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Ben Ritter Collection
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EXTENT: 4.59 linear feet

CREATOR: Ritter, Ben

DATES: 1742-2021

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/>

FamilySearch (then operating as the Genealogical Society of Utah) digitized this collection in 2007. The collection is available online through FamilySearch.org. Use the catalog to search for Image Group Number (DGS) [4198312, 4198341, 4198366, 4198375] to find “Genealogical collections, Ritter, Ben collection, (1-4), 1600-2005.”

SCOPE AND CONTENT: The Ben Ritter Collection contains research materials concerning the Civil War, World War I, World War II, as well as genealogy and local history covering a period from 1742 to the present. The Civil War files include Virginia unit rosters, death notices, and diaries. There is also a burial listing of Civil War veteran-age men for counties in the Shenandoah Valley. The collection includes genealogical information for several local families and materials about the history of places in the Shenandoah Valley.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: Ben Ritter is a historian of the Winchester-Frederick County area and is a native of Winchester, VA.

RELATED MATERIAL: Civil War Collection 1610 THL; Geraldine Kiefer Collection 1736 THL; World War I Collection 1115 WFCBS; World War II Collection 1050 WFCBS

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of Ben Ritter.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1–CIVIL WAR

General folders

Confederate Bond Book, 1865 (Oaths of Allegiance) – 1 item, 3 leaves, typescript

Correspondence to and from Ben Ritter – 5 items, 3 leaves, manuscript; 5 leaves, typescript

*"Tour of Civil War Battle Sites in Winchester & Frederick County, VA," 1 item, booklet

People

*Broadus, John Albert—excerpts from *Life and Letters of John Albert Broadus* by Archibald Thomas Robertson, Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, 1901, 2 items, 22 leaves, printed (photocopy)
index to excerpts-2 leaves, typescript (photocopy); index prepared by Ben Ritter

Brown, Charles J. – Military Service Record (Civil War), Company K, 13th Maryland (Union) Infantry, 28 leaves, manuscript on printed form (photocopy); Military Service Record (Civil War), 2nd Virginia (Confederate) Infantry, 2 leaves, manuscript on printed form (photocopy)

Cather, George P. –Letter to his cousin Roy E. Wingfield, dated February 19, 1931; index created by Ben Ritter, 7 leaves, printed photocopy of original manuscript letter

*Cobb, Lucy B, "One Women's Ordeal," an article published in *Saturday Evening Post*, July 22, 1961, 1 item, 8 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

*Comstock, Elizabeth, Journey to Winchester, 1864—excerpts from *Life and Letters of Elizabeth L. Comstock* compiled by C. Hare, Philadelphia: J.C. Winston, 1895, 2 items, 7 leaves, printed (photocopy) index to excerpt, 2 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

*Corkery, Sr. Matilda, "Catholic Sisters Tended the Sick," first-hand account of the services performed in the Winchester area by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, no author, no date, 5 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Dandridge, Betty Taylor Bliss, notes on location of her homes during the Civil War by Ben Ritter, Nov. 24, 1988, 1 leaf, typescript (photocopy)

Davis, Wilbur Fiske, "Recollections of My Life – Especially During the War 1861-1865 – For My Children, Part II," *Magazine of Albemarle County History*, Volume 66, 2008, pgs. 73-106, Davis was a member of the Carrington (Charlottesville) Artillery, his recollections in this article covers Davis experiences from the Battle of Chancellorsville to the end of the war

Hillman, Charlotte, Letters, December, 1866-March 14, 1887, two letters, n.d., 8 letters, 15 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

Jackson, Stonewall—Investigation of Photograph Authenticity; 6 leaves, printed

Jennings, J.H., letter to his Aunt, October 19, 1861, camp near Fair Fax, 1 leaf, typescript

*Lee, Laura, diary, March 11, 1862-April 5, 1865—unnumbered leaves, manuscript (photocopy). **Swem Library, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA.**

*Lee, Mary Greenhow- Correspondence, 1858-1866, manuscript (photocopy), 24 leaves. **Virginia Museum of History and Culture, Richmond, VA.**

*Macon, Emma C. Riely—notes and partial index—*Reminiscences of the Civil War* by Emma C. Riely Macon, Cedar Rapids, IA: Torch Press, 1911; to book, 2 leaves, typescript (Book in Archives 973.782 Mac RARE)

McCullough, S. T., Notes of Civil War, June 28, 1878, 31 leaves, manuscript (photocopy). **Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.**

McGuire, Hunter Holmes, Jackson's Doctor, by Carl Coleman Rosen, Sr.—“An address upon Hunter Holmes McGuire—Jackson's doctor at Col. John Sloan Camp Number 1290 Greensboro College,” August 25, 1988, 14 leaves, typescript

