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Abstract

The Eldon Bowman Collection of Bowman Family Papers, 1797-2019, comprises genealogical materials (photocopied and original), correspondence, and family papers related to the Bowman family of Rockingham County, Virginia specifically the Eli Martin Bowman (1861-1950) and Amanda Hollar Bowman (1865-1936) line.

Creator

Bowman family

source

Bowman, Eldon L.

Extent

2.8 cubic feet 6 boxes, 2 audiocassettes

Extent

118 Megabytes 46 digital files

Repository

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research with the exception of Bowman correspondence from 1997-2019, which is restricted until July 15, 2035 per the amended donor agreement.

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Use Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by Eldon Bowman in four separate accruals between 2019 and 2024.

Processing Information

The bulk of the materials were provided by the donor in labeled envelopes and binders. The donor's descriptions and folder titles were largely retained, and in cases where descriptions were substantive, a scope and content note is included at the folder level. The binders and envelopes were discarded.

Audiocassettes listed in the container list have not been reformatted but can be made available upon request.

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Biographical/Historical Note

Given the genealogical focus of this collection, this biographical note is not intended to serve as an exhaustive description of the Bowman family tree, which would largely duplicate the information found within the collection materials. Researchers are encouraged to review Series 2: Genealogy Files for more detailed genealogical information on the Bowman, Hollar, Lahman, and Wenger families. Published genealogies on these families are also available for additional context.

The Eldon Bowman Collection of Bowman Family Papers primarily documents the Eli Martin Bowman (1861-1950) and Amanda Hollar Bowman (1865-1936) line of the Bowmans of Rockingham County, Virginia. Eli Bowman was the great-great-grandson of George and Barbara Bowman who immigrated to Pennsylvania from Germany in the late 1740s. The Bowmans moved to Rockingham County in the early 1770s and erected the "Bowman House" which is now part of the Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton. The descendants of Eli

and Amanda Bowman documented in this collection include their son Luther Alexander Bowman (1884-1952) and his wife Otilia May Lahman (1891-1966), Luther and Otilia's son Millard Lahman Bowman (1914-1997) and his wife Oma Frances Wenger (1913-2002), and their nine children including Eldon Bowman (b. 1942) and Bernie Bowman (b. 1947). Many of the Bowmans were members of the Mennonite Church and were farmers by trade. Millard Bowman owned and operated a dairy and turkey farm with his family just outside of Harrisonburg. Eldon and Bernie Bowman as well as their siblings Jim, Daniel, and Miriam Haarer are all published authors. Their books include memoirs, genealogies, and family histories.

Scope and Content

The Eldon Bowman Collection of Bowman Family Papers, 1797-2019, comprises genealogical materials (photocopied and original), correspondence, family papers, and financial and legal documents related to the Bowman family of Rockingham County, Virginia specifically the Eli Martin Bowman (1861-1950) and Amanda Hollar Bowman (1865-1936) line.

Since the collection contains original and photocopied documents, dates were applied to documents according to the date the original document was created and not when it was reproduced. Researchers should note that while genealogical materials are primarily arranged in Series 2: Genealogical Files, materials found within Series 1: Family Papers and Correspondence may also relate to Bowman and related family genealogies.

Separated Materials

Published monographs related to the Bowman family and/or local history were removed from the collection and cataloged individually as part of Special Collections rare book holdings.

Keywords

Letters (correspondence)
Genealogies (histories)
Family papers
Photographs
Estate records
Photocopies
Receipts (financial records)
Ledgers (account books)
Legal documents
Indentures
Deeds
Checks (bank checks)
Financial Records
Electronic mail
Funeral registers
Rockingham County (Va.) -- Genealogy
Rockingham County (Va.) -- History
Bowman, Eldon L.
Bowman family
Hollar family
Wenger family
Lahman family

Appraisal

Printed materials and monographs already held by Special Collections or deemed out of the collecting scope of Special Collections, yearbooks, and genealogy website printouts were not retained and were returned to the donor.

Provenance

Much of the family papers and genealogical research that form this collection were compiled and stewarded by Eldon Bowman's father Millard, and then by Eldon after Millard's death in 1997. Bernie Bowman, Eldon's brother, is also a contributor to the collection. A selection of his writings - published and unpublished - are included.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into four series and further arranged chronologically. Exceptions to this arrangement were made in order to group like materials together specifically Hollar family genealogy research files.

