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J.P. Miller Family Papers
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EXTENT: 1.25 linear feet.

CREATOR: Miller family.

DATE: 1845 – 1963.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection contains family papers and miscellaneous items of the Miller family including journals, diplomas, scrapbooks, photo albums, sales receipts and various Handley High School items. The Millers are a family who has held residence in Winchester, VA for some time, therefore their family papers are important to providing information relating to the history of the city. Some information regarding the Henkel family is included as well. A Roanoke College Yearbook from 1899 is also housed within this collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: Joseph P. Miller was born November 22, 1890 and died December 18, 1968 at the age of 88. Mr. Miller married Edith Hicks in 1916 and had two children, Joseph R. Miller and Mrs. Mary Miller Wolfe. He was the owner and operator of Miller's Dry Goods Store in Winchester, Virginia. After WWII began, he got work at the Post Office. Miller worked at the Post Office for 36 years before retiring. Some notable accomplishments include being treasurer of the Godfrey Miller Board and one of the original board members of the Winchester Hiram Lodge # 21. Joseph P. Miller is buried at Mt. Hebron Cemetery.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of Sharon Thornton.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Journal book #1—January 1876-February 1876, city directory, inventory of goods, 1 item, manuscript

Journal book #2—January 1894-December 1896, book shows purchases, sales and inventory, 1 item, manuscript

Journal book #3—October 1895-January 1898, sales account book of A.H. Miller, owner of dry goods store, 1 item, manuscript

Journal book-W.R. Miller 1912-1920, daily account entries and monthly sales figures, 1 item, manuscript

Journal—inscribes Rebecca Miller 12/11/1913, clippings of misc. news articles posted over 1902 business journal entries, 1 item, manuscript

BOX 2

Biographical sketch of Dr. Caspar C. Henkel, 1 item, printed

Dr. Alfred D. Henkel Items:

Diploma—Virginia Board of Examiners, Dr. Alfred D. Henkel 11/26/1887

Examinations permit of Dr. Alfred D. Henkel 11/1887

Membership Volunteer Medical Corps—Dr. Alfred D. Henkel 11/9/1918

Physical Location: Oversize, Box 22

Alfred S. Henkel Items:

Winchester High School Diploma—Alfred S. Henkel 6/16/1905

Physical Location: Oversize, Box 22

Handley High School items:

Game day football program, Handley v. Harrisonburg, 1948

Game day football program, Handley v. Harrisonburg, 1950

Game day football program, Handley v. Martinsburg, n.d.

Class of 1943, 25th reunion, 1968

Class of 1943, 40th reunion, 1983

William Miller Items:

Diploma Penn. Academy at Gettysburg—William Miller 9/18/1845

Award Certificate to William Miller 9/18/1845

Physical Location: Oversize, Box 22

Postcards from Cuba—3 blank, 1 written by W.R. Miller to Robert Bell

Receipts and tax form—A.H. Miller:

Three sales receipts from Stonewall Mills, 1 item, manuscript

1919 tax return, 1 item, typescript

List of goods purchased, 1899, 1 item, manuscript

Roentgen Rays—Roanoke College Yearbook 1899, 200 pages, typescript

Scrapbook:

News clippings-Eichelberger/Reed

Family-local news items, obituaries

Copy of Knoxville Register 6/14/1863 paper

Article on “Yankee Atrocities in Virginia”

BOX 3

Photo album of Stella Virginia Hicks, Winchester resident, World War I nurse 1892-1937

Photo album—family pictures, many of Cacapon River views and possible Kirk Hook Farm