*Milroy, Gen. R.H., Second Battle of Winchester, Report of Evacuation of Winchester, August 1863—from a collection of pamphlets in the New York Public Library on U.S. Civil War and Reconstruction, 1 item, 9 leaves, printed (photocopy)

*Pendleton, William Frederick—Shenandoah Valley Events—William Frederick Pendleton's *Confederate Memoirs*, Bryn Athyn PA: [self-published], 1958, 2 items, excerpt from published book (in Archives, B Pendleton), 11 leaves, printed (photocopy) index to excerpt, 1 leaf, typescript (photocopy)

Rector, William Baylis, Correspondence regarding Civil War service and burial site, 1992, 2 leaves, typescript

Shepherd, Hayward, Monument, Correspondence, 2 items, 4 leaves, typescript

*Simms, Arthur, “A Georgian's View of War in Virginia,” by Arthur Simms, edited by Jane Bonner Peacock, *Atlantic Historical Society Journal*, Summer 1971—letters of Arthur Benjamin Simms, 9 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

*Taylor, J. E., portions of his Sketchbook, *With Sheridan Up the Shenandoah Valley in 1864: Leaves from a Special Artist's Sketchbook and Diary*, by James E. Taylor, Cleveland, Ohio: Western Reserve Historical Society, 1989, 12 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

Washington, Matthew Burwell Bassett “Bird” – Correspondence to Captain Joseph R. Anderson from A. B. Washington (“Bird” Washington's wife), August 23, 1910, correspondence is a biographical sketch of “Bird” Washington, 2 leaves, typescript, 2 pages, manuscript (photocopy)

Wilson, Cornelia, correspondence, July 1862, 5 items, 6 leaves, manuscript (photocopy); 9 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Wyndham, Percy –*Who Captured Union Colonel Percy Wyndham and his Extravagant Mustache?* By W. Cullen Sherwood and Ben Ritter, *America's Civil War*, November, 2006, Pages 57-59, printed (photocopy)

Units

*1st VA Cavalry, Co E. – Gallaher, Dewitt Clinton, diary, June 8, 1864-April 9, 1865, 17 leaves, printed by DeWitt C. Gallaher, Jr., 1945

*5th VA Infantry, Co K (Stonewall Brigade) – McCown, James L (1845-1922), “Memoirs of James L. McCown,” printed in the *Rockbridge County News*, Feb. 12-19, 1953, typed and indexed by Ben Ritter, 8 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

*7th VA Cavalry, Co C – “Stray Recollections of a Private . . .” column, *Edinburg Sentinel*, May-Aug. 1900, 9 leaves, printed (photocopy); typed index to articles by Ben Ritter, 2 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

33rd VA Infantry – Stonewall Brigade Company Rosters, which include lists of Companies A (1861-1865), D (1861-1865), F (1859-1865), and Co. K (1861-1865) (Winchester Riflemen), compiled by Ben Ritter, 3 items, typescript (photocopy)

Veterans (extracted, indexed, and typed by Ben Ritter)

Augusta County, VA (including Staunton)—Death Notices and Tombstone Inscriptions of Confederate Soldiers, 1892-1911—a list of males identified as Confederate soldiers and others who may be Confederate soldiers compiled by Ben Ritter primarily from Staunton newspapers, 2 items, 32 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Augusta County, VA-Staunton, VA—Confederate Soldiers whose Deaths are Recorded in “Funeral Expense Roll of Pensioners,” 14 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Augusta County, VA-Stonewall Jackson Camp: record extracts and service statement index, information copied from the Veterans Membership Application, 2 items, index-5 leaves, typescript (photocopy); extracts, 39 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Berkeley County, Camp of Confederate Veterans, Martinsburg, WV – roster, 1897, from the roster on pages 22-25 of *Constitution and By-Laws of the Berkeley County Camp of Confederate Veterans*, 3 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Confederate Pensioners of Clarke, Frederick, and Winchester, VA, adapted from *Virginia Pension Roster*, Richmond ca. 1915, 3 items, typescript 1914, 2 leaves; 1919-1920, 2 leaves; 1926, 1 leaf

Confederate & Union Veterans in the Northern Shenandoah Valley and West Virginia, 1910, information extracted from Item 30 for each county from the United States Census of 1910, 28 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Ex-Confederates Visiting Carlisle, PA on Sept. 28, 1881, partial list, 2 leaves, typescript (photocopy) adapted from *Reunions of Ex-soldiers of the North and South held at Luray, Virginia, July 21, 1881 and at Carlisle, Pennsylvania Sept. 28, 1881*, Carlisle, PA, Herald and Mirror Print, n.d., by Ben Ritter on 11 February 1983.

