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Matt Miller Collection
Collection Number: 1785 THL

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PROCESSING INFORMATION: Initial processing undertaken in 2019. Last updated by Buffy Knappenberger in August 2024.

EXTENT: .21 linear feet

CREATOR: Henkel Press

DATE: 1817-1820

LANGUAGE OF MATERIALS: German

SCOPE AND CONTENT: The Matt Miller Collection consists of four books printed by the Henkel Press in New Market, Virginia, between 1817 and 1820. The Henkel Press was an important German language printer in the mid-Atlantic and the South and produced a great number of devotionals, hymnals, and other religious works for the Lutheran Church.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: Brothers Ambrose and Solomon Henkel established the Henkel Press in 1806 in New Market, Virginia in the home of their father, Paul, a prominent Lutheran minister. Initially, the Henkel Press printed in German to meet the needs of the many German immigrants in the Shenandoah Valley, although later it also produced works in English. Ambrose Henkel (1786-1870) was also a Lutheran minister. His brother, Solomon (177-1847) was a physician, druggist, and banker. He also published local German language newspapers and took on positions as mayor and postmaster.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Edmonds, Albert Sydney. "The Henkels, Early Printers in New Market, Virginia," William and Mary Quarterly, 2nd series, v. 18, 1938.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of Matt Miller

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Henkel, Ambrose, *The Large ABC Book*, 2nd ed. – in German – containing the ABCs, root words, and root words with affixes and suffixes with selections of spelling and reading exercises. New Market, VA: Henkel Printing, 1817, 1 volume

Henkel, Ambrose, *The Large ABC Book*, 2nd ed. – in German – containing the ABCs, root words, and root words with affixes and suffixes with selections of spelling and reading exercises. New Market, VA: J/H. Lawton, Solomon Henkel Printing, 1820. [no cover], 1 volume (92 pages) ; 17 cm

Henkel, Ambrose, *The Small ABC Book*, 2nd ed. – in German – ABCs upper and lower case letters, pictures, and rhyming words. New Market, VA: Solomon Henkel Printing, 1819, 2 volumes with different cover art (36 pages) ; 14 cm