

# A Guide to the Sam Bowman Papers, 1848-1967 SC 0147

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## Descriptive Summary

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**Abstract**

The Sam Bowman Papers, 1848-1967, consist of miscellaneous materials and seven business ledgers that document operations of the Bowman family dairy farm in Rockingham County, Virginia.

**Creator**

Bowman family

**source**

Bowman, Sam

**Extent**

0.51 cubic feet 2 boxes

**Repository**

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**Acquisition Information**

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**Processing Information**

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## Bio/Historical Note

The Bowman family is a very prominent one that has been established in the Rockingham County area since the eighteenth century. The first of the Bowmans to settle in the area was George Bowman and his wife Mary Hite, who traveled from Philadelphia with her family to start a colony in the Shenandoah Valley around 1731. George and Mary had thirteen children in total: John George, John Jacob, Emma Maria, Elizabeth, Johannes, Sarah, Regina, Rebecca, George, Abraham, Joseph, Catherine, and Isaac. They made their home on Cedar Creek and built a large stone house which was passed to their son Isaac. John, Joseph, Abraham, and Isaac went on to become prominent members of society and in the military during the Revolutionary War, in which they were high ranking officers that contributed greatly to the fight for independence.

## Scope and Content

The Sam Bowman Papers, 1848-1967, consists of one folder of miscellaneous papers and seven business ledgers that document operations of the Bowman family dairy farm in Rockingham County, Virginia. The miscellaneous folder contains tax receipts from 1859 and 1865, an 1862 receipt for military supplies of twenty bushels of corn, an 1882 Constitution of the West Rockingham Mutual Fire Insurance Company, an 1891 receipt for a claim for property taken by U.S. soldiers in the Civil War, a 1929 timber contract, 1942 Certificates of War necessity for Vehicle, and a summary of the S.R. Bowman Estate, 1936-1960. Ledger 7 is the partnership book of R.L. and S.R. Bowman, 1963-1967.

## Keywords

Farmers -- Virginia

Business records -- Sources

Dairy farming -- Virginia -- Rockingham County

Agriculture -- Virginia -- History

Selling -- Corn

Timber -- Contracts and specifications -- Virginia  
Lumber trade -- Virginia -- Rockingham County  
World War, 1914-1918 -- Economic aspects -- United States  
Military supplies -- Economic aspects -- United States  
Estates (Law) -- Virginia -- Sources  
Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- History  
Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- Social life and customs  
Rockingham County (Va.) -- History  
Rockingham County (Va.) -- Economic conditions -- 19th century  
Rockingham County (Va.) -- Economic conditions -- 20th century  
Rockingham County (Va.) -- Social life and customs  
Virginia -- History  
Virginia -- Social life and customs  
Rockingham County (Va.) -- Genealogy  
Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- Genealogy  
Virginia -- Genealogy  
Virginia -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Equipment and supplies  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Confiscations and contributions  
United States -- History -- World War, 1939-1945 -- Transportation  
Ledgers (account books)  
Bowman, Sam  
Bowman, Sam  
West Rockingham Mutual Fire Insurance Company (Title of work: Constitution.)

## Bibliography

Wayland, John W. *The Bowmans: A Pioneering Family in Virginia, Kentucky and the Northwest Territory*. Staunton, Va.: McClure Co. 1943.

## Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Miscellaneous

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1540

**Unit Date** 1859-1960

**Mixed Materials [1000885853]** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

### Ledger 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1541

**Unit Date** 1848-1857

**Mixed Materials [1000885853]** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

### Ledger 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1542

**Unit Date** 1941-1947

**Mixed Materials [1000885853]** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Ledger 3****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1543**Unit Date** 1947-1952**Mixed Materials [1000885853]** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Ledger 4****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1544**Unit Date** 1953-1957**Mixed Materials [1000885853]** 1 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Ledger 5****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1545**Unit Date** 1958-1959**Mixed Materials [1000885853]** 1 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Ledger 6****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1546**Unit Date** 1960-1967**Mixed Materials [1000885853]** 1 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Ledger 7****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1547**Unit Date** 1963-1967**Mixed Materials [1000885854]** 2 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)