Hampshire County, WV—Society of Ex-Confederate Soldiers roster, 1 leaf, typescript

Rockbridge County, VA—Union & Confederate veterans, 1910 U.S. Federal Census—Rockbridge County, VA, 3 leaves, typescript

Rockingham County, VA—Union & Confederate veterans, 1910 U.S. Federal Census—Rockingham County, VA, 5 leaves, typescript

Shenandoah County, VA, Stover Camp-United Confederate Veterans, Strasburg, VA—roster, 1891-1895, extracted from Stover Camp Treasurer's records and other camp records and Duane L. Borden's *Tombstone Inscriptions of Shenandoah County, VA*, 12 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Winchester, VA – Confederate Monument at the Frederick County Courthouse, Winchester, VA, news clippings from the Winchester Star, October 18, 1915-December 9, 1916; June 20, 2009, 7 pages, printed and typescript (photocopy)

Winchester, VA—General Turner Ashby Camp, United Confederate Veterans—Records, 1891-1943, extracted from photocopied Veterans Membership Applications, 29 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Winchester, VA—General Turner Ashby Camp, United Confederate Veterans—Roster, 1892, 2 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Winchester, VA—General Turner Ashby Camp, United Confederate Veterans—Roster, 1893, 3 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Winchester, VA—General Turner Ashby Camp, United Confederate Veterans—Death Roster, 1893-1909, partial list of ex-Confederates visiting Carlisle, PA, Sept. 28, 1881, 2 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Winchester, VA – The Museum of the Confederacy Newsletter, Summer, 1981 – Contains two photographs of Confederate veterans in front of Frederick County Courthouse, Winchester, VA, 1894-1907), 4 pages, printed

Union Veterans and Widows of Clarke, Frederick, and Winchester, VA, 1890 U.S. Federal Census, adapted from Special Schedule 11th U.S. Federal Census, Surviving Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Widows, etc., 6 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

BOX 2 – Civil War Cemeteries—Selected entries, compiled by Ben Ritter, 1974-1986 (not a complete list of all gravestone inscriptions)

Augusta County, VA—August Stone Church Cemetery, 3 leaves, typescript

Augusta County, VA—Greenhill Cemetery, 3 leaves, typescript

Augusta County, VA—Jerusalem Chapel Cemetery, 1 leaf, typescript

Augusta County, VA—Middle River Church of the Brethren Cemetery, 2 leaves, typescript

Augusta County, VA—New Hope United Methodist Church Cemetery, leaf, typescript

Augusta County, VA—Riverview Cemetery, Waynesboro, VA, 5 leaves, typescript

Augusta County, VA—Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church Cemetery, 4 leaves, typescript

Augusta County, VA—Thornrose Cemetery, Staunton, VA, 3 items, typescript (folder contains the following):
-list of males buried in Thornrose Cemetery, from Sept. 1861 to Sept. 1867, most are Virginia Confederate soldiers buried in unmarked graves and who died in Staunton hospitals, 12 leaves
-list is primarily of tombstone inscriptions of males born between 1 Jan 1812 and 31 Dec 1850..., which included Confederate soldiers, 33 leaves

Augusta County, VA—West Augusta Cemetery, 1 leaf, typescript

Berkeley County, VA—Green Hill Cemetery, Martinsburg, WV, 29 leaves, typescript, indexed, copyright

Berkeley County, VA—Old Norborne Cemetery, Martinsburg, WV, 6 leaves, typescript

Campbell County, VA—Old Methodist Cemetery or City Cemetery, Lynchburg, VA, from pages 188-241 of *Behind the Old Brick Wall*, Lynchburg Committee of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Virginia, 1968, 5 leaves, typescript

Clarke County, VA—Berryville Baptist Church Cemetery List, 1 leaf, typescript

Clarke County, VA—Green Hill Cemetery, Berryville, VA, 2 items, 10 leaves, typescript, copy

Clarke County, VA—Old Chapel Cemetery, Millwood, VA, 6 leaves, typescript

Clarke County, VA—Stone’s Chapel Presbyterian Church Cemetery, 1 leaf, typescript

Frederick County, VA—Brucetown Methodist Church Cemetery, compiled by Ben Ritter and Jerry Reid, 19 leaves, typescript

Frederick County, VA—Fawcett’s Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant, 1 leaf, typescript

