 Amherst Street in Winchester, Virginia, was originally part of the Glen Burnie tract owned by James Wood. He sold a parcel of land to his son, James Wood, in 1765, who built a house which was originally known as Federal Hill.

In 1803, Wood conveyed the estate to Lawrence Washington, who then sold it to Alfred Powell in 1811. The house was then owned by J. Tidball and Col. Angus McDonald. His wife, Cornelia Peake McDonald, wrote a diary of the Civil War while living at “Hawthorne.”

Over the years, the house has undergone many renovations, including by the Lewises, who owned the house.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of Howard and Joan Lewis

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Folder 1: “The Architecture, History, and Folklore of Hawthorne,” essay by Cameron Lewis, 1992

Folder 2: "Hawthorne" research documents

Folder 3: "Hawthorne," Floor Plan, 1813, and architectural drawing

Folder 4: Correspondence, William Naylor McDonald III to Howard and Joan Lewis, 1978-1980

Folder 5: Correspondence to the Lewises, 1976, undated

Folder 6: McDonald, Cornelia Peake – research

Folder 7: McDonald family portraits – photographic reprints

Folder 8: Newspaper articles

Folder 9: Notebook concerning history of "Hawthorne"

PHOTOGRAPHS (filed with collection)

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- 1279-028 Howard Lewis on a tractor, with children. Est. 1960s. (from negative)
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