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Spring Mills Records
400 WFCHS THL

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PROCESSING INFORMATION: Initial processing undertaken in 1984. Updated by Lorna M. Loring on September 9, 2024.

ACCESSION NUMBER(S): 1984.001 WFCHS; 1985.001 WFCHS; 1989.001 WFCHS; 2024.028 THL; 2024.018 WFCHS

EXTENT: 0.84 linear feet (6 volumes; 4 folders)

CREATOR: Spring Mills

DATE: 1819-1867

SCOPE AND CONTENT: The Spring Mills Collection contains six account books from a mill operating in Winchester, Virginia, in the mid-1800s, as well as correspondence to David Hollingsworth, the mill owner and operator.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: The Hollingsworth family established near the confluence of Town Run and Abram's Delight shortly after the Revolutionary War. David Hollingsworth ran the mill for much of the nineteenth century and made a very successful business. In 1870, he sold the mill to Ober and Sons, who then turned it into a fertilizer factory under the management of U. L. Dorsey. In 1884 it changed owners again when E. R. Thatcher and John V. Tanner turned the mill to the manufacture of butter. The business was not successful and the mill fell into disuse. The City of Winchester purchased the mill in 1890 and used it to supply water to the city.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Materials in this collection were acquired from the Winchester- Frederick County Historical Society, as well as by donation from Bob Boyd, and Glenne and Ridge White.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Ledger, 1819-1830, 1 volume (166 pages) ; 33 cm

Loose papers found in ledger, 1 folder

Ledger, 1830-1833, 1 volume (128 pages); 33 cm

Account book, 1844-1845, 1 volume (232 pages); 33 cm

Letter, Walters Co. (Baltimore) to David Hollingsworth, 22 November 1847

Letter, B. Whiting to David Hollingsworth, undated

Letter, G. D. Hinks (Baltimore) to David Hollingsworth, [1847?]; note page

BOX 2

Ledger, 1843-1847, 1 volume (440 pages); 30 cm

Account book, 1848, 1 volume (32 pages); 31 cm

Account book, 1867, 1 volume (44 pages); 16 cm