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Shenandoah Normal College Collection
604 WFCHS THL

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DATE: 1883 - 1941

SCOPE AND CONTENT: The Shenandoah Normal College Collection contains a variety of material about the school, including catalogs, commencement programs, a newsletter, a history, a biographical sketch of its founder, photographs, and newspaper articles.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: George Washington Hoenshel (1858 - 1896) of Pennsylvania established Shenandoah Normal College in Middletown, Frederick County, Va., in September 1883. The school was co-educational with its primary mission being the education of teachers. The school moved its campus several times to different locations within the Shenandoah Valley. It finally relocated to Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, in 1914. Declining enrollment eventually forced the school to close in 1922.

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ACQUISITION INFORMATION: Gifts.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Newspaper Articles

Brochure, 1883

Catalog, 1900-01

Graduating Exercises (folder includes the following):

Program, 1894

Program, 1900 (2 items)

Envelope, 1903

“Historical Sketch of Shenandoah Normal College, Virginia, 1883-1896,” by David H. Scanlon (1941), 1 volume

“Biographical Sketch: G. W. Hoenschel,” by M. L. Fearnow, 1900 (photocopy)

Normal Index, October 1895, 8 pages; plus photocopy. Please note, the original newsletter is too fragile to handle. Researchers must use the enclosed photocopy.

Photographs, circa 1900 (not digitized)

Band, Phil Sterrett identified.

Baseball Team, Tate and Phil Sterrett identified