- Family Papers and Correspondence, 1849-2019
- Genealogy Files, 1797-2018
- 2024-0604 Accession, circa 1850-1985
- 2024-0725 Accession, circa 1875-1990

Description of Subordinate Components

Family papers and correspondence

Unit ID 1

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26001

Unit Date 1849-2019

Scope and Contents

Series 1: Family Papers and Correspondence, 1849-2019, comprises ledgers; legal and financial documents related to the personal business doings of Eli Bowman and settling numerous Bowman family estates; and correspondence and email exchanges between Eldon Bowman and his classmates from Turner Ashby High School discussing religion and their respective spiritual journeys, politics, and philosophy. Writings by Bernie Bowman include published articles and papers he presented at meetings of "The Thinkers," a discussion group in Tennessee of which Bernie was a member.

Bowman family ledger

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26123

Unit Date 1849-1887

Mixed Materials [1000885707] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Bowman family writing and arithmetic book

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26122

Unit Date 1870-1873

Mixed Materials [1000885707] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Content

Includes names Eli M. Bowman, Isaac H. Bowman, and [Edmund T.] Bowman.

Eli Bowman records as administrator of Catharine Bowman's estate

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26104

Unit Date 1882-1884

Mixed Materials [1000885707] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Content

Eli Bowman records on settling his mother, Catharine Bowman's (1819-1882) estate

Bowman family ledger

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26124

Unit Date 1883-1913

Mixed Materials [1000885707] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Eli M. Bowman tax and fire insurance receipts

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26114

Unit Date 1888-1950

Mixed Materials [1000885707] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Jacob Wenger farm ledger and loose papers

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25995

Unit Date 1890

Unit Date 1930-1948

Mixed Materials [1000885707] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Content

Jacob Wenger was the uncle of Oma Wenger Bowman.

Eli Bowman poems (copies)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26109

Unit Date 1892

Mixed Materials [1000885707] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Content

Copy of original Great Granddaddy Elias Poems - Aunt Lois gave them to me some years ago - & I had them laminated for protection.

Eli M. Bowman bank account books

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26125

Unit Date 1907-1948

Mixed Materials [1000885707] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Eli M. Bowman cancelled checks

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26113

Unit Date 1908-1930

Mixed Materials [1000885707] 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Eli M. Bowman receipts

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26117

Unit Date 1936-1950

Mixed Materials [1000885707] 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Scope and Content

Includes receipts for electrical work completed by Roy S. Bowman at Eli Bowman's house as well as hospital and funeral bills after the death of Amanda Bowman in 1936.

Ottie Bowman to Paul Bowman correspondence (photocopies)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25999

Unit Date 1944-1946

Mixed Materials [1000885707] 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Scope and Content

Copies of letters written by Ottie Bowman to her son Paul Bowman when he was in alternate service during World War II.

Ottie Bowman's estate settlement records

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25996

Unit Date 1966-1967

Mixed Materials [1000885708] 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Content

Records of settlement of Ottie Bowman's estate. Millard Bowman acted as administrator.

Published articles by Bernie Bowman

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25987

Unit Date 1972-2016

Mixed Materials [1000885708] 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Letters found in Bowman House

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26111

Unit Date 1973

Unit Date 1991

Mixed Materials [1000885708] 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Content

Most addressed to William Bowman, father of Houston Bowman, the last resident at the original Bowman House.

The Grandfathers Quartet

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26129

Unit Date 1976-1983

Mixed Materials [1000885708] 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Quartet lineup

Millard Bowman - Tenor, Harold Lahman - Lead, Amos Rhodes - Baritone, James McDorman - Bass

Songs by The Grandfathers Quartet

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26130

Audio SC0328-CS-001 (Audiocassette)

Extent 1 sound cassettes

Conditions Governing Access

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Scope and Content

The Grandpa's Quartet "All Will Be Well"

Side A

- What Did He Do?
- Just a Little Talk
- Surely Goodness and Mercy
- A Beautiful Life
- If I Be Lifted Up
- Nearer My Home

Side B

- Many Mansions
- In Times Like These
- All Will Be Well
- Hold to My Hand
- Sunset Hour
- Beyond the Sunset

Promissory notes for money lent by Millard Bowman

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26005

Unit Date 1981-1998

Mixed Materials [1000885708] 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Auction of farm and equipment

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26003

Unit Date 1996

Mixed Materials [1000885708] 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Financial records for sale of farm and home

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26004

Unit Date 1996-2001

Mixed Materials [1000885708] 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Content

Millard Bowman computations showing sale of farm and home in 1996. Also for 1996 estimated taxes and other tax returns.

