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Abstract

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Creator

Gaskins, Ray

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Biographical Note

Ray Allen Gaskins received a B.S. in Mathematics and a Ph.D. in Statistics from Virginia Tech in 1964 and 1972 respectively. Upon graduation, Gaskins joined the mathematics and computer science faculty at Hampden Sydney College.

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"Gaskins DVD Collection", Virginia Tech University Libraries, <https://guides.lib.vt.edu/find/collections/ray-gaskins-dvd-collection>, accessed May 5, 2023.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains an essay entitled, "The Great Blizzard of 1857" written by Dr. Ray Gaskins. The essay details the conditions faced by Southside, Virginia residents during the snow event of January 17-18, 1857. This blizzard was the largest in the history of Farmville. Gaskins provides vignettes describing the particular challenges Thomas James "T.J." Garden, a schoolteacher, surveyor, and farmer of Buckingham County, Richard Anderson Booker, Eagle Hotel owner of Farmville, and Charles T. "Bose" Edie, a student of Hampden-Sydney College, faced during the event. Edie was stabbed to death by fellow student Edward A. Langhorne, a dispute thought to be brought on by "Cabin Fever."

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