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## Revision Description

<b>2017</b>	Collection renumbered.
<b>2022-12-01</b>	Oversize series was intellectually removed and items were arranged into other existing series.

## Descriptive Summary

**Unit ID**

SC 0099

**Unit ID**

/repositories/4/resources/398

**Unit Date**

1783-1916

**Language**

English

**Abstract**

The Henkel Family Papers consists of two Hollinger boxes and one oversize box, and spans a period from 1783 to 1916. The bulk of the collection consists of letters, religious documents, and newspapers and advertisements published by the Henkel Press of New Market, Virginia. Also included are some Henkel family history materials and business documents, and miscellaneous secular materials.

**Creator**

Henkel family

**source**

Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society

**Extent**

2.44 cubic feet 3 boxes

**Repository**

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

## Administrative Information

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**Acquisition Information**

Placed on deposit at Carrier Library through the November 1985 contract with the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society.

**Processing Information**

A schoolbook on mathematics was withdrawn by the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society on May 16, 2000. 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 2065.**

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## Bio/Historical Note

The Henkel Press began as a crude printing press in the living room of Paul Henkel's house in New Market, Virginia, in 1806. Eventually, it published more Lutheran material than any other press in the country, and earned fame for its excellent children's books. Although the press began printing in German for the large Shenandoah Valley German community, it also published in English at an early date.

## Scope and Content

The Henkel Collection consists of two Hollinger boxes and one flat box, and spans a period from 1783 to 1916. The bulk of the collection consists of letters, religious documents, and newspapers and advertisements published by the Henkel Press. Also included are some Henkel family history materials and business documents, and miscellaneous secular materials.

Many of the older letters in the Letters Series are in German while later ones are primarily in English. They demonstrate the dedication of the Henkel family to their faith as well as their activities within the Synod.

Also in the collection (Secular Documents Series) are several handwritten school books, some with fraktur.

The Henkel Press Publications Series (including the Oversize Series) contains a large part of the collection, and includes handwritten drafts for advertisements to be printed, pamphlets, issues of *Virginische Volksberichterand Westliche Correspondenz*, and a formula for the ink used in printing.

## Keywords

Virginia -- History  
Clergy -- Virginia  
Printers -- Virginia  
Printers -- Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.)  
Printing -- Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- History  
German imprints -- Virginia -- New Market  
Religious literature -- Publication and distribution -- Virginia  
Religious literature, German -- Publication and distribution -- Virginia  
Lutheran Church -- Virginia  
New Market (Va.) -- History  
New Market (Va.) -- Genealogy  
New Market (Va.) -- Imprints  
Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- Social life and customs  
Rockingham County (Va.) -- History  
Virginia -- History, Local  
Virginia -- Church history -- 19th century  
Family papers  
Genealogies (histories)  
Advertisements  
Newspapers  
Publications (documents)  
Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society  
Henkel, Ambrose, 1786-1870 -- Correspondence  
Henkel, Paul, 1754-1825 -- Correspondence  
Henkel, Socrates, Rev., 1823-1901 -- Correspondence  
Salyards, Joseph, 1808-1885 -- Correspondence  
Henkel family -- Correspondence

## Alternate Formats

Excerpts of this collection have been digitized and are made available upon request.

- Poem about slavery, written by a slave - Unknown Author, undated (English)
- Report of the Transactions of the Second Evangelical Lutheran Conference held in Zion's Church, Sullivan County Tennessee, October 22, 1821 (English)
- Henkel manuscript: Woodstock Virginia, January 26, 1829 (English)
- Henkel Press Song Book, undated (German)
- Minutes of the Proceedings of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the State of Virginia, 1833 (English)
- Short Excerpt of the Transactions of the Synod of the Lutheran Ministry, held in the state of North Carolina in the year of our Lord, 1817 (German)

## Bibliography

Edmonds, Albert Sydney. "The Henkels, Early Printers in New Market, Virginia," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 2nd series, v. 18, 1938. Scheer, George F. "First Printing Press in the Valley of Virginia," *Publishers' Weekly*. Vol. 150, November 23, 1946. Finck, Rev. William J. *A Chronological Life of Paul Henkel*. New Market, 1937. Photocopy of original typescript made by Richard R. Renalds, Timberville, VA., 1986.