Frederick County, VA—Larrick Graveyard, 1 leaf, typescript, no date

Frederick County, VA—Pine Grove Methodist Church Cemetery, 1 leaf, typescript

Frederick County, VA—White Hall Methodist Church Cemetery, 1 leaf, typescript

Jefferson County, VA—Edge Hill Cemetery, Charlestown, WV, 26 leaves, typescript

Jefferson County, VA—Elmwood Cemetery, Shepherdstown, WV, 20 leaves, typescript

Jefferson County, VA—Zion Episcopal Cemetery, Charlestown, WV, 8 leaves, typescript

Shenandoah County, VA—Virginia Confederate soldiers buried in Our Soldiers Cemetery, Mt. Jackson, 1 leaf, typescript

Shenandoah County, VA—Confederate Soldiers Buried in the Strasburg Area, Stover Chapter, U.D.C. List, 3 leaves, typescript

Winchester, VA—German Reformed Cemetery Record by J.R. Nicely, Certified Land Surveyor, 12 leaves, typescript

Winchester, VA—Mt. Hebron Cemetery, list of interments from the ledgers of the Mount Hebron Cemetery Company, incomplete list of lot owners for 1876, 54 leaves, typescript (bound)

Winchester, VA—Names and dates selected from gravestone inscriptions in the Mt. Hebron Cemetery, 60 leaves, typescript

Winchester, VA— Names and dates selected from gravestone inscriptions in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, 4 leaves, typescript

Winchester, VA— Names and dates selected from gravestone inscriptions in the Shenandoah Memorial Park Cemetery, 5 leaves, typescript

Missouri, Higginsville—Confederate Memorial State Park Cemetery, *Register of Graves*, prepared by Samuel J. Wegner, May 14, 1980, 92 leaves, typescript

BOX 3 All Other American Wars

*Headquarters American School Detachment Certificate – University of Nancy, France, presented to 1st Lt. Hugh Clark, June 1919, 1 leaf, printed

U.S. Army – 318th Infantry, Company L, April 1919, roster, 1 item -4 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Virginia National Guard – 29th Division, 116th Infantry (1941-1945), correspondence, 3 items (folder contains the following):

2 leaves, manuscript (photocopy); 1 leaf, photographs (photocopy); 2 leaves, photograph
1 leaf, typescript; 2 leaves, photograph, photocopy
1 leaf, manuscript (photocopy)

Virginia National Guard – 29th Division, 116th infantry, 3rd Battalion, Co I, 1928-1941, (folder contains the following):

Correspondence, December 1930, 1 leaf, typescript (copy)
General Orders and Commendation, 1941, 2 items, 2 leaves, typescript
Roster, 1916, 1 item, 1 leaf, typescript, 2 copies
Roster, 1923, 1 leaf, typescript
Roster, 1940, 1 leaf, typescript
Roster, February 1941, 2 leaves typescript
Roster, April 1941, 2 leaves, typescript

Virginia National Guard – 29th Infantry Division, Histories 1861-1941, 4 items (folder contains the following):

D-Day Account of the 116th Infantry Regiment, 26 leaves, typescript
116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division, 4 leaves typescript
Company I, 2nd Virginia Infantry “Conrad’s Greyhounds, 3 leaf typescript
A Brief Historical Sketch of the 29th Infantry Division, 44 leaves, mimeograph

Virginia State Guard – Company 115 (1943-1947), Receipts for Equipment, 1 item

Virginia Volunteers – 2nd Infantry, Company I, 1916, letter requesting new attendance roll book, 1 leaf, typescript

Winchester Light Infantry – Post 1865-Frederick County, VA (1871-1923), 2 items (folder contains the following):

June 15, July 27, 1877 rosters, from *Winchester News*, 15 June and 27 July 1877, 2 leaves, typescript
Roll Book #4, 1891, 1922-23

World War II – Prisoner of War Camp in Winchester, VA, map prepared by Ben Ritter, drawn 1977, redrawn 1982, 1 leaf

World War II – “Immortal Six” by Linda McCarty, Winchester/Frederick County Death March Participants, 4 pages, typescript

BOX 4

Miscellaneous Notes—Ben Ritter compiled this alphabetical index of notes from local newspapers from 1896 to 1989, which were taken while looking for other information. The list is primarily of people; 98% are connected in some way with Winchester-Frederick County, Virginia, or the lower (northern) Shenandoah Valley. Both males and females listed were born after 1771 and/or died before 31 December 1982. Most entries are males, most of whom were in a military unit. Most of the units cited are Confederate Army units. It is important to read **ALL** entries under the surname being researched.

