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Unit Date

1872-1988

Mixed Materials

RHS Collections #0060 - #0076

Language

English .

Creator

The Roanoke Times

Creator

Lexington Gazette. (Lexington, Va.)

Extent

10 Files Folders 1-10, RHS-Coll #0060-0076

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of files containing newspaper articles, history essays and writing, and photographs concerning Native American land, battles with colonial settlers, prominent figures, and forts in Rockbridge County. Many materials describe the Shawnee Tribe and their presence and relationship with settlers in Kerrs Creek, Abbs' Valley, Balcony Falls, and Hayes Creek Mound. Some materials concern the death of Chief Cornstalk, also known as Hokolesskwa, and the Kerrs Creek Massacre.

Keywords

Shawnee Indians
Virginia -- Rockbridge County
Battles
Rockbridge County, Virginia
Chief Cornstalk

Description of Subordinate Components

General

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/17387

Unit Date 20th century newspaper articles describing events in the 1750s.

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Container 1 (folder)

Language English.

Creator The Roanoke Times

Creator Lexington Gazette. (Lexington, Va.)

Scope and Contents

This file contains a Lexington Gazette article describing a general history of Native American presence and conflict in Rockbridge County, an article on a Shawnee raid on cabins located on Purgatory Creek, and a manuscript chapter recounting a settler's child being kidnapped by Native Americans.

Keywords

Shawnee Indians -- Wars

Abbs Valley

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/17388

Unit Date 1935-12-26

Text RHS Collections #0060 - #0076

Container 2 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Lexington Gazette. (Lexington, Va.)

Scope and Contents

Contains a newspaper article documenting the story of Abbs Valley, and the conflict between Native Americans and the Moore family in mid-18th century.

Keywords

Moore, James Julius
Moore Family

Balcony Falls

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/17389

Text RHS Collections #0060 - #0076

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Contains semi-dramatized account of violent interaction between numerous then-Augusta county citizens and a local Native American tribe near Balcony Falls, resulting in numerous deaths on both sides.

Keywords

Shawnee Indians

Greenlee family

McDowell, John, 1706-1742

Moore, James

Battle of 1742

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/17390

Unit Date 1906-04

Text RHS Collections #0060 - #0076

Container 4 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Contains 1906 report on the Battle of 1742, which involved a number of notable Rockbridge County citizens in a violent conflict with Native American tribes.

Keywords

Rockbridge County (Va.) -- Land settlement

Catawba Indians

Iroquois Indians

Patton, James

McDowell, John, 1706-1742

McDowell, Ephriam, 1672-1775

McDowell, Samuel, 1735-1817

James River

Cornstalk

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/17391

Unit Date 1926-10-28

Unit Date 1935-02

Text RHS Collections #0060 - #0076

Container 5 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

This file consists of three articles written on Chief Cornstalk, and his involvement in violent raids that occurred in Rockbridge County, as well as his death at the hands of a soldier, Jacob Hull, in 1777 in Point Pleasant. Cornstalk led battles during Pontiac's Raid.

Keywords

Shawnee Indians

Rockbridge County (Va.) -- Land settlement

Chief Cornstalk

Lewis, Andrew

Forts

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/17392

Unit Date 1960-02

Text RHS Collections #0060 - #0076

Container 6 (folder)

Creator The Roanoke Times

Scope and Contents

This file contains a group of serially published newspaper articles on the history of George Washington developing and using frontier forts in order to create defensive structures to limit casualties and damages from Native American raids and conflicts. Articles published between February 14th to March 6th, 1960.

Keywords

Rockbridge County (Va.) -- Land settlement

Shawnee Indians

Hayes Creek Mound

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/17393

Unit Date 1901-09

Mixed Materials RHS Collections #0060 - #0076

Container 7 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Valentine, Edward Pleasants

Scope and Contents

This file contains two copies of the "Report of the Exploration of the Hayes Creek Mound Rockbridge County, Va." The report includes a typewritten note from F.P. Tompkins noting that this particular edition was gifted to the librarian of the Rockbridge Historical Society. The report includes a brief description of the state of the burial grounds and the positions the bodies were laid in upon excavation. The report also includes a drawn diagram of the burial site, as well as plates of photographs depicting skeletons. Written by Edward P. Valentine, for the Valentine Museum in Richmond, VA.

Keywords

Burial

Mounds

Rockbridge County (Va.) -- Land settlement

Kerrs Creek

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Unit Date 1872-01-1988-04-15

Text RHS Collections #0060 - #0076

Container 8 (folder)

Language English.

Creator Hotinger, Harvey Lewis

Scope and Contents

This file consists of a handwritten account by Harvey Hotinger, reproduced and photocopied versions of articles related to the Kerrs Creek Massacre and other Native American and settler conflict in the area. Includes a copy of an interview with Jane Gay Stevenson sent from Charles Estell Baker of Center Point Independent Church of Birmingham Alabama. Also contains a report written by Madeline Gillespie entitled "Kerr's Creek Indian Raids" from 1955.

Keywords

Shawnee Indians

Rockbridge County (Va.) -- Land settlement

Moore, John Lyle

Paul's Fort**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/17395**Unit Date** 1970-05-03**Mixed Materials** RHS Collections #0060 - #0076**Container** 9 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** The Roanoke Times**Scope and Contents**

This file consists of a copy of a Roanoke Times article entitled "Highway Passes Over Site of Fort" by George Wilson. Talks about viewing the fort from their perspective in the 1970s.

Keywords

Rockbridge County (Va.) -- Land settlement

Shawnee Indians

Diehl, George West

Big Spring Mill

Patton, James

Preston, William

Lewis, Andrew

Walnut Fort**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/17396**Unit Date** 1936-05-15**Manuscripts** RHS Collections #0060 - #0076**Container** 10 (folder)**Language** English.**Creator** Lexington Gazette. (Lexington, Va.)**Scope and Contents**

This file consists of a handwritten manuscript draft entitled "Walnut Fort," later published in the Lexington Gazette on May 15th, 1936. The document describes the physical features of the fort, the cooking practices of those who lived there, other domestic qualities, and the familial history of those who inhabited and maintained the fort.

Keywords

Virginia -- Rockbridge County

Walker family

Stuart, Archibald Paxton

Borden, Benjamin, Sr.

Stuart, John Leighton

Lewis, William Cook

Monacan Indian Nation**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival_objects/23341**Text** RHS Collections #0060 - #0076**Container** 11 (folder)**Extent** 0.01 Linear Feet