PHOTOGRAPHS

- [1728-001] Lewis S.G. Miller, in early teens, with bicycle, circa 1895.
- [1728-002] Nine nurses on steps of unidentified building, circa early 1900s.
- [1728-003] K. E. Rees (?) as a young girl, circa 1860s.
- [1728-004] Apple Blossom Festival. Grand Feature Parade. Apple Growers Express float on Piccadilly Street near intersection with North Loudoun Street, 1928.
- [1728-005] Apple Blossom Festival. Acca Temple Shriners (Richmond, VA) marching unit, 1927.
- [1728-006] Snow scene, Winchester, circa early 20th century.
- [1728-007] 422-424 South Loudoun Street. Peter and Godfrey Miller houses, seen from side. Persons identified as (left to right) Joseph R. Miller, Joseph P. Miller, F.H. Miller, circa 1920s.
- [1728-008] 422-424 South Loudoun Street. Peter and Godfrey Miller houses, seen from side. Persons identified as (left to right) F.H. Miller, Joseph P. Miller, Joseph R. Miller, circa 1920s.
- [1728-009] 125 North Washington Street. Four women on porch of Peggy Miller house, circa 1900s.
- [1728-010] 132 North Cameron Street, Winchester, VA. Vegetable garden in backyard of Mary Greenhow Lee house, circa 1910.
- [1728-011] Niagara Falls, including original Honeymoon Bridge (1897-1938), circa 1900s.
- [1728-012] Niagara Falls, including original Honeymoon Bridge (1897-1938), circa 1900s.
- [1728-013] Niagara Falls, including original Honeymoon Bridge (1897-1938), circa 1900s.
- [1728-014] Niagara Falls, including original Honeymoon Bridge (1897-1938), circa 1900s.
- [1728-015] 422-424 South Loudoun Street. Peter and Godfrey Miller houses, seen from side. Persons identified as (left to right) Mary Baker, Henry Slagle, Maggie Henkle, Laura Adler, unknown, Harry Miller Sr., circa 1870s.
- [1728-016] 32 West Cork Street, Winchester, VA. George Washington Office Museum, used by Washington as a young surveyor circa 1750, circa early 20th century.
- [1728-017] 32 West Cork Street, Winchester, VA. George Washington Office Museum, used by Washington as a young surveyor circa 1750. Disciples of Christ church at 20 West Cork Street (now Vostrikov School of Ballet) visible on right, circa 1925-1930.
- [1728-018] Stonewall Cemetery and Confederate Monument in winter. Part of Mount Hebron cemetery complex, 305 East Boscawen Street, Winchester, VA. Panoramic photo postcard, circa 1905-1930.
- [1728-019] Confederate Monument, Stonewall Cemetery. Part of Mount Hebron cemetery complex, 305 East Boscawen Street, Winchester, VA, circa early 20th century.
- [1728-020] 100 West Piccadilly Street, Winchester, VA. Handley Library, circa 1920.
- [1728-021] 100 West Piccadilly Street, Winchester, VA. Woman and child on Library steps, circa 1920.
- [1728-022] 100 West Piccadilly Street, Winchester, VA. Man and boy on Library steps, circa 1920.
- [1728-023] 100 West Piccadilly Street, Winchester, VA. Child by Library side door, Piccadilly Street side, circa 1920.
- [1728-024] 100 West Piccadilly Street, Winchester, VA. Child on Library lawn across from Old Post Office (40 West Piccadilly Street), circa 1920.
- [1728-025] Dr. George Heist, as a small boy in typical "infant/toddler" unisex clothing, circa 1871.
- [1728-026] Dr. George Heist, as a small boy in typical "infant/toddler" unisex clothing, circa 1871.

- [1728-027] Miss C.A. McConley, 281 Madison Avenue, Baltimore, MD, and Miss Nannie Rea, Winchester, VA, circa 1860.
- [1728-028] Misses Mollie J. Millikin and Sallie A. Millikin, 136 Park Street, Baltimore, MD, circa 1860.
- [1728-029] James B. Robinson of Millwood, Clarke County, Virginia, circa 1865-1870.
- [1728-030] Elizabeth (Gurney) Fry (21 May 1780-12 Oct 1845), Quaker and prison reformer, reading to inmates in Newgate Prison, 1816. Photographic reproduction of engraving of original oil painting by Jerry Barrett, circa mid-19th century.
- [1728-031] G.D. Mercer (last name difficult to read), circa 1870s.
- [1728-032] Donna P. Franklin (first name difficult to read), circa 1870.
- [1728-033] Willie Miller, Ned Brown, and Lewis (S.G.) Miller goofing around in backyard, circa 1900.
- [1728-034] Ned Brown, Lewis (S.G.) Miller, and Willie Miller goofing around in backyard, circa 1900.
- [1728-035] Dian Reed and Mayme Barr, outdoors, with lapdog, circa 1897-1900.
- [1728-036] Lew Ayres (Dec 28, 1908-Dec 30, 1996) circa his breakthrough role in "All Quiet on the Western Front," 1930.
- [1728-037] "The Zirkle Girls" (not specifically identified otherwise) on holiday in California, September 8, 1937.
- [1728-038] Handley High School Cadets win the cup in the first annual competitive drill vs. Massanutten Military Academy, May 18, 1928.
- [1728-039] Joseph Rea Miller and "Ethel", outdoors, location uncertain, circa 1923.
- [1728-040] Joseph Rea Miller and "Dian", on steps of Old Post Office (40 West Piccadilly Street, Winchester, VA), circa 1923.
- [1728-041] Joseph Rea Miller and "J--- Bolt", playing in snow, circa 1923.
- [1728-042] Joseph Rea Miller in costume on Library side yard, with unidentified adult woman. First United Methodist Church in background, April 1925.
- [1728-043] Joseph Rea Miller in costume on Library side yard. First United Methodist Church in background, April 1925.
- [1728-044] "The Reeds" (per note on reverse, closed-up Es). Two women, two children, not otherwise identified, circa 1910s.
- [1728-045] Mary Wolfe, as a little girl, circa 1920s.
- [1728-046] Billie Keister, age 2 1/2 months, held by unidentified woman, circa 1920s.
- [1728-047] Charles Adams and "The Twins" (not otherwise identified), circa 1920s.
- [1728-048] Members of Miller(?) family on steps of Congressional Library, Washington, DC, October 23, 1924.
- [1728-049] "Winston Wallace's home", Winchester, VA. Two men in US Army uniform, one casual, one very casual, in front of vintage car and house across street, August 13, 1944.
- [1728-050] Class 43, Platoon 18A, Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, at Colorado State College, Fort Collins, CO. Group includes John S. Miller, May 8, 1943.
- [1728-051] Handley High School Class of 1943, 40th class reunion. Location unknown, no persons identified, September 10, 1983.
- [1728-052] Dottie Cooper as a girl, in a long flowered party dress, circa 1930-1950.
- [1728-053] Parade with military flavor, 100 block North Loudoun Street, Winchester, VA. Horseman in WWI-era uniform ahead of military(?) band. Possibly WWI victory parade, circa 1919.
- [1728-054] Apple Blossom Pageant at Handley High School. Students performing sailors' hornpipe, band, other participants, etc. Two-level platform (first used 1929?), circa 1929.
- [1728-055] Apple Blossom Festival. Apple Blossom float featuring Century Balloon tires, may represent a tire manufacturer or local tire sales company, circa 1928.
- [1728-056] Apple Blossom Pageant at Handley High School. Dutch dance on Handley High School steps, performed by elementary school students, 1937.
- [1728-057] Vintage delivery truck from "N.W. Burchell Fine Groceries," circa late 1910s or early 1920s.
- [1728-058] Antique school desk-chair, probably circa 1920s.

