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## Descriptive Summary

**Unit ID**

SC 0122

**Unit ID**

/repositories/4/resources/207

**Unit Date**

1766-1963

**Language**

English

**Abstract**

This collection is comprised of a variety of documents, including letters, deeds, indentures, receipts, and accounts, all relating to Jacob Bear, Benjamin Graves, Jacob Sipe, and the Dean (Deane, Deen) and the Harnsberger family.

**Creator**

Wilson, John W.

**Extent**

0.39 cubic feet 2 boxes

**Repository**

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## Administrative Information

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## Biographical / Historical

The Mount Vernon Iron Furnace was located in Brown's Gap, Virginia, and was started by the Faussett family. It was built in 1848 and was operated by the Miller family, John F. Lewis, and a variety of others until 1878.

## Scope and Content

The John W. Wilson Collection, 1766-1963, consists of a variety of documents (receipts, deeds, accounts, and letters) relating mostly to Jacob Bear, Benjamin Graves, Jacob Sipe, and the Dean (Deane, Deen) and Harnsberger (Hansberger) families of Rockingham, Madison, Orange, and Augusta counties, Virginia from 1766 to 1963. Of particular interest are the 1842 Elk Run Class Book; the 1858-59 Housekeeping Book, which lists household and farm items needed for life at the time; and accounts of the Mt. Vernon Iron Works (Rockingham County) from 1878-1879.

## Keywords

Elk Run class book

Rural families

Iron industry and trade -- Virginia

Housekeeping -- Sources

Home economics -- Accounting

Home economics -- Equipment and supplies

Farm management -- Sources

Slave bills of sale  
Business -- History  
Estate planning  
Trust indentures  
Deeds of trust  
Deeds -- Virginia  
African Americans -- Virginia  
Real property -- Virginia  
Rockingham County (Va.) -- History  
Madison County (Va.) -- History  
Orange County (Va.) -- History  
Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- Surveys  
Augusta County (Va.) -- History  
Bear, Jacob  
Graves, Benjamin  
Sipe, Jacob  
Bear family  
Graves family  
Sipe family  
Dean family  
Harnsberger family  
Bear family -- Correspondence  
Bear, Jacob -- Wills  
Mt. Vernon Iron Works (Rockingham County. Va.)  
Graves family -- Correspondence  
Sipe family -- Correspondence  
Dean family -- Correspondence  
Harnsberger family -- Correspondence

## Bibliography

Wayland, John Walter. *A History of Rockingham County, VA*. Ruebush-Elkins Co.: Dayton, VA, 1912.

## Acquisition Information

Donated by John "Bill" Wilson Jr. of Port Republic, Virginia in December 1995.

## Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

## Description of Subordinate Components

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4890

**Unit Date** 1787-1827

**Mixed Materials [1000886569]** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

### **Deed of Land to John Garth**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4948

**Unit Date** 1766

**Mixed Materials [1000898371]** OV 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Two wills of Jacob Bear**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4891

**Unit Date** 1787

**Unit Date** 1827

**Two account pages of B. Graves with J. Brock**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4892

**Unit Date** 1800-1801

**Indenture (fragment) between J. Maggott and H. Powel**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4949

**Unit Date** 1804

**Mixed Materials [1000898371]** OV 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Land petition on dispute between C. Fudges and Adam Hansberger**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4950

**Unit Date** 1808

**Mixed Materials [1000898371]** OV 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Land survey for Margaret Sipe by Joseph Mauzy**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4893

**Unit Date** 1813

**Purchase of dower right of land of widow of John Mungeo by Henry Mungeo**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4894

**Unit Date** 1814

**Distillery tax bill of Benjamin and John Graves**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4895

**Unit Date** 1814

**Page of purchases by Benjamin Graves of Simeon Graves**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4896

**Unit Date** 1815

**Notice of land sale (fragment), signed Tho. Eddins and Benjamin Graves**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4897

**Unit Date** 1816

**Notices (7) of property auction of Wm. Collins, deceased, of Orange County**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4898

**Unit Date** 1816

**Indemnification of B. Graves and T. Eddins as Adm. of Wm. Collins estate**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4899

**Unit Date** 1816

**Indenture for land to Jacob Runkle by George Cook**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4900

**Unit Date** 1817

**Receipt for board and tuition, B. Graves**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4901

**Unit Date** 1818

**Survey of disputed land between S. Conrad and J. Harnsberger**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4951

**Unit Date** 1819

**Mixed Materials [1000898371]** OV 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Joel Banks promises to pay B. Graves**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4902