Miscellaneous Notes Part 1, 49 leaves

Miscellaneous Notes Part 2, 87 leaves

Miscellaneous Notes Part 3, 33 leaves

Miscellaneous Notes Part 4, 45 leaves

Miscellaneous Notes Part 5, 32 leaves

Miscellaneous Notes Part 6, 40 leaves

Miscellaneous Notes Part 7, 41 leaves

Miscellaneous Notes Part 8, 38 leaves

Miscellaneous Notes Part 9, 36 leaves

Miscellaneous Notes Part 10, 31 leaves

Miscellaneous Notes Part 11, 38 leaves

Miscellaneous Notes Part 12, 45 leaves

Miscellaneous Notes Part 13, 44 leaves

Death notices, Winchester Virginia newspapers, 1855-1862, 24 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

BOX 5 Genealogical Materials

Arnold/Lupton Families—Family Bible Records 1911-1984; unnumbered leaves, printed/manuscript

Braithwaite, John – May 8, 1794 - June 19, 1864, compiled by Wilmer L. Kerns, n.d., 1 item, 5 leaves, typescript

“The Name and Family of Brown” by Ben Ritter, 1972, 4 pages, printed

Carper, Merideth – Bible Records, 1833-1899, 6 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

Carper, William Bowles- List of Descendants, No Date, manuscript (photocopy), 1 leaf

Dailey Family Bible Records – 1898-1929, 4 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

Doyle, Mary Frances Ward – Memoirs, March 3, 1855-May 7, 1919, compiled by Gerald F. Doyle (grandson of Mary Frances Ward Doyle) May 1977, 1 item, 6 leaves, typescript

Garrett Family Data, compiled by Ben Ritter c. 2004, 1 leaf, manuscript (photocopy)

Gordon, Abraham – Family genealogy, 1 item, 8 leaves, typescript, manuscript (photocopy)

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church – bulletin, October 26, 1941; directory c. 1960s, 2 items, printed

Haines – Family Bible Records, 1820- 1917, 7 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

Harper – “The Harpers of Hoop Petticoat Gap,” n.a., n.d., 52 leaves, typescript

Hart, Camillus Sluman – owner of Hart’s Hotel, obituary from *Mercersburg Monthly*, Mercersburg, PA, March 1899, 1 item, 3 leaves, typescript

Hunt, Kate Sperry – Family, includes excerpt from William Faulkner’s *Flags in the Dust*; article and cemetery illustration by Tommy Covington of the Ripley (MS) Public Library; and article from *Tippah County Heritage*, Tippah County Historical Society, 1981, 6 items, 6 leaves, printed (photocopy)

Jones – Family genealogy notes (has much Kurtz family information also), 1 item, 13 leaves, typescript, manuscript (photocopy)

Keckley/Orndorff – Genealogical material, letters to Mr. and Mrs. Loring Ritter, 1959-1960, 36 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

Kibler, Christian (died 1787) – Family tree, no dates, 1 leaf, typescript

Kibler, Robert – Identification cards; Virginia Woolen Company and the Aircraft Warning Service, 4 cards, printed with photographs

Kibler, Thelma – AWS Observer Certificates, June 28, 1943 and May 29, 1944; 3 leaves, printed

Kibler, Thelma – AWS Observer Cloth; 1 item

Kibler, Thelma – AWS Observer Identification card and pins; 1 item, printed with photograph

Kibler, Thelma – War Ration Books, 1944; 3 books, printed

Lupton, Carson Russell and Arnold, Altha Marie – Marriage Certificate, January 23, 1929, also contains birth, marriage, and death records of other family members, 3 pages, manuscript on printed form

Lupton, Carson R.- Birth Certificate Record, 3 items, 1910 Census, Letter from Hampshire County Clerk, certificate of birth, envelope, manuscript, typescript, 3 leaves

Lupton Family Chart—contains genealogy of Lupton family and their descendants, beginning with Jesse George Lupton; 1 item, 4 leaves, typescript

McGruder, Monterville – 1846-1904, obituary, 1 item, printed (photocopy)

Nulton - Family notes, 12 leaves, typescript (photocopy), manuscript (photocopy)

Ray, Nellie – Scrapbook, extracted information contained in newspaper clippings kept by Mary Ellen “Nellie” Funk (Mrs. John Ray), extracted, indexed and typed by Ben Ritter Oct. 1982, 11 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Riddleberger, James W. 1904-1982 – Biographical Data, obituary from *The Winchester Star*, Oct. 19, 1982, 1 leaf, typescript (photocopy)

Ritter, Ben – Certificate of Participation, Re-enactment of Third Battle of Winchester, September 19, 1964, 1 leaf, printed

Ritter, Ben – Handley Regional Library cards; 5 cards- 3 n.d., December 31, 1964 and July 1, 1971, printed/manuscript

Ritter, Ben- Letter to the Editor, 21st Century, printed (photocopy), 1 leaf

Ritter, Ben – News Articles

Ritter and Allied Families/Notes, Vol. 1-4, indexed by Ben Ritter, 4 items, unnumbered leaves, printed (photocopy)