- [1728-059] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. Soldiers gathered at rear of hospital, France, circa 1917-1919.
- [1728-060] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. Unidentified woman, possibly Stella Hicks, circa 1917-1919.
- [1728-061] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. "Billy" with football, circa 1917-1919.
- [1728-062] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. Nurses and patients, October 1918.
- [1728-063] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. Base hospital 41st, France, circa October 1918.
- [1728-064] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. Roman arch, Rheims, France, circa 1918.
- [1728-065] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. Mary Jane Broxton, circa 1918.
- [1728-066] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. "My pal, Tuck," circa 1918.
- [1728-067] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. Tuck, Billy and Sara, circa 1918.
- [1728-068] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. Billy and Cundiff, circa 1918.
- [1728-069] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. Railroad station, France, war damage, circa 1918.
- [1728-070] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. Bringing in a convoy, August 1918.
- [1728-071] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. Evacuating patients back to States, August 1918.
- [1728-072] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. Cooks for tent 21st, circa 1918.
- [1728-073] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. Billy, Tuck and Jack, circa 1918.
- [1728-074] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. Dressed for the receiving ward, circa 1918.
- [1728-075] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. Soldier and nurse, unidentified, France, circa 1918.
- [1728-076] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. Nurses off duty, "oh so tired," circa 1918.
- [1728-077] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. "Dalphe" in front of encampment, circa 1918.
- [1728-078] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. Nurses at rear of hospital, France, circa 1918.
- [1728-079] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. Waiting for the convoy, France, circa 1918.
- [1728-080] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. Petit view of tents, France, circa 1918.
- [1728-081] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. Nurses near "Hopewell Hospital" (Hopewell, VA?), circa 1918.
- [1728-082] From Photo Album of Stella Virginia Hicks, World War I Nurse. Nurses under Winchester Memorial Hospital arch, circa 1920.
- [1728-083] Unidentified young persons, probably members of the Miller extended family, picking wildflowers and braiding them into flower coronets, circa 1910.
- [1728-084] Miller family on an outing, probably in the Cacapon River area. Third from left is Marianna "Nan" Miller, from Winchester, circa 1905.
- [1728-085] Miller family on the farm at Hook's Mill, Hampshire County, WV. Marianna "Nan" Miller in chair, 4th from left, circa 1905.

