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Works Progress Administration (WPA) Records
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PROCESSING INFORMATION: Processed by Archives Staff in December 1981. Last updated by Buffy Knappenberger in February 2024.

EXTENT: 1.83 linear feet

DATE: 1936-1937

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection contains a series of reports on historical subjects of the Winchester-Frederick County area as prepared by the Works Progress Administration of Virginia in the years 1936-37. The reports cover subjects such as deeds, churches, homes, cemeteries, wills, etc. An index is included with the records. Material in this collection has been drawn from the Library of Virginia's Virginia Historical Inventory, a collection of photographs, maps, and detailed reports documenting the architectural, cultural, and family histories of thousands of eighteenth- and nineteenth-century buildings in communities across the commonwealth.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: The WPA (Work Progress Administration) was founded in 1935 and became one of the largest of the "New Deal" programs begun by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The administration created jobs all over the United States in areas such as the arts, public building restoration and construction, roads, and historical records. In Winchester, VA, the WPA employees created reports on various historic sites and subjects between 1936-1937.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Acquired through Library of Virginia

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

1. Centenary Reformed Church

1a. Opequon Graveyard

2. Fort Loudoun
3. Old Stone Presbyterian Church
4. General Daniel Morgan Home
5. Ambler Hill Properties
6. Ancient Dwelling, Lot #9 – Palace Theatre, Lots #45-47 (35-45 S. Loudoun St.)
7. Market Street Methodist Church
8. Godfrey S. Miller House
9. Joseph Marion Orndorff Building, 27-9 N. Loudon St.
10. Grace Forney Home, Water and Washington Streets
11. Martha Forney House, 137 W. Water St.
12. T. Barton Estate
13. Gertrude Barton Home – Braddock Street Methodist Church
14. William Greenway Russell House, 42 S. Loudoun St.
15. John “Ike” Baker House, 44-46 S. Loudoun St.
- 15a. Graveyard at Kline’s Mill
16. Fort George
17. Zirkle House, 22-24 S. Loudoun St.
18. George F. Norton Estate, 19-21 N. Loudoun St.
19. Home of Mrs. Frances Westwood Wright, Washington and S. E. Boscawen
- 19a. Old Methodist Graveyard, Stephens City
20. Glen Burnie
21. Christ Episcopal Church, Rectory and Chapel
- 21a. Graveyard at Battlefield Inn
22. Braddock Street United Methodist Church
- 22a. Taylor Furnace Graveyard

23. Louis Baker Drug Store, 25 N. Loudon St.
24. Hansborough and Carter Building, 23 N. Loudon St.
25. John's Graveyard, near Taylor Furnace Rt. 600
26. Charles hardy Properties, 129-33 W. Boscawen St.
- 26a. Dr Walter Myers Home, 24 S. Washington St.
27. Conrad Home
- 27a. Fairmount
28. Tomb of George Helm
29. Tomb of F. August Graichen
30. Lot #18, S.E. Corner of Loudoun and Boscawen
31. Original Lot #6, N.W. Corner of Loudoun and Boscawen
32. Lot #8
33. Lot #17, E. Loudon St.
34. Court House Square
35. Zane's Iron Works
36. Baptist Church
39. Lutheran Church, Green Spring
40. Jones Graveyard
41. German Reformed Graveyard, Stephens City
42. Old Lutheran Graveyard, Stephens City
43. Middletown Cemetery
44. Keckley's Mill – Old Mill Storage

BOX 2

45. Steele Home, Stephens City
46. "Willow Brook," Kernstown
47. Original Lot #4 [should be Lot #6], 101-115 N Loudoun

48. Abstract of Title of Original Lot #5, Loudoun
49. Frederick County Court Orders Dividing Line between Augusta and Frederick Counties
50. 37-39 S. Loudoun St., Abstract of Title
51. Lease of land by Lord Fairfax
52. Article of Agreement, Joist Hite and wife
53. "A Slave's Pardon," Historical Document
54. Wood-White, Deed
55. Deed of William Doster
56. Cunningham to Cunningham
57. Lutheran Ruins – Hebron, Proposed Memorial Tablet
58. Talbot-Fairfax, Deed
59. Lutheran Church, Winchester, VA, Boscawen St.
60. Wood, Thomas, Will
61. Holmes, Elizabeth, Will
62. Sheller, Raymond H. Epitaph
63. Dowdall, James G., Will
64. Russell, William Greenway, Excerpts
65. Stonewall Jackson Confederate Cemetery
66. National Cemetery
67. Clarke County Sites

Worksheets – WPA Writers Project, by C.C. Conner and W.W. Glass
 Churches
 Hotels & Inns
 Manufacturers
 Newspapers
 Schools & Colleges

Worksheets – WPA Writers Project by C.C. Conner and W.W. Glass
 Winchester Founding and History
 Streets, Lots and Buildings
 Pre Revolution Court Materials
 War of 1812

WPA Photographs – Frederick County Sites
Hotels and Taverns
Industries
Stephenson Depot
Valley Pike
Valley Pike Monuments and Signs

WPA Photographs – Historic Houses

BOX 3

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