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Shenandoah Valley Agricultural Society Collection
Collection Number: 752 WFCHS THL

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PROCESSING INFORMATION: Initial processing undertaken in 1988. Last updated February 16, 2024.

EXTENT: 0.42 linear feet

CREATOR: Shenandoah Valley Agricultural Society (Winchester, Va.)

DATE: 1856 – 1931 (Bulk 1870 – 1892)

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection includes a list of 1885 shareholders, premium lists from 1856 to 1931, treasurers' accounts, membership records, and ephemera. There is information about the Society's Fair as well as a survey of land bought from John Glaize.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: The Valley Agricultural Society held a fair as early as 1856 in Winchester, VA. Members could obtain access to the fair by showing their stock certificate. Later, the name was changed to Shenandoah Valley Agricultural Society.

The Fair Grounds were located in the City of Winchester were located between Fairmont and Loudoun streets (outlots 58 and 43 on *Lake's Atlas*).

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Material in this collection was acquired from several donors.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Admission Ticket for Member (Katie Vilwig) -- Shenandoah Valley Agricultural Society, 18th Annual Fair, October 11, 12, 13, and 14, 1887, Winchester, VA

Address Delivered by Hon. Charles J. Faulkner before the Valley Agricultural Society of Virginia at their Fairgrounds Near Winchester, Oct. 21, 1858. Published at the request of the Society, Washington: 1858.

Account book for SVAS, December 1871-May 1888

Ledger, 1870-1891

Shareholder list, 1885

Certificates of stock, 1874, 1875 (2), 1912

Correspondence – Robert E. Lee to R. L. Baker, September 8, 1870 (photocopy)

Location of Original: Unknown

Daily Fair Bulletin, Oct. 24, 1872

Fair records, 1892 – 1924, undated

Ticket Stub, 1870

Annual Meeting Announcement, 1892

Premium Lists

- September 1874
- October 1876
- October 1877
- October 1878
- October 1881
- October 1882 (2 copies)
- October 1889 (2 copies)
- October 1890
- October 1891
- October 1906
- September 1920
- September 1925
- September 1931 (2 copies)

Survey plat - SVAS land

Award of Merit to Sam Pidgeon from the SVAS, 1856

Physical Location: Oversize Box 13

List of premiums awarded at the First Show and Fair of the Valley Agricultural Society of Virginia held at Winchester, Virginia on the 14th, 15th and 16th October, 1856

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