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Jacob Sperry Family Papers
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PROCESSING INFORMATION: Processed by Buffy Knappenberger. Last updated May 2024.

EXTENT: 0.25 linear feet

DATE: 1779-1847

LANGUAGE OF MATERIALS: English, German.

EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF COPIES: FamilySearch (then operating as the Genealogical Society of Utah) digitized this collection in 2007. The collection is available online through FamilySearch.org. Use the catalog to search for Image Group Number (DGS) [4168018] to find “Genealogical collections, Sperry, Jacob Family papers, 1600-2005 as listed on FS.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection consists of Jacob Sperry’s will dated 1807, Catherine Elizabeth Sperry’s will dated 1847, indentures between John Lantz and Jacob Sperry dated 1779, and the family record in German of Jacob and Elizabeth Sperry, 1790-1805.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: Jacob Sperry was born about 1754 to Peter Sperry/Speary and Catherine E. Wolff. He was a member of Daniel Morgan’s Virginia Riflemen, also known as the “Dutch Mess,” and participated in the attack on Quebec with Morgan in 1775 where he was captured. Jacob married Catherine Elizabeth Lauck. Jacob Sperry died in 1808 and is buried in Mount Hebron Cemetery, Winchester, VA.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Quarles, Garland R. and Barton, Lewis N., Ed., *What I Know About Winchester, The Recollections of William Greenway Russell, 1800-1891*, Staunton, VA: McClure Publishing Co., 1972; Virginia General Assembly, Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, *Special Report: Preservation of Revolutionary War Veterans Gravesites in Virginia*, Richmond, VA: Commonwealth of Virginia, 2001; Pension application of widow, Catherine.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of multiple donors.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Family record of Jacob and Elizabeth (Lauck) Sperry, 1790-1805, manuscript in German

Indenture—John and Susannah Lantz to Jacob Sperry, Lot 113, April 2, 1779, manuscript on printed form
Physical Location: Oversize, Box 17

Indenture - John Lantz to Jacob Sperry, Lot 113, April 1, 1779, manuscript on printed form
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Sperry, Catherine E.—Indenture for the purchase of Lot 215 in Mt. Hebron Cemetery, 1 leaf, manuscript on printed form

Sperry, Catherine Elizabeth—Will, 1847, manuscript
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Sperry family—Miscellaneous papers, 1836-1856, unnumbered leaves, manuscript; manuscript on printed form

Sperry family—Miscellaneous papers, 1861-1868, unnumbered leaves, manuscript; manuscript on printed form

Sperry family—Miscellaneous papers, 1876-1889, unnumbered leaves, manuscript; manuscript on printed form

Sperry family—Wills, 1860 and n.d., 2 items, manuscript

Sperry, Jacob —Will, November 5, 1807, manuscript
Physical Location: Oversize, Box 17

Tax receipts of the Sperry family, 1834-1862, unnumbered leaves, manuscript; manuscript on printed form