Bowman correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26131

Unit Date 1997-2019

Extent 118 Megabytes46 digital files

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Bernie Bowman Thinkers Meeting papers

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26090

Unit Date 2003-2019

Creator Bowman, Bernard D.

Gilgamesh—A Man for Our Time!

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26091

Unit Date 2003 November 4

Mixed Materials [1000885708] 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Strings and Other Things—So What?

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26092

Unit Date 2005 February 1

Mixed Materials [1000885708] 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

The Gasoline-Powered Farm Tractor: Genesis for Change

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26093

Unit Date 2006 September 5

Mixed Materials [1000885708] 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Is Failure More Human Than Success? Or A Story of Successful Failure? Amish and Mennonites in Knox County

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26094

Unit Date 2007 November 6

Mixed Materials [1000885708] 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

The Economics of Sustainable Food Production

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26095

Unit Date 2009 May 5

Mixed Materials [1000885708] 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Thoughts on Poverty: An Adaptive Response

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26096

Unit Date 2010 November 2

Mixed Materials [1000885708] 2 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

The Arab Slave Trade: African and Other

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26097

Unit Date 2012 February 7

Mixed Materials [1000885708] 2 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

The Alimentary Canal: An Eclectic Inside Perspective

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26098

Unit Date 2013 May 7

Mixed Materials [1000885708] 2 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Maryville's Wild Kingdom: A Sense of Place!

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26099

Unit Date 2014 November 4

Mixed Materials [1000885708] 2 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Income Inequality: A Dark Cloud that Could Become A Nasty Storm

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26100

Unit Date 2016 February 2

Mixed Materials [1000885708] 2 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

An Invitation to Further Discussion: "Good Without God"

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26101

Unit Date 2017 April 4

Mixed Materials [1000885708] 2 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Raptor Revival: Urban Success Stories

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26102

Unit Date 2018 September 4

Mixed Materials [1000885708] 2 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Two Sides of the Same Coin: Living Well and Contemplating an Exit

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26103

Unit Date 2019 December 3

Mixed Materials [1000885708] 2 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Correspondence between Eldon Bowman, Betsy Hatch Rosenberg, and Paul Phibbs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26112

Unit Date 2005-2006

Mixed Materials [1000885708] 2 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Scope and Content

At a class reunion, three high school classmates found common ground in philosophy, religion, and politics. These emails are the result.

Genealogy files

Unit ID 2

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26002

Unit Date 1797-2018

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Scope and Content

Series 2: Genealogy Files, 1797-2018, contains obituaries, funeral registers, funeral cards, typed and handwritten biographies, genealogies, and research notes on the Bowman family and the related Hollar, Lahman, and Wenger families. Much of the materials were compiled and written by Millard Bowman. Reference materials used in the writing of family histories by Eldon and Bernie Bowman are included.

Millard Bowman's work on Hollar history (photocopies)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26116

Unit Date 1797-1913

Unit Date 1986-1987

Mixed Materials [1000885709] 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Content

Photocopied maps, deeds, indentures, and notes.

Millard Bowman's research on Hollar family history in Shenandoah County

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26106

Unit Date 1960s

Mixed Materials [1000885709] 3 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Millard Bowman's notes doing Hollar history

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26115

Unit Date before 1997

Mixed Materials [1000885709] 3 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Hollar Cemetery

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26107

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials [1000885709] 3 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Content

Eli Bowman's wife was Amanda Hollar, the 22nd child of David Hollar. This cemetery is the burial site of a number of the Hollar relatives.