## Arrangement

Partial organization by a previous researcher was maintained. The collection is arranged in five series:

- Correspondence, 1806-1892
- Religious Documents, 1783-1897
- Secular Documents, 1790-1910
- Family History
- Henkel Press Publications, 1806-1891

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Correspondence

**Unit ID** 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2568

**Unit Date** 1806-1892

#### Correspondence

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2569

**Unit Date** 1804-1820

**Mixed Materials [1000886554]** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### Scope and Content

Mostly to Paul, Ambrose, and Socrates Henkel in German. Includes 1816 German diary with reference to Pt. Pleasant.

#### Correspondence

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2570

**Unit Date** 1821-1892

**Mixed Materials [1000886554]** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### Scope and Content

German & English. Numerous letters from North Carolina

#### Correspondence

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2571

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886554]** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

#### Correspondence - Salyards

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2572

**Unit Date** 1846-1891, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886554]** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

#### Scope and Content

Notes by J. Salyards; 1846 brochure on The New-Market Academy; unsigned poem; 2 copies 1875 Henkel pub. of review of "Idothea;" several items relating to Salyards Memorial Association

#### Westliche Correspondenz

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2603

**Unit Date** 1806-1822

**Mixed Materials [1000898366]** OV 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

#### Scope and Content

April 12, 1806 (partial copy); February 6, 1808; September 19, 1812; June 28, August 2, 1822

## Religious Documents

**Unit ID** 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2573

**Unit Date** 1783-1897

### Service literature

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2574

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886554]** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

### Scope and Content

Prayers, organization of service, responsive readings

### Sermons

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2575

**Unit Date** 1841-1897

**Mixed Materials [1000886554]** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

### Scope and Content

Most are titled and dated. Several in German. Includes Henkel list of subscribers for preaching, 1841-1852.

### Music

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2576

**Unit Date** 1829, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886554]** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

### Scope and Content

Fragments of religious songbooks, some with notations

### Scope and Contents

Includes Henkel Press Song Book, undated (German).

### Music

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2598

**Unit Date** 1868, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000898366]** OV 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

### Scope and Content

Words to songs; includes ballad about St. Clair's defeat by Indians. Some probably not printed by Henkel Press

### Religious issues

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2577

**Unit Date** 1783-1889

**Mixed Materials [1000886554]** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

### Scope and Content

Writings from Bible; writings on religious ideas; treatise to Solomon from David Henkle, Lincolnton, NC, 1826

### **Religious issues**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2578

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886554]** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

### **Marriage licenses**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2579

**Unit Date** 1825-1856

**Mixed Materials [1000886554]** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

Rockingham County licenses, some with notes that Ambrose or other Henkels performed ceremony

### **Miscellaneous church papers**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2580

**Unit Date** 1813-1892, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886554]** 1 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

Includes book of misc. accounts with members of Whitehaven congregation, 1813; mss. on worship services by 4 Valley Lutheran churches, called by Rev. Nischmucker in Woodstock Jan. 1828; minutes of church meeting, 1855; printed proceedings of extra session, Luth. Tennessee Synod, 1864

### **Secular Documents**

**Unit ID** 3

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2581

**Unit Date** 1790-1910

### **Prose and poetry**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2582

**Unit Date** 1864, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886554]** 1 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

### **Speeches**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2583

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000886554]** 1 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

Four texts, one addressed to "Fellow Citizens of Shenandoah." Subjects are political & social concerns, include intemperance

