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**Shenandoah Valley Genealogical Society Collection**  
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**EXTENT:** 0.84 linear feet

**CREATOR:** Shenandoah Valley Genealogical Society

**DATE:** 2003-2017

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** This collection contains minutes, board meeting agendas, bylaws, newsletters, and publicity materials pertaining to the Shenandoah Valley Genealogical Society. Minutes cover the period May 2003 to March 2014. Information about programming extends to 2017.

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL:** The Shenandoah Valley Genealogical Society held its first meeting on November 5, 2003, and was based in Winchester, Virginia. The Society reorganized in 2014 as membership waned and it continued hosting programs until 2017. The Society has now disbanded.

**IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Gift of the Shenandoah Valley Genealogical Society.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

**BOX 1**

Board Member Positions and Descriptions

Bylaws, Organization Bylaws

Correspondence

Finance Archives Materials Fund

Finance– IRS

Finance - State Corporation Commission Reports (2004 – 2015)

Finance - Treasurer Reports

Membership forms and lists

Minutes, 2003-2006

Minutes, 2007-2010

Minutes, 2011-2012

News articles

Newsletter, quarterly—*The Shenandoah Valley Compass*, January 2004, Vol. 1 Issue 1 to September 2010, vol. 7, Issue 3 (stopped publication with Vol. 7, Issue 4)

Tylor, Dola—Ruth C. Bishop Award from Federation of Genealogical Societies, Aug. 3, 2005

## **BOX 2**

Program Booking Guidelines

Program Beginning Genealogy

Program Handouts, A – L

- Alien Registration Records (2016)
- Ancestor Road Show and Family Heritage Day, two items (2008)
- APG Code of Ethics (undated)
- Caring for your Treasures
- Church Records for Genealogical Research (2005)
- Coffin Maker, Undertaker, and Funeral Director, Death Record Sources (2011)
- Collateral Family Research (2010)
- Colonial Migrations in and out of the Shenandoah Valley (2014)
- Confederate Civilian Records (2006)
- Counties and Count Seats (undated)
- Deed Record Research (2004)
- Genes in Genealogy (undated)
- DNA Testing for family research (undated)
- Ellis Island (2001)
- Family Bible Handling (undated)
- Family Secrets (2017)
- Freemason Ancestors, two items, (2005)

- French and Indian War: Impact on Settlement (2010)
- German Migrations (2006)
- Gravestone Rubbings (undated)
- Internet Research (2004)
- Jamestown 1607 Were Your Ancestors There? (undated)
- Isle of Hope (2011)J
- Kentucky- Genealogical Research in Kentucky
- Indexes to some state records go online (LDN News, 2006)

#### Program Handouts, M – Z

- Maryland State Archives (2006)
- Medara Sisters a look at 19<sup>th</sup> Century Guardianship records (2006)
- Myths, Fairy Tales, and Stories (2017)
- Northern Neck Proprietary (2008)
- Organizing your Book (2005)
- Pathfinder to Cemetery Research (undated)
- Put PERSI in your Path (2009)
- Photo Restoration Basics (undated)
- Probate, Census, Deeds & Vital Statistics (2005)
- Probate Records (undated)
- Raising the Next Generation (2015)
- Researching Revolutionary War Ancestors (undated)
- Research Shortcuts Used by Professional Genealogists (2008)
- Shenandoah Valley Genealogical Society (2003)
- Solving the Problem in 25 Hours or Less (2007)
- Supply Sources (conservation, undated)
- Treasures or Trash: Family Papers (2006)
- Teasing the Silent Woman (2005)
- Voter Registration Records (2010)
- War of 1812 (2016)

#### Programs, publicity

VGS/SVGS Conference October 9

Publicity—Press releases, news articles

Society Strategies – Federation of Genealogical Societies

Surname Project

Speaker's Badge and Ribbon

Book, Proof of, – *Burials of Grace Lutheran and German Reformed Churches in Mount Hebron Cemetery of Winchester, Virginia*

Book, Publishing Info – *Burials of Grace Lutheran and German Reformed Churches in Mount Hebron Cemetery of Winchester, Virginia*

Book proof -*Freedom by Deed. An Index to Emancipations and Manumissions* by Susan McCabe, Winchester, Virginia: Shenandoah Valley Genealogical Society, 2007

**Physical Location: Oversize Box 13**

Maps of Centenary Church Christ Cemetery, located in Mt. Hebron Cemetery, May 15, 1975

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