*Ritter and Allied Families Notes, Vol. 5, indexed by Ben Ritter, 1 item, 27 pages, printed (photocopy)

Ritter and Allied Families Notes, Vol. 6, indexed by Ben Ritter, 22 pages, printed (photocopy)

Ritter and Allied Families Notes, Vol. 7, indexed by Ben Ritter, 22 pages, printed (photocopy)

Ritter and Allied Families Notes, Vol. 8, indexed by Ben Ritter, 25 pages, printed (photocopy)

*Ritter and Allied Families Notes, Vol. 9, compiled and indexed by Ben Ritter, 2020, 34 pages, printed (photocopy)

Ritter Family Genealogical material, 21 leaves; includes two Handley Library cards

Ritter – Genealogy, Ohio branch, compiled by Donald E. Ritter of Findlay, Ohio, 1 item, unnumbered leaves

Ritter Home – 369 Gray Avenue, Winchester, VA; 3 deeds, 6 leaves, typescript

Ritter Place, Welltown, Va., Hand Sketched map

Ritter, Ben – Biographical Sketch, *Life Long Resident of Winchester, Ben Ritter* by Trista Rutherford, 2 leaves, typescript, 1 folder with drawing

Sargent/Carper Family Bible Records, 1815-1906 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

Schindler/Richardson – Genealogical Data, unnumbered leaves

Snapp, Joseph H. – Memorial service program, Jan. 1945, 1 item, printed

Sperry – Family Data collected by Ben Ritter, 6 leaves, typescript

Tanquary – Family information provided by Patrick G. Tanquary of Danville, IL, 10 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Taylor, Hiram C. – Biographical sketch, 1832, 1 leaf, printed (photocopy)

West, George B. – Information on his murder, 1883, 3 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Wine, Orville – Handley Regional Library check out card; June 21, 1937-September 23, 1939—printed

“World War II Service Men and Women” – Adapted from Winchester Evening Star November 12, 1945; compiled by Ben Ritter July 17, 2013, unnumbered leaves, printed

BOX 6 Local History

Account Book, unknown tailor, 1854-1861, unnumbered leaves, manuscript

Adams and Adams Chiropractors – business cards, 1 item, printed

*American Association of University Women – Yearbooks, 1985-86, 1990-91, 2 items, 26 leaves, typescript

*Anderson, A.L. & Sons – Buck Wheat flour bag, n.d., 1 item, printed

Apple Blossom Festival – Honorary Fire Chief Contest, 1963, program, 1 item, mimeograph

Arnold, Altha Marie Certificates (3)

Attendance certificate for Altha Marie Arnold (June 16, 1926); 1 leaf, manuscript on printed form

Attendance certificate for Altha Marie Arnold (May 10, 1921); 1 leaf, manuscript on printed form

Completion of the 10th grade to Altha Marie Arnold (June 16, 1926); 1 leaf, manuscript on printed form

Physical Location: Oversize, Box 2

Bell Clothes – label (from jacket), 1 item

Bethel United Methodist Church Annual Memorial Day Service—June 25, 1995; 1 item, printed

Bicentennial Miniatures – Historic Articles by Rebecca H. Good, *Northern Virginia Daily*, 1976, 12 pages, newsprint

Billheads - Winchester, VA, 1930s, 3 items, printed

Braddock Street United Methodist Church – Men’s Banquet, 1963, 1 item, printed

Braddock Street 1st Methodist Church Directory, Winchester—1980; 1 item, unnumbered leaves, printed

Chancery Case – Oates, Arthur; December 7-12, 1952, 1 item, 13 pages, typescript

Church of Christ – Winchester and Timber Ridge Christian Churches, Histories, 1956 and 1959, 3 items; 1 leaf, typescript (photocopy), 22 leaves, printed (photocopy)

Civic League Fashion Show – January 26, [1933], 1 program, printed

Clark, Charles Edward—Certificate from Dowell J. Howard Vocational Center (June 10, 1976); 1 leaf, printed

Commercial and Savings Bank – blank checks, 2 leaves, printed

Cookbook – Shenandoah Valley National Bank, 1978, 1 item, printed

Correspondence – Ben Ritter, 1975, 1984, Re Alta Vista, Zachariah Connell, Mary Angus Magee, 3 items; 3 leaves, typescript, 1 page, manuscript, 2 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

Correspondence—To Ben Ritter (October 22, 1963 and November 14, 1984) from Evelyn Moore Moise and George Moore; 3 items, manuscript

*"Echoes from the Past or Winchester and Its Environs in the Olden Times," by C. Toler Wolf, 1872, index included, 5 leaves, typescript (photocopy), 34 leaves, printed (photocopy)

