

# A Guide to the Wampler Family Papers, 1798-1962 SC 0150

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## Descriptive Summary

**Unit ID**

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**Unit ID**

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**Unit Date**

1798-1962

**Language**

English

**Abstract**

The Wampler Family Papers contain family items, legal and financial documents, and agricultural information related to the Wampler family in Dayton, Virginia.

**Creator**

Wampler family

**source**

Wampler, Charles W., Jr., 1915-2017

**Extent**

0.2 cubic feet 1 box

**Repository**

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

## Administrative Information

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**Acquisition Information**

Gift of Mr. Charles W. Wampler Jr. in March 1998.

**Processing Information**

This collection was minimally reprocessed in February 2018. At this time the collection was renamed to Wampler Family Papers, a change from the Charles W. Wampler Jr. Collection, to more accurately describe the contents. In order to streamline the process of applying collection numbers, Special Collections staff completed a large-scale renumbering campaign in the spring of 2017. **This collection was previously cataloged as SC 3095.**

**Preferred Citation**

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## Bio/Historical Note

The Wampers have been one of the most influential families in Rockingham County, Virginia. John Wampler and family, members of the Brethren Church, moved from Pennsylvania to the Timberville area of the county in 1811. In 1871, John Wampler III purchased a farm in Dayton that he named Sunny Slope and built a house there. His son, Charles W., began various agricultural experiments, particularly in poultry raising, and was one of the earliest farmers to hatch eggs in incubators. He served as the first Rockingham County Extension Agent and in 1927, with two brothers, founded the Wampler Feed and Seed Company. His son Charles Jr., born at Sunny Slope in 1915, continued and furthered these business ventures and community endeavors, including serving in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1954-1966.

## Scope and Content

The Wampler Family Papers, 1798-1962, consist of five folders of letters, deeds, and agricultural information from 1798 to 1962 related to the Wampler family of Dayton, Virginia. The collection is arranged topically into five folders.

The collection is comprised of family papers which includes mostly letters on agricultural, family, and church matters and an 1871-1971 Wampler Family Reunion booklet; land surveys; and legal documents containing mostly tax receipts and deeds. Of particular interest is an 1844 patent describing an improved Wheat Farm invented by David Watkins of Port Republic, with a receipt for purchase by John Wampler of exclusive rights to use it. There is also the will of John Wampler from 1861, with 1863 codicil. Financial documents include promissory notes, receipts for miscellaneous purchases, and receipts for inheritance monies received. A stock certificate for Mt. Jackson and Howard's Lick Turnpike Co., a sale of right to use Cray's Washing Machine from 1872, letterhead receipts for sales by Wampler Feed & Seed Co., and receipts for payment of yearly toll on Warm Springs and Harrisonburg Turnpike are also included. Agricultural information is comprised of lists of books, three photos, several brochures produced by Wampler's Feed & Seed Co. describing the poultry business. The *Yearbook of Agriculture* is heavily annotated with many inserts and

notes, as well as information sheets and brochures, mostly concerning poultry.

## Separated Material

A photocopy of Wampler's *Practical Turkey Methods*, (Harrisonburg, Va: 1929) was removed from the boxed collection and placed in Special Collections' book collection for ease of use, and given the call number SF507.W36 1929. A second photocopy is also available in Carrier Library's circulating collection

## Related Material

Wampler Business Records, 1918-1972, SC 0202, Special Collections, Carrier Library, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA.

WLR Foods records, 1984-2002, SC 0112, Special Collections, Carrier Library, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va.

## Keywords

Sunny Slope (Dayton, Va. : Estate)  
Family-owned business enterprises -- Virginia  
Agricultural industries -- Equipment and supplies  
Agriculture -- Economic aspects  
Agricultural extension workers  
Farm management  
Farm supplies  
Poultry -- Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.)  
Poultry -- Virginia -- Rockingham County  
Poultry -- Breeding  
Poultry -- Hatcheries  
Poultry industry  
Poultry -- Management  
Poultry -- Processing  
Broilers (Poultry) -- Economic aspects -- Virginia  
Seed industry and trade -- History  
Seed industry and trade -- Equipment and supplies  
Dayton (Va.) -- Industries -- History  
Rockingham County (Va.) -- History  
Rockingham County (Va.) -- Surveying  
Virginia -- History, Local  
Virginia -- Genealogy  
Legal documents  
Financial Records  
Family papers  
Wampler family  
Wampler, Charles W., Jr., 1915-2017  
Wampler, Charles W., Jr., 1915-2017  
Wampler, Charles Weldon, Sr., 1885-1976  
Wampler, John, 1768-1845  
Wampler family -- Correspondence  
Wampler Feed & Seed Co. -- History  
Wampler Feed & Seed Co. -- Catalogs

## Bibliography

Wampler, Charles W. *My Grandfather, my grandchildren, and me; an autobiography*. Harrisonburg, VA. Dayton, VA: Shenandoah Press, 1968.

# Arrangement

This collection is arranged topically into five folders.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Family Papers

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/5573

**Unit Date** 1854-1971

**Mixed Materials [1000885855]** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

### Land surveys and measurements

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/5574

**Unit Date** 1838-1882

**Mixed Materials [1000885855]** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

### Legal Documents

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/5575

**Unit Date** 1798 (typed transcript of original) -1962

**Unit Date** 1962

**Mixed Materials [1000885855]** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

### Financial Documents

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/5576

**Unit Date** 1858-1930, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000885855]** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

### Agricultural Information

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/5577

**Unit Date** 1895-1959, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000885855]** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

### Annotated Yearbook of Agriculture

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/5578

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000885855]** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)