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Abstract

Diary maintained by P. Johnston (possibly Peyton Johnston), agent for the Virginia State Agricultural Society, with entries describing his travels throughout Virginia on behalf of the VSAS in 1874.

Creator

Johnston, P.

Creator

Virginia State Agricultural Society

Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

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Biographical Note

The keeper of this diary is identified as P. Johnston, an agent of the Virginia State Agricultural Society. Published accounts of the time period identify Peyton Johnston as an officer of the VSAS. Born in Ireland on December 16, 1810, Peyton Johnston Sr. is described by the 1860 federal census as a merchant living in Richmond, Virginia with wife Ann and seven children. The 1880 census lists his occupation as "retired druggist." Peyton Johnston died in Richmond on February 3, 1887, and was buried in the city's Hollywood Cemetery.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of a diary maintained by P. Johnston, identified as an agent of the Virginia State Agricultural Society. The diary is written on blank pages within a copy of *Virginia State Agricultural Society, Officers, Rules and Regulations, and Schedule of Premiums, for 1874*, and Johnston's entries commence with his riding from the home of Mr. Moorhead in Fauquier County to see Robert Beverly on October 1, 1874. Through successive entries, Johnston recounts his travels throughout the state on behalf of the society, apparently charged with promoting the society and its upcoming 1874 fair. He names the many farmers that he meets along the way and describes their encounters. The nine-page diary ends on October 23, with Johnston arriving in Richmond from Lynchburg, where he had attended the local agricultural fair.

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