- [1728-086] Miller family in the summerhouse on the farm at Hook's Mill, Hampshire County, WV. Marianna "Nan" Miller in group near center, circa 1905.
- [1728-087] Miller family under a tree on the farm at Hook's Mill, Hampshire County, WV. Peter W. Miller, left, front row. Marianna "Nan" Miller in group, 2nd row, 3rd from left, circa 1905.
- [1728-088] Miller family under a tree on the farm at Hook's Mill, Hampshire County, WV. Peter W. Miller, left, front row. Marianna "Nan" Miller in group, 2nd row, 3rd from left, circa 1905.
- [1728-089] Young man and two women of Miller family boating on the Cacapon near Hook's Mill, Hampshire County, WV, circa 1905.
- [1728-090] 3 members of Miller family under a tree on the farm at Hook's Mill, Hampshire County, WV, circa 1905.
- [1728-091] "Hold your Horses!" Horseplay on the bank of the Cacapon near Hook's Mill, Hampshire County, WV, circa 1905.
- [1728-092] Miller family on a footbridge near Hook's Mill, Hampshire County, WV. Marianna "Nan" Miller in group, 3rd from right, circa 1905.
- [1728-093] Miller farm near Hook's Mill, Hampshire County, WV, circa 1905.
- [1728-094] Members of Miller family gathering berries and wildflowers near Hook's Mill, Hampshire County, WV, circa 1905.
- [1728-095] Older man, young man, and dog returning from successful squirrel hunt, probably in Hook's Mill area, Hampshire County, WV, circa 1905.
- [1728-096] Peter W. Miller (far right) and four young men, including Willie Seabrook (far left) fishing on the Cacapon River near Hook's Mill, Hampshire County, WV, July 22, 1901.
- [1728-097] Miller(?) house near Hook's Mill, Hampshire County, WV. Not same house as in other pictures, July 22, 1901.
- [1728-098] Members of Miller family at a cabin near Hook's Mill, Hampshire County, WV. Marianna "Nan" Miller standing on porch looking over shoulders of two seated women, circa 1905.
- [1728-099] Miller family members in a group. Marianna "Nan" Miller in 3rd row, 2nd from right. Peter W. Miller(?), 4th row, center, circa 1905.
- [1728-100] Lanier Miller Gray in a galvanized washtub, age two or three, circa 1905.
- [1728-101] "The Rock", across the Cacapon River from the Miller farm at Hook's Mill, Hampshire County, WV, circa 1905.
- [1728-102] Peter W. Miller et al, setting out to fish in homemade flat-bottomed rowboat on the Cacapon River, circa 1905.
- [1728-103] Millers, horses, et al, at Hook's Mill farm. Marianna "Nan" Miller in front row, 2nd from left, circa 1905.
- [1728-104] Young man of Miller family in old-time swimsuit, circa 1905.
- [1728-105] Members of Miller family at scenic overlook, circa 1905.
- [1728-106] Members of Miller family at picnic table. Lanier Miller Gray, left; his mother Laura Campbell Miller Gray (Bell), right, circa 1905.
- [1728-107] Members of Miller family in bathing suits, wading in Cacapon River, circa 1905.
- [1728-108] Members of Miller family camping out. Laura Campbell Miller Gray (Bell) 2nd from left, and Lanier Miller Gray 3rd from left, front row, circa 1905.
- [1728-109] Members of Miller family boating on Cacapon River. Lanier Miller Gray 3rd from right, front row, playing with homemade fishing tackle; Laura Campbell Miller Gray (Bell) 2nd from right, circa 1905.
- [1728-110] Miller family "horseplay". William Rea Miller(?) pulling two Miller women in a buckboard, circa 1905.
- [1728-111] Members of Miller family playing Peekaboo with an open umbrella. Bottom left, probably Percy D. Miller; top left, probably William Rea Miller, circa 1905.
- [1728-112] Members of Miller extended family under tree. Laura Campbell Miller Gray (Bell) on left, son Lanier Miller Gray to her right, circa 1905.

- [1728-113] Members of Miller family at Hook's Mill sawmill. William Rea Miller(?) 2nd from left, circa 1905.
- [1728-114] Members of Miller family at Hook's Mill sawmill. William Rea Miller(?) 2nd from left, front row, circa 1905.
- [1728-115] Members of Miller family at Hook's Mill sawmill, seated in two-horse buggy, circa 1905.
- [1728-116] Members of Miller family in the summerhouse at the farm at Hook's Mill, circa 1905.
- [1728-117] Members of Miller family at the farm at Hook's Mill. Lanier Miller Gray holding croquet mallet, front row; William Rea Miller(?), left, 2nd row; Percy D. Miller(?) 3rd from right, 2nd row; Laura Campbell Miller Gray (Bell) in back looking over Percy's shoulder, circa 1905.
- [1728-118] Lanier Miller Gray and various female Miller relatives, down by the Cacapon River, circa 1905.
- [1728-119] William Rea Miller sketching, down by the Cacapon River, circa 1905.