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SC 0114

Unit ID

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1791-1873

Language

English

Creator

Miller, Mrs. John

source

Crim, Samuella

source

Miller, Mrs. John

Extent

0.27 cubic feet 1 oversize folder

Repository

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

Donated by Mrs. John Miller and Miss Samuella Crim of New Market in September 1987.

Processing Information

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Bio/Historical Information

The town of New Market, Virginia was established in 1796 after settlers first discovered the area around 1727, finding the fields to be fertile and teeming with wild animals and minerals. In 1785, Peter Palsel procured 32 half-acre lots to be made into the town, including part of his own plantation at the Cross Roads in Shenandoah County. The town was later founded by General John Sevier, a revolutionary patriot, who had served as governor of the state of Franklin, Tennessee, and a four-time member of Congress. The town was officially established in 1796 by a charter of the Virginia General Assembly. Many of the original inhabitants and settlers were German Mennonites and Lutherans, who established a printing and publishing business that founded industry in New Market. By 1835, the town had become a bustling commercial and industrial center with a population of about 700. The town of New Market was very prominent during the Civil War. Stonewall Jackson visited the town four times, and the Battle of New Market was a very significant battle of the war, in which the cadets of the Virginia Military institute successfully delayed the Union army's march to Richmond.

Scope and Content

The Mrs. John Miller Collection of New Market Documents, 1791-1873, consists of three items in one oversize folder. All of the items are photocopies. There is one 1791 plat of New Market, Virginia, an 1806 partial resurvey of Peter Palsel's 1785 plat of New Market by Jacob Rinker, and a 1873 map of New Market, platted by C.K. Urner, by order of the Board of Trustees. The plats also include descriptions of the layout of the town, as well as a brief history about Peter Palsel.

Keywords

Real property -- Virginia -- New Market -- Maps

Land use, Rural -- Virginia -- Planning

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City planning -- Virginia -- History -- 19th century
Surveyors
New Market (Va.) -- History -- 19th century
New Market (Va.) -- Genealogy
New Market (Va.) -- Maps
Plats (maps)
Maps (documents)
Photocopies
Crim, Samuella
Miller, Mrs. John

Bibliography

Warland, John Walter. *A History of Shenandoah County, Virginia*. Strasburg, Va. Shenandoah Publishing House, 1927.

Location of Originals

Original documents were retained by the donor.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in one folder.

Description of Subordinate Components

Plat

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Unit Date 1791

Mixed Materials [1000898360] OV 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Partial Resurvey

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/979

Unit Date 1806

Mixed Materials [1000898360] OV 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Map of New Market

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/980

Unit Date 1873

Mixed Materials [1000898360] OV 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)