### **Business documents**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2584

**Unit Date** 1790-1910

**Mixed Materials [1000886555]** 2 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

Promises to pay, subscription orders, receipts, post office oath, a ledger book

**Grocery list****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2606**Unit Date** 1843**Mixed Materials [1000898366]** OV 1 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Spelling book identified as "Solon P.C. Henkel 1832,"****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2585**Unit Date** 1832**Mixed Materials [1000886555]** 2 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Schoolbook - surveying****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2586**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials [1000886555]** 2 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Schoolbook - navigation****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2587**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials [1000886555]** 2 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Schoolbook - word problems, with fraktur, Tobias McGaughey****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2588**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials [1000886555]** 2 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Miscellaneous****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2605**Unit Date** 1904-1916, undated**Mixed Materials [1000898366]** OV 1 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Family History****Unit ID** 4**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2589**Family history****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2590**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials [1000886555]** 2 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Henkel Press publications****Unit ID** 5**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2591**Unit Date** 1806-1891

### **Henkel Press - Miscellaneous printing drafts**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2592

**Unit Date** 1811-1817

**Mixed Materials [1000886555]** 2 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

Handwritten horse advertisements, announcements of tannery shops; German and English

### **Henkel Press - Publications, Pamphlets**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2593

**Unit Date** 1806-1891

**Mixed Materials [1000886555]** 2 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

St. Martin Luther's kleiner Katechismus. . . 1829 (58 cop.). Verhandlungen, Bericht der Verrichtungen, Auszug, or Report. . . evangelical Luthern Conference (North Carolina). . . 1812; 1814; 1816; 1817 (2 cop.). Verrichtung der Special-Conferenze der Evang. Luth. . . in Virginia. . . 1806; 1807; 1808; 1809; 1815; 1831. Kurze Nachricht, Report, Bericht, or Minutes. . . Evang. Luth. Tennessee Synod. . . 1820, 1821, 1828, 1830, 1833, 1891

### **Rolled list of subscribers**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2595

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000898366]** OV 1 (box)

### **Wool carding advertisements**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2596

**Unit Date** 1809-1816

**Mixed Materials [1000898366]** OV 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

Handwritten drafts and printed advertisements

### **Miscellaneous announcements**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2597

**Unit Date** 1809-1858, 1879, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000898366]** OV 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

Includes sales and school notices, incl. one for S. Henkel's New Market Female Seminary; broadside advertising a "living quanacos;" price-setting resolution of Shenandoah Cty. carpenters, 1816; church raffle tickets

### **Miscellaneous publications**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2604

**Unit Date** 1782-1824, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000898366]** OV 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

#### **Scope and Content**

Contains Rooster and Lion Henkel sheets, as well the following non-Henkel publications: 16 July 1782 issue of Philadelphische Correspondenz; unidentified sheet from 16 July 1808 German newspaper; 17 Jan. 1815 issue of Der Volksfreund (Lancaster PA); an 1824 election broadside in German; & 1889 pamphlet Die Vekehrung (Allentown, PA)

**Virginische Volksberichter und Neumarketer Wochenschrift**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2599

**Unit Date** 1807-1808

**Mixed Materials [1000898366]** OV 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Scope and Content**

December 23, 30, 1807; January 6, 20, 27; February 3, 17; March 2, 9, 16, 30, 1808

**Virginische Volksberichter und Neumarketer Wochenschrift**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2600

**Unit Date** 1808

**Mixed Materials [1000898366]** OV 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Scope and Content**

April 6, 13, 27 (partial copy); May 4, 11, 18, 25; June 8, 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13, 20, 27; August 10 (partial copy), 17, 31, 1808

**Virginische Volksberichter und Neumarketer Wochenschrift**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2601

**Unit Date** 1808

**Mixed Materials [1000898366]** OV 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Scope and Content**

September 7; October 5 (1 1/2 copies), 12 (1 1/2 copies), 19 (partial copy), 26; November 2, 16 (2 copies), 23, 30; December 7, 14, 1808

**Virginische Volksberichter und Neumarketer Wochenschrift**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/2602

**Unit Date** 1809

**Mixed Materials [1000898366]** OV 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Scope and Content**

January 4, 11, 18 (partial); February 1, 8 (partial), 15, 22 (2 copies); March 1, 15, 22; April 12, 19, 26; May 10, 24, 31; June 14, 1809