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1880-2007

Unit Date

1990s

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English

Abstract

The collection comprises original photographs, postcards, enlargements, and reproduction photographs documenting the eastern and southeastern sections of Rockingham County including Cross Keys, McGaheysville, Penn Laird, Port Republic, Pineville, and Elkton.

Creator

Smith, Charles T., 1932-2024 (Charles Thomas)

source

Green Valley Auctions, Inc.

Extent

1.26 cubic feet 3 boxes

Repository

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

Purchased in numerous lots from Green Valley Auctions, March 25, 2026.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Charles T. Smith (1932-2024) was a lifelong resident of Rockingham County. Per his obituary, Smith was committed to historic preservation specifically his family farm which was part of the historic Cross Keys Battlefield. He was also an avid coin and train memorabilia collector. Smith compiled photographs of the local Harrisonburg and eastern Rockingham County areas. This included collecting historic images as well as taking his own photographs.

Scope and Contents

The collection comprises original and reproduction photographs, vernacular photograph albums, postcards, and photo enlargements documenting the eastern and southeastern sections of Rockingham County including Cross Keys, McGaheysville, Port Republic, Penn Laird, Pineville, and Elkton. Other areas documented include Harrisonburg, Shenandoah, and Charlottesville. The bulk of the photographs are undated but span the greater part of the 20th century. Photograph files may include original photographs or postcards, reproductions, enlargements, and negatives.

The photographs, postcards, and images feature historic schools and churches; businesses; trains, railroads, and depots; landmarks; and street views. One folder contains reproductions of news articles from the local newspapers, specifically the column Fading Images written by Casey Billhimer for The Valley Banner.

Of particular interest are photograph albums that document the 1985 flood in Rockingham County (October 31-November 5) as well as flooding from Hurricane Fran in September 1996. A third album includes photographs dating to the mid-1990s of wind or storm damage at Charles Smith's farm in Cross Keys and surrounding area. It is presumed that these photographs also document the damage from Hurricane Fran in September 1996.

Keywords

Photographs
Photograph albums
Postcards
Floods -- Virginia
Penn Laird (Va.) -- History
Port Republic (Va.) -- History
Elkton (Va.) -- History
Harrisonburg (Va.) -- History
Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- History
Shenandoah (Va.) -- History
Rockingham County (Va.) -- History
Cross Keys (Rockingham County, Va.) -- History
Hurricane Fran, 1996
Charlottesville (Va.) -- History
Pineville (Va.)
Green Valley Auctions, Inc.

Provenance

From the estate of Charles T. Smith (1932-2024) of Cross Keys, Virginia.

Description of Subordinate Components

Flood of 1985 photograph album

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32686

Unit Date 1985

Mixed Materials [1000925015] OV 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Includes newspaper clippings and photographs documenting the flood of 1985.

Hurricane Fran photograph album [Elkton and Shenandoah]

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32687

Unit Date September 1996

Mixed Materials [1000925015] OV 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Documents the flooding and resulting damage to the Elkton and Shenandoah areas from Hurricane Fran in 1996.

Keywords

Hurricane Fran, 1996

Hurricane Fran (?) photograph album [Cross Keys]

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32688

Unit Date September 1996

Mixed Materials [1000925015] OV 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

The content of this photograph album is presumed to document wind damage from Hurricane Fran in Cross Keys, Virginia. Photographs include broken tree limbs, collapsed outbuildings and barns, exterior damage to houses, and uprooted trees.

Keywords

Hurricane Fran, 1996

Ole Virginia Ham Cafe, 85 W. Market St., Harrisonburg

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32689

Unit Date 1960s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Creator Litten, Allen, 1935-2023

Rockingham County Jail, Graham St., Harrisonburg

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32690

Unit Date 1990s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Daily News-Record Building, S. Liberty St., Harrisonburg

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32691

Unit Date 1990s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

R. S. Monger & Sons, Inc. Building Supply, C. W. Drive (Chesapeake Ave), Harrisonburg

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32692

Unit Date 1990s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Joseph Ney's Clothing Store, One Court Square, Harrisonburg

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32693

Unit Date 1998

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Hartman Truck Line, Chicago Ave., Harrisonburg

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32694

Unit Date 1954

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Kyger Funeral Home & Crematory, S. Main St., Harrisonburg

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32695

Unit Date circa 2006

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Future home of Rockingham Memorial Hospital, Rockingham County

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32696

Unit Date circa 2006

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Lloyd's Steak House, 2455 S. Main St., Harrisonburg

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32697

Unit Date 1990s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

J. O. Stickley & Son, Harrisonburg

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32699

Unit Date 1937

Unit Date 1972

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Gitchell's Studio automobile, Charlottesville

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32698

Unit Date circa 1917

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Pineville Service Station

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32700

Unit Date 1950s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Village Store, 1985 Flood

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32701

Unit Date 1985

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Penn Laird Post Office

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32702

Unit Date 1990s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Sentara East Rockingham Health Center, Elkton

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32703

Unit Date 1990s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Rocco Feed Mill, N. Main St. and Kratzer Rd., Harrisonburg

