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COLLECTION GUIDE
MISCELLANEOUS MANUSCRIPT FILE

Valley Female Seminary Collection
Collection Number: 481 THL MMF

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PROCESSING INFORMATION: Processed by Buffy Knappenberger. Last updated September 2023.

EXTENT: 3 folders.

CREATOR: Valley Female Seminary

DATE: 1867-1884.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Miscellaneous Manuscript Files (MMF) are small collections typically containing only a folder or two of materials. This collection contains a pamphlet, catalogue, commencement program, and certificates of completion from the school.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: Ann Evelina Tucker Magill (1809-1875) and her daughters, Mary Tucker Magill and Ann Evelina Hunter Magill, established the Valley Female Seminary in 1866. The school was located on the corner of Main (present-day Loudoun) and Cork Streets and attracted some of Winchester's most prominent families. Later, the school moved to a house known as *Angerona* on Fairmont Avenue. Following the death of Ann Magill, Mary and Ann Evelina continued operating the school until failing health forced them to close its doors for good.

The school's founder, Ann Magill, was the daughter of law professor and U.S. Congressman Henry St. George Tucker. After the death of her husband, Dr. Alfred Magill, Mrs. Magill and her daughters moved to Winchester. Her daughter, Mary Tucker Magill (1830-1899) wrote fiction and several histories of Virginia for use in schools, as well as being an early advocate of exercise for women.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Acquired as gift.

CONTAINER LIST:

Folder 1

Catalogue and circular of the Valley Female Seminary in Winchester, VA, 1867-1868

Valley Female Seminary, history and overview of school services, 1871

Folder 2

Certificate of Distinction to Miss Mollie Grim in arithmetic, June 24, 1870

Certificate of Proficiency to Miss Mollie Grim in physical geography, June 27, 1870

Folder 3

Commencement announcement of Valley Female Seminary, June 27-28, 1870