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Abstract

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Creator

Whitman, Henry

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Biographical Note

Henry Whitman was the Justice of the Peace for Wythe County, Virginia, in the mid-1800s.

In the 1830 census, a Henry Whitman is listed as one of five "free white persons" living in his household - three under 20 and two adults, possibly Whitman, his wife, and three children. They are listed living in Evansham (present-day Wytheville) in Wythe County. In an 1850 will, a Henry Whitman of Wythe County mentions his wife "Daicey" and brother David. On July 14, 1857, a widowed Dicey(?) Whitman (b. ca. 1797 to Henry and Malvina [Helvey?]) married a Henry F. Shugart (widower) in Wythe County.

Sources:

- "Henry Whitman" entry, 1830 United States Federal Census, Ancestry.com, <https://www-ancestrylibrary-com.ezproxy.lib.vt.edu/discoveryui-content/view/944879:8058>
- "Henry Whitman" will entry in the database "Virginia, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1652-1900," on Ancestry.com, <https://www-ancestrylibrary-com.ezproxy.lib.vt.edu/discoveryui-content/view/605289:62347>
- "Dicey Whitman" marriage entry in the Library of Virginia's database "Virginia, U.S., Marriage Registers, 1853-1935", on Ancestry.com, <https://www-ancestrylibrary-com.ezproxy.lib.vt.edu/discoveryui-content/view/90456547:62154>

Scope and Content

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Keywords

Legal instruments (Legal documents)

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Letter to Henry Whitman from David Whitman about needing a bridle

Unit Date 1827-03-12

folder 1

Letter addressed to Henry Whitman from [G. Mitchell(?)]

Unit Date 1832-08-13

folder 1

Letter to Henry Whitman from Russell B. Rogers about [Tarry Hilty?]'s unpaid legal judgment

Unit Date [1837?]-12-28

folder 1

Commonwealth of Virginia to the Constable of Wythe County summons for George Cline with judgment by H. Whitman

Unit Date 1850

folder 1

Deposition of Thomas Wright with letter to [J.J. Penn?] from Z. J. Shugart

Unit Date 1854

folder 1

Handwritten copy of a court order for [Zacharius J. Shugart?] to build macadam roads

Unit Date [1855?]-08-24

folder 1

Bill of Leather to Henry Whitman from Lewis F. L. [Amiss?]

Unit Date [1855?]-12-11

folder 1

Summons to Sheriff of Smyth County for several people "to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court against them by Francis P. Staley"

Unit Date 1859-12-12

folder 1

Letter about political race and the Civil War to William S. Harris from [J. B. White or Whitman?]

Unit Date 1864-04-20

folder 1