Ewing School of Dance-Art – Recitals, 1944, 1946-50, 6 leaves, printed (photocopy)

Farmers and Merchants National Bank – checks, 1930, 2 items, printed

Faulkner, Phil O. – Correspondence, 1930s, 4 leaves, typescript, manuscript

Fire Companies, Winchester – Membership Lists, 1881-1883, indexed by Ben Ritter Jan. 22, 1975, from *Souvenir of the Winchester Fire Department*, 1897, 2 leaves, typescript

First Baptist Church – directory, c. 1960s, bulletin – Edward Thomas Cather, 40th Anniversary Service, may 8, 1966

Frederick County Census Guide – 1900, by Ben Ritter, March 31, 1982, 1 item, typescript

Frederick County Magisterial District Maps—1972, 2 leaves, printed (photocopy)

G&M Music Appliance Center – blotter, 1 item, printed , n. d.

Gore High School (folder contains the following):

“The Awkward Pause,” March 31, 1950; 1 ticket, printed

Postcard of Gore High School in a parade (no date); 1 item, printed

“A Womanless Wedding,” (February 14, 1947); 1 school play program, printed

“The Awkward Pause,” March 31, 1950; 1 school play program, printed

Graduation Program (May 28 and 31, 1950); 1 item, printed

Graduation Program (June 2, 1927); 1 item, printed

“Aaron Slick from Punkin Crick,” (November 26, 1925); 1 school play program, printed

Commencement invitation, May 31, 1950, 1 item, printed

Diploma – Farris Margel Lupton, May 31, 1950, in diploma cover, 1 item, printed

Gold, Thomas D. – Correspondence, 1862 and 1863, 3 items, 1 page, manuscript, 2 leaves, manuscript

Hackwood Orchard barrel label, printed

Physical Location: Oversize, Box 2

Health Center Bowling League – Annual Banquet, May 24, 1956, May 23, 1957

Hiker's Guide to the C&O Canal – "184 Miles of Adventure" Baltimore Area Council, Boy Scouts of American, 1970, 1 booklet, 23 pages, printed

House of Burgesses 1742-1776 and House of Delegates 1776-1994, members from Winchester-Frederick County, VA, typed by Ben Ritter April 24, 1997 from *The Winchester Star*, Nov. 3, 1993, 2 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

James Wood High School—graduation program (June 6, 1952); 2 leaves, printed

Jaycees – Invitation to 50th Anniversary, March 19, 1988, 1 item, printed

Jefferson County, WV – 150 Years of History and Progress, 24 pages, printed

John Handley High School (folder contains the following):

Graduation program (June 14, 1976); 1 item, printed

"A Handbook of the Winchester Public Schools (The Handley Schools)" by the John Handley Foundation, N.D., 6 pages, printed

Kipps, Mary C. – Certificate of Confirmation, Nov. 23, 1872, 1 item, printed

*Kurtz Cultural Center – pledge drive, c. 1989, 17 leaves, printed

*Meadowview Public School – Souvenir book, 1914, with photograph of Russell Lupton on cover, contains list of pupils, 1 item, printed

Mitchell Compendium of Internal Improvements of the United States: Comprising General Notices of All the Most Important Canals and Railroads, Throughout the Several States and Territories of the Union, Mitchell and Hinman, Philadelphia, PA, 1835, 1 booklet, 84 pages, printed

National Fruit Product Company, Inc. Winchester Plant employee's manual – August 8, 1964; 1 item, 32 pages, printed

National Fruit Product Co. and White House Apple Products – 50th Anniversary book, 1963, 1 item, four pages, printed

News clippings – 1976-1977, 8 leaves, print (photocopy), 1 leaf, print

Northern Virginia Power Company – Business Card, bill, January 20, 1954, 2 items printed

Novik Transfer Company – Booklet c. 1965, 1 item, printed

Photographers – Shenandoah Valley, compiled by Ben Ritter, Nov. 19, 1974, 1 item, 3 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Popular Songs c. 1915– Compliments of Chamber of Commerce, 1 page, printed

*Preservation of Historic Winchester – “A Christmas Past” Holiday House Tour, Dec. 6, 1992, 12 pages, printed

Quota & Exchange Clubs of Winchester Programs for *Mame*; *Anything Goes*, n.d., 2 items, printed

BOX 6A Local History

Red Lion Tavern Deed – Lord Fairfax to Col. John Baylis, 1753, 1 leaf, manuscript (photocopy)

*Republican Women’s Club (Winchester, Frederick, Clarke County) (folder contains the following):

