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**MISCELLANEOUS MANUSCRIPT FILE**

**Zirkle Family Papers**  
**Collection Number: 920 WFCHS MMF**

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**PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Processed by Buffy Knappenberger. Last updated October 2023.

**EXTENT:** 3 folders

**DATE:** 1895-1902

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** Miscellaneous Manuscript Files (MMF) are small collections typically containing only a folder or two of materials. This collection contains correspondence related to the Zirkle family in Winchester, VA.

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL:** Abraham Zirkle was born in 1852 in Virginia, and he was a butcher in Winchester. He had at least four children, including Nannie (born 1876), Mary (May) (born 1878), and Louise (born 1884). The family lived on South Loudoun Street during the period when the letters were written. Abraham died in 1906 and is buried in Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, VA.

**IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Acquisition source is unknown.

**CONTAINER LIST:****Folder 1: 1895-1898**

<b>Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Place of Origin</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Place of Destination</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b># Pages</b>
August 15, 1895	Ida Virginia	Winchester, VA	May	Mount Jackson, VA	Updates on acquaintances and upcoming visits	3
Sept. 2, 1895		Winchester, VA	May		Talking about school starting, buying wedding presents, going to the fair	2
June 20, 1897		Fishersville, VA	May	Winchester, VA	Sorry they did not see them when in town, thanked them for flowers sent, and hope they get more confidence	2
August 2, 1897	Ida Virginia	Winchester, VA	May		Updates on acquaintances and hopes to see her soon	3
January 15, 1898	Jeane K. Park	334 South 19 Street, Philadelphia, PA	May		Thanked her for visit and misses her, talks about her upcoming birthday party, boys they are interested in, and a new friend who is causing fights in the household.	2

**Folder 2: 1899-1901**

Feb. 20, 1899	J.P. Wimberley	Philadelphia, PA	Miss Nannie Zirkle	Winchester, VA	Sorry for the loss she has suffered and to please consider him a friend, apologizes for a misunderstanding, talks about the recent cold snap of weather, excuses her for burning photos, but please send him new ones and he will send her ones of him	4
May 3, 1899	J.P. Wimberley	Philadelphia, PA	Miss Nannie Zirkle	Winchester, VA	Received her photograph with thanks, is finishing up exams, not sure where he is going to go next once he finishes courses, he thought of her when he ate a pickle as it reminds him of the last night they saw each other	3

June 6, 1899	J.P. Wimberley	Wrendale, NC	Miss Nannie Zirkle	Winchester, VA	Apologies for not responding sooner, last letter was received when he was leaving Philadelphia, had his board exams in Asheville, NC and only just now has time to write, had photos taken in Philadelphia and will send her some, misses Philadelphia and remembers dancing with her	3
July 7, 1899	Dr. J.P. Wimberley	Scotland Neck, NC	Miss Nannie Zirkle	Winchester, VA	He is trying to find a place to practice his medicine, found one, but hasn't had a patient in a week and is wondering if this is the right calling, asks her to send a photograph she has on her dresser, he continues practicing dancing but hasn't danced with someone since dancing with her	3
August 11, 1899	Dr. J.P. Wimberley	Scotland Neck, NC	Miss Nannie Zirkle		He went to party and was out too late and feeling bad the next day that he could see his patients, promises to not attend any more parties that will impact his work, met some pleasant girls in town, and wants to visit Winchester	3
Nov. 2, 1899	Dr. J.P. Wimberley	Scotland Neck, NC	Miss Nannie Zirkle		Received the photo of her she sent him, speaks of their time together in Philadelphia and mutually acquaintances there, talks about how he sometimes wishes he had given up medicine and gone out west, he will only be making a living if he is lucky, but he is more ambitious than that, doesn't want to burden her with his troubles, would like to meet her friends she sent photos of	3

Nov. 26, 1899	Dr. J.P. Wimberley	Scotland Neck, NC	Miss Nannie Zirkle		A smallpox epidemic has arrived in his town. He has been made the health officer of the town to deal with it. Talks about putting people with smallpox into a wagon and taking them out of town where no one can see them except him and other doctors. He is fumigating and burning items from homes with smallpox. He is very stressed by the whole situation. Remembering their time in Philadelphia, ice skating, talks about a man who he thought liked her. P.S. he will send an article explaining the whole situation.	3
January 5, 1900	Dr. J. P. Wimberley	Scotland Neck, NC	Nannie Zirkle	Winchester, VA	Wants to visit again, but won't for sometime. Talks about treating smallpox patients currently. Inquires about her Christmas and how he wished to spend it at home, but couldn't	2
August 27, 1900	A. Magill Smith	Markham, VA	Mr. A.M. Zirkle	Winchester, VA	Sending a check for payment	1
Dec. 29, 1901	May		Louise		Talks about her baby boy, William, tells Louise to have a good time and don't worry about sending presents home	1

Article clipped from newspaper about the smallpox epidemic Dr. J.P. Wimberley was treating in Scotland Neck, NC, date around 1899.

Louise A Zirkle's report card for the second quarter 1899 at the Episcopal Female Institute in Winchester, VA

### Folder 3: 1902, undated

Date	From	Place of Origin	To	Place of Destination	Notes	# Pages
February 4, 1902	J.E. Correll	Winchester, VA	A.M. Zirkle	Winchester, VA	Stating he is a candidate for the Commissioner of Revenue position and asking for support	1

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Around February 3, 1902			Nannie Zirkle	Philadelphia, PA	Someone has burned to death alone in her house	1
March 4, 1902	Wolf, Sayer, and Heller	New York, NY	Mr. A.M. Zirkle	Winchester, VA	Thanking him for his latest purchase and he hopes to see him soon when he comes to Valley to sell refrigerators	1
June 21, 1902	Isaac B. Frye	Rosenberger, VA	A.M. Zirkle	Winchester, VA	Trying to reschedule a visit	1
July 25, 1902	S.B. Romberger and Sons	Elizabethville, PA	Mr. A.M. Zirkle	Winchester, VA	Inquiring about purchasing hides and calf skins	1
July 28, 1902	Appold Brothers	Baltimore, MD	Mr. A.M. Zirkle	Winchester, VA	Inquiring about hides on hand and if able to purchase	1
August 6, 1902	A. Magill Smith	Markham, VA	Mr. A.M. Zirkle	Winchester, VA	Sending a check for payment	1
August 8, 1902	J.B. Romberger and Sons	Elizabethville, PA	Mr. A.M. Zirkle	Winchester, VA	Stating they cannot pay the price Mr. Zirkle is asking for and will end the deal	1
September 9, 1902	R.E.L. Whitacre	Winchester, VA	Mr. A.M. Zirkle		Would like to bring him some lambs	1
Undated	May		Nannie		Talks about her baby boy, William, will send her money to buy her fabric, John Brown is on a "spree" and father will get him a room to keep him away from someone/somewhere, and things are dull at home	1

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Undated	May		Nannie		Note written over the course of three days, looking forward to her Nannie coming home, talks about her son William and that she has no time to write, wanting to see a spiritualist, various acquaintances and family, sewing clothes, and asks why she has not come home sooner as papa says the city will be quarantined	2
Undated	C. Stephenson		Mr. A.M. Zirkle	Winchester, VA	Has a hog to sell	1
February 4?			Nannie	Winchester, VA	Catching up family/acquaintances and hopes for an upcoming visit	1
August 22 ?	A. Magill Smith	Markham, VA	Mr. A.M. Zirkle	Winchester, VA	Sending a check for payment and one person is having difficulty paying what is owed. Hopes to have it soon	1

Seven envelopes