**Unit Date** 1820

**Summons for Richard Kinse[y?]**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4903

**Unit Date** 1820

**Letter from R. Kinsey to B. Graves re: tobacco**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4904

**Unit Date** 1823

**Letter from R. Kinsey to B. Graves re: deed of trust**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4905

**Unit Date** 1824

**Letter from George McClammer to B. Graves re: money owed**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4906

**Unit Date** 1827

**Land rent agreement between Paul Lingle and Wm. Johnson, Rockingham County**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4907

**Unit Date** 1827

**Deed for land of James Deen**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4952

**Unit Date** 1827

**Mixed Materials [1000898371]** OV 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4908

**Unit Date** 1830-1848

**Mixed Materials [1000886569]** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Appointment of attorney by Joseph Haynes, re: estate of Geo. Berry, Rockingham County**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4909

**Unit Date** 1830

**Deed (fragment) for land to E. Hansbarger by P. Parratt**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4953

**Unit Date** 1833

**Mixed Materials [1000898371]** OV 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Appointment of attorney by Lewis Berry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4910

**Unit Date** 1834

**Letter from Elizabeth Hopkins to parents in Harrisonburg from school in Mt. Airy, Va.**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4911

**Unit Date** 1838

**Henry Keneagy of August County promises to pay Jacob Sipe, re: blooms of iron**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4912

**Unit Date** 1840

**Indenture for land to C. Yancey and J. Conrad by G. Blankenbaker**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4913

**Unit Date** 1841

**Agreement between Wm. Harper and J. Sipe**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4914

**Unit Date** 1842

**Elk Run Class Book (photocopy)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4915

**Unit Date** undated

**Receipt of payment by J. Sipe**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4916

**Unit Date** 1842

**Receipt of payment by J. Sipe**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4917

**Unit Date** 1843

**J. Sipe promises to pay Isaac Hardesty**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4918

**Unit Date** 1844

**Letter to Francis J. Hopkins from her sister**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4919

**Unit Date** 1845

**Letter to J. Sipe from John Haven re: will**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4920

**Unit Date** 1846

**Testimony concerning will of Margaret Sipe**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4921

**Unit Date** 1847

**Appointment of attorney Thomas King of Augusta County by Peyton Stanforth of Ohio**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4922

**Unit Date** 1847

**B&O RR Co. receipt for 60 barrels flour from W. Harper**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4923

**Unit Date** 1847

**Letter to J. Sipe from Eli Cook re: check**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4924

**Unit Date** 1848

**Deed for land sold to T. Carpenter by J. Sipe**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4925

**Unit Date** 1848

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4926

**Unit Date** 1851-1963

**Mixed Materials [1000886569]** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Receipt of payment from J. Sipe**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4927

**Unit Date** 1851

**Letter to J. Sipe from John Hour**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4928

**Unit Date** 1852

**Agreement to sell land between A.W. Hudson and C.B. Yancey**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4929

**Unit Date** 1852

**"T.K. Harnsbarger's Book", listing housekeeping and farming articles bought**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4930

**Unit Date** 1858

**Land plat of John Deane**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4931

**Unit Date** 1861

**Letter to Bettie from Frannie [Hopkins?]**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4932

**Unit Date** 1863

**Deed dividing land among Dean family**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4933

**Unit Date** 1866

**Deed for land to John Dean by Morgan Dean**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4934

**Unit Date** 1870

**Letter to B. Graves from S. Graves re: money**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4935

**Unit Date** 1878

**Accounts of Mt. Vernon Iron Works**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4954

**Unit Date** 1878-1879

**Mixed Materials [1000898371]** OV 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Letter to B. Graves from son A. Graves re: Mill Farm Seminary**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4936

**Unit Date** 1879

**List of articles sold from J. Harnsbarger estate, Elizabeth Harnsbarger estate (photocopy)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4937

**Unit Date** 1880

**Unit Date** 1884

**Deed for land to T. Dean by John Dean**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4938

**Unit Date** 1881

**Receipt of Payment from T. Dean**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4939

**Unit Date** 1882

**Deed for land of T. Deane**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4955

**Unit Date** 1885

**Mixed Materials [1000898371]** OV 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Letter to W.R. Grains from T. K. Harnsberger re: land**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4940

**Unit Date** 1894

**Extract from letter to Gen. J. Roller from W.E. Barry, Texas Scout, re: Civil War Story**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4941

**Unit Date** 1907

**Letter to Thos. K. re: graduation (written on Randolph-Macon Monthly, Ashland, VA letterhead)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4942

**Unit Date** 1910



**Letter to C. J. Harnsberger from C. Bryant re: genealogy**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4943

**Unit Date** 1915

**A Brief Narrative, written for his grandchildren, by Lunsford L. Lewis, photocopy**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4944

**Unit Date** 1915

**Bills (3) of F.H. Blackburn at Root Gen'l. Merchandise**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4945

**Unit Date** 1916

**Harnsberger family newsletter with genealogical notes**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/4946

**Unit Date** 1963