Old wills (photocopies) of Wenger Family

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26007

Unit Date 1865-2014

Mixed Materials [1000885709] 3 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Content

Old wills of Wenger family: Joseph, Peter, Dan, Ella Rhodes, Laura Suter Wenger, Peter's widow, sale of Millard Bowman Farm in 1996.

Notes and pictures on Eli Bowman family

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25982

Unit Date circa 1882-2007

Mixed Materials [1000885709] 3 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Photocopied deeds relative to research on Oma Wenger Bowman book

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25998

Unit Date 1902

Unit Date 1914

Mixed Materials [1000885709] 3 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Obituaries and funeral cards

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26127

Unit Date 1904-2002

Mixed Materials [1000885709] 3 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Oma Frances Wenger Bowman funeral service

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26128

Unit Date 2002 March 14

Audio SC0328-CS-002 (Audiocassette)

Extent 1 sound cassettes

Access Restrictions

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Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26118

Unit Date circa 1909

Mixed Materials [1000885709] 3 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Scope and Content

1910 calendar with photo of Luther A. Bowman (1884-1952) and his horse, Squench. Photo of Luther A. Bowman in his buggy.

Miscellaneous Bowman family genealogy and papers

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25991

Unit Date 1915-before 1997

Mixed Materials [1000885709] 3 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Bowman coat of arms

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26000

Unit Date 1948, undated

Mixed Materials [1000885709] 3 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Descendants of Martin A. Lahman

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25985

Unit Date 1951

Mixed Materials [1000885709] 3 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Luther A. Bowman funeral register

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26119

Unit Date May 1952

Mixed Materials [1000885709] 3 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Church records

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25990

Unit Date 1952-2018

Mixed Materials [1000885709] 3 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Ottie Bowman funeral register

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26120

Unit Date July 1966

Mixed Materials [1000885709] 3 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Millard Bowman's research on other Bowman lines

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26105

Unit Date 1967-1988

Mixed Materials [1000885710] 4 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Genealogy of Noah Bowman

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25984

Unit Date after 1972

Mixed Materials [1000885710] 4 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Content

Includes copy of letter from William D. Bowman dated January 13, 1856.

Daily News-Record article on history of Rockingham County and local towns

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25993

Unit Date 1988 April 28

Mixed Materials [1000885710] 4 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Sam Spitzer's place

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25986

Unit Date 1989

Mixed Materials [1000885710] 4 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Content

In the mid 1960s, Millard Bowman bought the home place of Sam and Hattie Spitzer. Hattie's mother was Sallie Hollar Berry, a sister to our great grandmother Amanda Hollar Bowman. Esther and Steve Showalter bought the place and extensively remodeled the house. There once was a mill there, fed by a strong spring. Millard Bowman tore out the old wooden race and replaced it with pipe. He continued to allow free water to the neighbors.

Brocks Creek

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26108

Unit Date August 1994

Mixed Materials [1000885710] 4 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Content

This is the community where the Eli Bowman and David Hollar families lived. Relatives noted.

Millard Bowman's memories

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25994

Unit Date before 1997

Mixed Materials [1000885710] 4 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Content

Millard Bowman's incomplete memories. Written by request of his daughter, Miriam Haarer.

Millard Bowman biography, obituary, and funeral

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26126

Unit Date 1997

Mixed Materials [1000885710] 4 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Notes on Bowman Mill near Greenmount

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25988

Unit Date after 1997

Mixed Materials [1000885710] 4 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Content

Not the same line of Bowmans, but Luther Bowman lived on one of the family's farms from 1905-1910.

Linville Creek/Bowman Mill

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26110

Unit Date 1997-2006

Mixed Materials [1000885710] 4 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Scope and Content

These mills were big in the lives of Eli Bowman and his son, Luther Bowman - our great grandfather and grandfather.

The Bowman Mill at Greenmount (page 7) was founded by a Bowman family not related to our line. It passed through several generations and was owned in the early 1900s by a descendant - M.H. (Homer) Myers. Samuel Bowman owned a large farm north of Greenmount in addition to the Lincoln Homestead. Luther lived and worked on the first firm (near Greenmount) when he left home at age 21.

