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**MISCELLANEOUS MANUSCRIPT FILE**

**Freida Rosenmeyer Collection**  
**Collection Number: 705 WFCHS MMF**

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**PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Initial processing undertaken in 1988. Last updated April 2024.

**EXTENT:** 3 folders

**CREATOR:** Rosenmeyer family

**DATE:** 1904-1928

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** Miscellaneous Manuscript Files (MMF) are small collections typically containing only a folder or two of materials. This collection contains items related to the retail shoe business in which Freida Rosenmeyer's family was engaged in Winchester, including several items related to a drawing by then ten-year-old Freida published in the trade journal *Boot and Shoe Recorder* in 1905. Also included are copies of a notice announcing the final closing of Mrs. S. Rosenmeyer's Shoes and Hosiery store in 1928. The collection also contains items from the Winchester Episcopal Female Institute where Freida was a student as well as a passenger list and two miniature flags from a trans-Atlantic crossing made by Freida and her mother in 1928.

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL:** Salo and Emma Rosenmeyer (also spelled Rosenmyer) were German-Jewish immigrants. They originally settled in Baltimore before relocating to Winchester around 1899 where they opened a retail shoe and hosiery business. Salo committed suicide in August 1908 following a prolonged illness. Emma carried on what has been described as a very successful business until she retired in 1928.

**IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Received from Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

**Folder 1 - Rosenmeyer Shoe Store**

- Notice of the closing of Mrs. S. Rosenmeyer's Shoes and Hosiery store (5 copies)
- Front cover and page excerpted from November 1905 issue of trade journal *Boot and Shoe Recorder* featuring a drawing made by Freida Rosenmeyer

## **Folder 2 – Freida Rosenmeyer**

- Announcement of 1910 commencement exercises of Episcopal Female Institute in Winchester, VA
- Report card for Freida from Episcopal Female Institute for the second quarter of 1904
- Letter from publisher of *Boot and Shoe Recorder* acknowledging receipt of Freida's drawing and describing plans to reproduce it for publication
- Letter from W. L. McKeown to Freida Rosenmeyer congratulating her on the publication of her drawing in *Boot and Shoe Recorder*
- Passenger list for United States Lines steamer *America* transatlantic voyage, September-October 1928
- Two miniature flags from United States Lines (American flag and company flag)
- Notebook containing handwritten poems copied from various sources (e.g., *McGuffey's Fifth Eclectic Reader*)

## **OVERSIZE, BOX 19**

- Diploma from Episcopal Female Institute to Freida Rosenmeyer, June 2, 1910
- Diploma from Winchester Conservatory of Music to Freida Rosenmeyer, June 1, 1911