Information booklet, 1987, 20 pages, printed

Information booklet, 1989, 24 pages, printed

Russ Potts bumper sticker, n.d., 1 item

Beverly Sherwood bumper sticker, n.d., 1 item

Rouss, Charles Broadway – “The Blind Merchant,” by Edwin C. Luke, 11 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Russell, Isaac – Ledger, 1828-1829, extracted, indexed, and typed by Ben Ritter Oct. 1, 1982, 4 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Rutter, Mathais – Land grant and Plat, 1838, 2 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

Shawneeland – Sale of lot, n.d., 1 item, printed

Shawnee Springs Foods Canning Label, Braithwaite Bros., Cross Junction, VA, 1 item, printed

Shenandoah College (University) – Cornerstone Club Certificate for Lois Trenary, June 15, 1956, 1 item, printed

*Shenandoah County, Virginia—History of Lantz Mills by Margaret R. Crabill and Nancy E. Simmons, n.d., 10 pages, printed; Edinburg Evangelical United Brethren Church 100th Anniversary, 1954, 2 pages, printed

Shenandoah County, Virginia – Strasburg Institute Prospectus, 1896-1897, 1 item, printed

Shenandoah National Bank – “The Valley Banker,” July 1918, 1 item, printed, check, blotter, n.d., 1 item, printed

Shenandoah Secretarial School – Ledger, [1942], by Mrs. Hilda K. Swartzman, 1 item, manuscript

The Story of One Hundred Old Homes in Winchester, Virginia, by Garland R. Quarles, 1967-Index, compiled by Ben Ritter May 13, 1975, 11 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Timber Ridge Congregational Christian United Church of Christ – June 19, 1966; 1 item, printed

*Tourism Literature – Winchester, VA, 4 items, printed

United Daughters of Confederacy—VA Division, 59th Annual Convention held in Winchester, 1954, 1 item, printed, 8 pages

*Virginia Parish Records – List in Annual Reports of the Archivist, I-X, University of Virginia Library, 1930-1940, 17 pages, printed (photocopy)

*"Virginia's Resources" – 1975, Pamphlet, Va. State, 1 item, printed

War Memorial Recreation Center Solicitation for Funds, c. 1946, 1 item, printed

Washington, George – 1732-1932, items in Exhibit, arranged by Clarke Co. Committee during Bi-centennial for the Father of our Country, 1 booklet, printed, 10 pages

*Welltown School, Frederick County, VA – Pupils, 1899-1900, 1 leaf, printed (photocopy)

Welltown School, Frederick County, VA, Class picture, circa 1897 (photocopies)

Welltown, VA Postmasters, 1872-1891, 1 leaf, typescript, manuscript

West Frederick Hills United Methodist Charge – April 10, 1990, May 10, 1987; 2 items, printed

White House Newsletters—February, 1966-July 1973, 1973; Vol. 2-Vol. 9, 22 items, printed

Winchester Female Academy – List of Students, 1851, 1 item, 2 leaves, typescript

Winchester Census Guide – 1900, compiled by Ben Ritter, Dec. 15, 1981, 13 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Winchester Chamber of Commerce – map and brochure, c. 1948, 1 item, printed

Winchester in the Long Ago – articles by Robert B. Holliday, 1891, index included, published in *The Winchester Times*, 1891, 7 leaves printed (photocopy), 4 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Winchester Land Books – 1850, 1860, Extracted Names and Addresses, 24 leaves, typescript

Winchester Republican Committee flyer for Winchester City Council, 1 item, printed

Winchester Steam Laundry –calendar card, Jan. 1927, item, printed

Young People's Christian Union – 1904, newspaper article of the United Brethren Church; 11th annual convention, 3 items, 1 ribbon, 1 leaf, printed

BOX 7

*Photo Album – Unknown People

BOX 8

Account book, 1806-1808, unknown store, 1 item, manuscript

Names and dates compiled from a Winchester, Virginia store ledger, 1806-1808, extracted and indexed by Ben Ritter, Nov. 1, 1974, 9 leaves, typescript

BOX 9

Account books: 1882-1989, store at 130 North Loudoun and 1842-1843, unknown store, 1 item, manuscript (no names and dates listed for this book)

BOX 10

Scrapbook of Clatus and Grace Lofton, c. 1920-1950

BOX 11

Diaries of Thelma Kibler Ritter, manuscript, 3 items. Thelma Kibler was born in Shenandoah County in 1914. She graduated from Strasburg High School in 1932 and moved to Winchester. In 1950 she married Robert O. Ritter. She died on December 16 2003.

Diary, January-December 19, 1931

Diary, January 1, 1933-December 31, 1935

Diary, January 1, 1938-December 31, 1940

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