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32704

Unit Date 1998

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Pilgrim's Pride Feed Mill, Mt. Clinton Pike, Harrisonburg

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32705

Unit Date 1990s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Rockingham Cooperative Farm Bureau

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32706

Unit Date 1950s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Wetsel Seed Co., Inc., Harrisonburg

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32707

Unit Date 1990s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Unidentified grain bins, Rockingham County

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32708

Unit Date 1970s

Unit Date 1990s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Future Farmers of America historical marker, Weyers Cave

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32709

Unit Date 1990s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Turkey statues, Rockingham County

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32710

Unit Date 1994

Unit Date 1996

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Turner Ashby Monument, Harrisonburg

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32711

Unit Date 1990s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

1986 Ford 4x4 truck, Rockingham County

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32712

Unit Date circa 1995

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Overtured tractor, corner of VA-247 (Cross Keys Rd.) and VA-253 (Port Republic Rd.)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32713

Unit Date 1990s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 25 (folder)

Sunset, backyard of Smith farm, Cross Keys

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32714

Unit Date 1997 September 5

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 26 (folder)

Middle River Pratt Through-Truss Bridge, Harnsberger Octagonal Barn, Weyers Cave

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32715

Unit Date 1990s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 27 (folder)

Baptismal scene in the meadow above Floyd Smith's, Elder Sam Pence baptizing, Pineville

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32716

Unit Date circa 1915

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 28 (folder)

Haugh Barn, Rockingham County

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32717

Unit Date 1920s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 29 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Per label affixed to the photograph: "Located on the Peter William Haugh property, was at the flank of the Confederate right. Note: holes made by artillery projectiles."

Old barn on the east side of Rt. 659, west of the Rt. 659 and Rt. 276 intersection

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32718

Unit Date circa 1980

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 30 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Per the description adhered to the back of the photographs, the barn was destroyed about 1985.

Unidentified house, Rockingham County

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32719

Unit Date 1950s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 31 (folder)

Tommy Bowman photographs, Mill Creek, Port Republic, etc.

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32720

Unit Date late 1880s-1930

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 32 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Photographs include Mill Creek Church, Mill Creek School, Meyerhoeffer Store, Mt. Olive Brethren Church, Oak Shade School, Peach Grove School, Victory Hill School, and other locations in the Port Republic area of Rockingham County.

Elkton and Shenandoah depots

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32721

Unit Date circa 1900

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 33 (folder)

Weyers Cave Depot

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32722

Unit Date circa 1996

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 34 (folder)

Biographical / Historical

Weyers Cave Depot was demolished in April 1996.

Shenandoah Valley Railroad

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32723

Unit Date 1990s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 35 (folder)

Shenandoah Valley Railroad, Verona

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32724

Unit Date 1997 August 24

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 36 (folder)

Chesapeake Western trains

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32725

Unit Date 20th century

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 37 (folder)

Track equipment on Shenandoah Valley Railroad, Weyers Cave

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32726

Unit Date 1990s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 38 (folder)

Pleasant Valley Depot

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32727

Unit Date 1990s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 39 (folder)

Chesapeake & Ohio Railway coaling tower, Charlottesville Union Station

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32728

Unit Date between 1942-1990s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 40 (folder)

Allegheny Central Railroad/Shenandoah Valley Railroad ceremony; Chesapeake & Ohio Railway coaling tower

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32729

Unit Date 1990s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 41 (folder)

Bartow Train Depot, West Virginia

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32730

Unit Date early 1900s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 42 (folder)

Eastern Shore Railroad

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32731

Unit Date 1990s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 43 (folder)

Janie E. Smith

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32732

Unit Date 1998

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 44 (folder)

Biographical / Historical

Wife of Charles T. Smith.

Unidentified lake with inflatable motor boat

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32733

Unit Date 1980s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 45 (folder)

Unidentified fair or carnival

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32734

Unit Date 1980s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 46 (folder)

Unidentified desert with cacti

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32735

Unit Date 1980s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 47 (folder)

Civil War reenactment

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32736

Unit Date 1980s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 48 (folder)

St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, Weyers Cave

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32737

Unit Date 1990s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 49 (folder)

Old Mill Creek Church, Rockingham County

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32738

Unit Date early 1900s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 50 (folder)

Biographical / Historical

Per handwritten description included with the photographs: "Mill Creek Church located on Rt. 659, 2.3 miles east of the 659 Port Road and 276 Cross Keys Road intersection. Early 1900s."

Mill Creek Church of the Brethren

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32739

Unit Date 1950s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 51 (folder)

Early Mill Creek churches

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32740

Unit Date 1880s-1920s

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 52 (folder)

Scope and Contents

First and second churches at Mill Creek.

