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COLLECTION GUIDE

Shenandoah Valley Academy Records 121 WFCHS THL

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EXTENT: 2.25 linear feet

CREATOR: Shenandoah Valley Academy

DATE: 1869-1938

SCOPE AND CONTENT: The Shenandoah Valley Academy Collection contains catalogs, yearbooks, printed materials, and photographs of cadets, activities, and the physical plant. It also includes a copy of Brantz Mayer Roszel's dissertation. Roszel (1869-1938) was the school principal.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: The Shenandoah Valley Academy, a preparatory school for young men, succeeded the Winchester Academy, one of the oldest boys' schools in the U.S., which was chartered by the Burgesses of Virginia in 1785. The Winchester Academy closed in 1861 with students and faculty alike joining the Confederate forces. In 1865, after reorganization, the trustees changed the name to the Shenandoah Valley Academy. It operated at various locations in Winchester until 1939 when it closed for financial reasons. The trustees sold part of the property to pay obligations and deeded the rest to the Frederick County School Board.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Quarles, Garland R. *The Schools of Winchester, Virginia*. Winchester, Virginia: Farmers and Merchants National Bank, 1964.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Materials in this collection were acquired through donation and purchase.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Account book, 1866-1874

Account book, 1870

Autograph album, 1880. Property of William L. Clark, Jr.

Catalogs: 1869; 1870; 1879-1880; 1882-1883; 1884-1885; 1894; 1895-1896

Catalogs: 1900-1901; 1907-1908; 1909-1910; 1918-1919

Catalogs: 1920-1921; 1921-1922; 1926-1927; 1927-1928

BOX 2

Catalog, 1937-1938 (2 copies)

Commencement Exercises Invitation, June 7, 1912

Commencement Programs: 1883; 1938

The Chevron (cadet publication):

1912 – November, December

1913 – January, February, March, April, May

1926 – June

1929 -- December

1931 – January

Correspondence

Deeds:

November 13, 1894 – Albert and Annie Somerville to Richard A. Robinson

January 1, 1895 – Richard A. Robinson to [trustees] Henry Stephenson, Albert Baker, William P. McGuire, E.

Holmes Boyd, and John J. Williams to J. B. Lovett

December 30, 1907 - [trustees] E. Holmes Boyd, W. P. McGuire, R. Gray Williams, H. D. Fuller, and A. M. Baker to B. M. Roszel

Invoices (includes the following):

- Horace P. McKee, April 19, 1926

Insignia for hat, 2 items, brass

Mirror vol 1, no. 1 January 15, 1919, school newspaper published by the Cadet Corps, contains eulogy for Captain Robert Y. Conrad

News clippings

Radio script, 1930

Roszel, Mrs. Brantz Mayer - birthday greetings, September 18, 1953

Roszel, Brantz. "Principles of Action," *The Quartermaster Review* (Volume 4, No. 2, September-October 1924)

Roszel, Brantz. *The Action of the Asteroids on Mars*. Ph.D. diss. John Hopkins University, 1895, reprint.

Scrapbook pages

Sigma Rho Delta Literary Society celebration - invitation, May 29, 1907

University and College Record for Session 1902-'03 of Boys Trained at the Shenandoah Valley Academy, Winchester, Virginia

BOX 3

Report cards of students, 1908-1936

YEARBOOKS & BOUND CATALOGS

Physical Location: Shelved with yearbooks.

Yearbooks, *The Sentry*, 9 items, printed

1915

1917

1915-1918, 1 volume

1918, 2 copies

1919, 2 copies

1920, 2 copies

"Catalogue and Prospectus," 3 items, printed

1908-1921

1921-1929

1929-1934

OVERSIZE

Physical location: OS Box 10

Sheet music – "SVA Cadet March," by Henry F. Seal, 1908