Bowman House

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25997

Unit Date 1998-2002

Mixed Materials [1000885710] 4 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Bowman family genealogy

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26121

Unit Date 1998-circa 2002

Mixed Materials [1000885710] 4 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Bowman Family Remembrance Book

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26006

Unit Date 2004

Mixed Materials [1000885710] 4 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Notes on Solomon Bowman

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25983

Unit Date 2010

Mixed Materials [1000885710] 4 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Scope and Content

Solomon Bowman moved to Indiana in the 1880s.

Luther and Oattie Bowman notes and sources

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25992

Unit Date circa 2018

Mixed Materials [1000885710] 4 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Notes on preparing book on Luther and Oattie Bowman

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25989

Unit Date circa 2018

Mixed Materials [1000885710] 4 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Scope and Content

Oscar Wenger, oldest child of Jacob and Jenny Wenger, married Bessie Heatwole. She kept a daily diary for many years. This notebook contains many of her entries referencing Mr. Bowman. Our granddad Luther worked with/for Oscar from 1905-1910. We thought these references were about him. Later realized they referred to Sam Bowman (not related) who owned the farm where Oscar & Luther lived. Bessie's diaries are in EMU's Historical Library.

2024-0604 accession

Unit ID 3

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/30549

Unit Date circa 1850-1985

Scope and Contents

Series is an addition to the collection and comprises photographs, family papers, and local history materials. The Wenger line of the family is documented in this series.

Miscellaneous photographs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/30559

Unit Date circa 1850-1985

Mixed Materials [1000897456] 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Bowman family photographs including the George Bowman house and New Erection School. Photographs were identified and labeled by donor.

Morning View School class photograph

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/30556

Unit Date circa 1900

Mixed Materials [1000897456] 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

School was located north of Singers Glen, Virginia and near home of Eli Bowman and Amanda Hollar Bowman. Two of their children, Ruth and Bertha, are pictured. Approximately half of the students are identified.

The envelope that accompanied the photograph identified the school as Morning View School. A sheet

listing students names identifies the school as Mt. Valley School.

Students of Pleasant Hill School photograph

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/30558

Unit Date circa 1900

Mixed Materials [1000897456] 5 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Callie Rebecca Bowman photograph

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/30554

Unit Date circa 1920

Mixed Materials [1000897456] 5 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Callie Rebecca Bowman (1888-1985) was the daughter of Eli Bowman and Amanda Hollar Bowman.

WWII ration books for George Vernon Bowman and family

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/30552

Unit Date 1942-1945

Mixed Materials [1000897456] 5 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Settlement of estate of Daniel P. Wenger and distribution to heirs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/30550

Unit Date 1948-1952

Mixed Materials [1000897456] 5 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Laura Wenger financial documents

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/30551

Unit Date 1948-1959

Mixed Materials [1000897456] 5 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Rockingham Mutual Telephone and Telegraph Company stock certificate

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/30555

Unit Date 1949 October 17

Mixed Materials [1000897456] 5 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Issued to Millard Bowman and transferred to Laura Wenger, Bowman's mother-in-law.

George Bowman house research

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/30553

Unit Date 1979

Mixed Materials [1000897456] 5 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Research compiled by Jim Duncan. Concerns the George Bowman house built circa 1772 in northern Rockingham County (west of Timberville) and relocated to the Frontier Culture Museum in the early 2000s.

Eli Bowman family reunion photographs**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/30557**Unit Date** 1985**Mixed Materials [1000897456]** 5 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**2024-0725 accession****Unit ID** 4**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/30624**Unit Date** circa 1875-1990**Scope and Contents**

Series is an addition to the collection and comprises photograph albums and one loose photograph documenting the extended Bowman family. Photographs document the Bowman family house (now located at the Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton), Wenger home (Mt. Clinton Pike), family reunions, and students at Dale Enterprise School. Individual and group photos of family members are included. Detailed descriptions were provided by the donor (or other family members) and are included with the albums. A detailed description of the history and architecture of the Wenger house accompanies the photograph.

Otilla May Lahman Bowman photograph album**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/30625**Unit Date** circa 1875-1990**Mixed Materials [1000897980]** 6 (box)**Photograph album****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/30626**Unit Date** circa 1875-1978**Mixed Materials [1000897980]** 6 (box)**Wenger house photograph****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/30627**Unit Date** circa 1907**Mixed Materials [1000897980]** 6 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)