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**MISCELLANEOUS MANUSCRIPT FILE**

**Valley Turnpike Company Collection**  
**Collection Number: 768 WFCHS MMF**

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**PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Original processing undertaken in 1988. Revided by Doug Gleason, October 2023.

**EXTENT:** 1 folder

**CREATOR:** Valley Turnpike Company

**DATE:** 1856-1898

**EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF ORIGINALS:** Use only if materials are copies from originals.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** Miscellaneous Manuscript Files (MMF) are small collections typically containing only a folder or two of materials. This folder contains two receipts for annual tolls paid in 1887 and 1898, respectively, to the Valley Turnpike Company. It also contains a stock certificate for one share in the Valley Turnpike Company dated 1856. In addition, there are several pages of photocopied newspaper clippings related to the history of the Valley Turnpike.

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL:** The Valley Turnpike running between Winchester and Harrisonburg was chartered on March 3, 1834. Tolls were charged for its use until 1918 when it became funded by the Virginia state highway fund.

**IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Gift of Ben Belchic.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

**Folder 1**

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- One stock certificate for one share in the Valley Turnpike Company, dated 1856
- Newspaper clippings