St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, Weyers Cave drawing

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32741

Unit Date 2006

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 53 (folder)

Creator Nutt, Joe, 1935-2016

Cross Keys Cemetery

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32742

Unit Date circa 2006

Mixed Materials [1000908384] 1 (box)

Container 54 (folder)

Pirkey Family Cemetery, Cross Keys**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/32743**Unit Date** 1990s**Mixed Materials [1000908384]** 1 (box)**Container** 55 (folder)**Mt. Olive Brethren Church (Pineville Brethren Church), Pineville Rd., McGaheysville****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/32744**Unit Date** between 1880-1913**Mixed Materials [1000908384]** 1 (box)**Container** 56 (folder)**Mt. Olive Brethren Church, McGaheysville****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/32745**Unit Date** 1996**Mixed Materials [1000908384]** 1 (box)**Container** 57 (folder)**Port Republic School (?)****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/32746**Unit Date** early 1900s**Mixed Materials [1000908384]** 1 (box)**Container** 58 (folder)**Grottoes School (?)****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/32747**Unit Date** early 1900s**Mixed Materials [1000908384]** 1 (box)**Container** 59 (folder)**Port Republic Elementary School****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/32748**Unit Date** 1990s**Mixed Materials [1000908384]** 1 (box)**Container** 60 (folder)**Grottoes Elementary School****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/32749**Unit Date** 1990s**Mixed Materials [1000908384]** 1 (box)**Container** 61 (folder)**Weyers Cave School****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/32750**Unit Date** 1990s**Mixed Materials [1000908385]** 2 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)

Pine Knot School, Rockingham County

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32751

Unit Date 1920s

Unit Date 1997

Mixed Materials [1000908385] 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Montevideo Middle School, Penn Laird

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32752

Unit Date circa 1965

Mixed Materials [1000908385] 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Unidentified school or church, Rockingham County

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32753

Unit Date 20th century

Mixed Materials [1000908385] 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Coke ovens and machine shops, Pocahontas

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32754

Unit Date 1910s

Mixed Materials [1000908385] 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

16th and Dock, Richmond

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32755

Unit Date 1930s

Mixed Materials [1000908385] 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Union Stock Yards, Chicago

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32756

Unit Date 1947

Mixed Materials [1000908385] 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Interior of Machine Shop, Spencer, North Carolina

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32757

Unit Date 1909

Mixed Materials [1000908385] 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Swannanoa Country Club at Summit of Jefferson Highway between Charlottesville and Waynesboro

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32758

Unit Date 1920s

Mixed Materials [1000908385] 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Main Street of Port Republic, Va.

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32759

Unit Date 1910s

Mixed Materials [1000908385] 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Valley National Bank, Harrisonburg

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32760

Unit Date 1960s

Mixed Materials [1000908385] 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Post Office and Catholic Church, Harrisonburg

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32761

Unit Date 1920s

Mixed Materials [1000908385] 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

State Teachers College and Campus, Harrisonburg

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32762

Unit Date 1920s

Mixed Materials [1000908385] 2 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Post Office and Federal Court House, Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Harrisonburg

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32763

Unit Date 1940s

Mixed Materials [1000908385] 2 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Nighttime View of U.S. Post Office and Government Court House, Harrisonburg

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32764

Unit Date 1940s

Mixed Materials [1000908385] 2 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

United States Court House and Post Office, Harrisonburg

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32765

Unit Date circa 1905

Mixed Materials [1000908385] 2 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Franklin St. looking Southeast, Harrisonburg

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32766

Unit Date 1910s

Mixed Materials [1000908385] 2 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Stoneleigh Inn, Harrisonburg**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/32767**Unit Date** 1910s**Mixed Materials [1000908385]** 2 (box)**Container** 18 (folder)**N. Main St., Harrisonburg****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/32768**Unit Date** 1910s**Mixed Materials [1000908385]** 2 (box)**Container** 19 (folder)**S. Main St., Harrisonburg****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/32769**Unit Date** 1910s**Mixed Materials [1000908385]** 2 (box)**Container** 20 (folder)**News-Register Building, Harrisonburg****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/32770**Unit Date** 1910s**Mixed Materials [1000908385]** 2 (box)**Container** 21 (folder)**Entrance to Thornrose Cemetery, Staunton****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/32771**Unit Date** 1910s**Mixed Materials [1000908385]** 2 (box)**Container** 22 (folder)**Road in Gypsie Hill Park, Staunton****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/32772**Unit Date** circa 1900**Mixed Materials [1000908385]** 2 (box)**Container** 23 (folder)**Monterey Hotel, Monterey, Virginia****Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/32773**Unit Date** 1930s**Mixed Materials [1000908385]** 2 (box)**Container** 24 (folder)**Keywords**

Hotel Monterey (Monterey, Va.)

Hudson Memorial Auditorium, Massanetta Springs**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival_objects/32774**Unit Date** 1970s**Mixed Materials [1000908385]** 2 (box)**Container** 25 (folder)

Pictures copied from Chamber of Commerce book, Harrisonburg

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32775

Unit Date 1920s

Mixed Materials [1000908385] 2 (box)

Container 26 (folder)

Newspaper articles

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/32776

Unit Date 1996-2007

Mixed Materials [1000908385] 2 (box)

Container 27 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes Fading Images column by Casey Billhimer from The Valley Banner as well as assorted Daily News-Record articles and postcard facsimiles.