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### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

1835-1952

### Language

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### Creator

Wissler family

### Creator

Erb family

### Creator

Mayer family

### Extent

1.05 Linear Feet

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## **Scope and Contents**

Papers, circa 1830s-1950s, of the Wissler, Mayer, and Erb families of Grottoes and Columbia Furnace, Virginia, and Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Included are photographs, an autograph album, a manuscript cookbook, receipts, two ledgers, a Bible and hymn book, a Wissler family record for the descendants of William Franklin Wissler and Elizabeth Mayer (m. 1890), and correspondence.

## **Separated Materials:**

Artifacts transferred to the Manuscripts Artifact Collection (Mss. 1.03) include: lockbox of Jacob M. Mayer (2010.223.01), small leather change purse (2010.223.02), brown leather coat wallet (2010.223.03), purple leather accordion wallet (2010.223.04).

## **Keywords**

Autograph albums  
Bible records  
Cookbooks  
Ledgers (Accounting)  
Letters (correspondence)  
Photographs  
Receipts (financial records)  
Recipes  
Pennsylvania--Genealogy  
Pennsylvania--Lancaster County--History  
Rockingham County (Va.)--History--19th century  
Virginia--Genealogy  
Rockingham County (Va.)--History--20th century  
Shenandoah County (Va.)--History--19th century

## **Description of Subordinate Components**

## Correspondence

**Unit ID** id70250

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132072

**Unit Date** 1862-1919

### Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence ranging in dates from 1862-1919. There is a concentration of letters addressed to Henry Erb the 1870s and three letters from W.L. Wissler during training in the military to his mother.

## Correspondence

**Unit ID** id72407

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132084

**Unit Date** 1862-1889

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

### Scope and Contents

-Letter dated August 1, 1862, "My dear Grandma," signed "Maggie" -Letter dated December 27, 1873 to Henry Erb, signed "Sarah Burns" - Letter dated March 6, 1874, "Dear Friend" (Henry Erb), signed "Elias Bamberger", from Berkeley County, West Virginia -Letter dated June 30, 1874, "Dear Brother-in-law " (Henry Erb), signed "Elias Bamberger", from Berkeley County, West Virginia -Letter dated July 7, 1874, "Uncle Henry" (Henry Erb), signed "C Kauffman" -Letter dated August 11, 1874, Martinsburg, "Dear Uncle" (Henry Erb), signed "Your affectionate Niece, Lizzie, Andy" -Letter dated November 22, 1874, "Dear Uncle" (Henry Erb), Shippensburg, signed Fannie Bamberger -Letter dated February 16, 1889, "Dear Cousin," signed "Mr. Erb," from San Francisco

## Correspondence

**Unit ID** id78612

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132085

**Unit Date** 1889-1919

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

### Scope and Contents

- Letter dated February 16, 1889, "Dear Cousin," signed "Mr. Erb," from San Francisco -Wedding invitation, dated October 4, 1898 -Letter dated November 10, 1906, "My darling Mama and girls," signed "C.B. Price" -Letter dated Saturday, May 22, 1915, "Dear Will" -Letter dated June 15, 1915, signed W.F. Wissler -Letter dated July 29, 1917, Marrine barracks, "Dear Mother," signed "Your loving Son" -Letter dated August 31, 1917, "Dear Mother," unsigned -Letter dated September 8, 1917, "Dear Mother," signed "Your Son" -Christmas card from the United States Marine Corps, dated December 17, 1919 - Farm Catalog and letter, dated January, 1923 -Letter dated March 15, 1954, to Mrs. J.M. Wissler, from J.E. Coleman, about an inquiry regarding a watch and clock appraisal -Pamphlet from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare about Social Security, dated August 30, 1954 -Letter, Undated, signed Mary Gochenour, congratulations on wedding

## Financial Records

**Unit ID** id72408

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132073

**Unit Date** 1835-1939

### Scope and Contents

This folder includes receipts, bills, business and land contracts, and a ledger (Item 1) belonging to Henry Erb.

## **Financial Records**

**Unit ID** id72409

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132086

**Unit Date** 1835-1939

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

- Receipt from September 30, 1835 to March 22, 1839 - Receipt from September 30, 1835 - Receipt dated January 21, 1837 - Receipt dated December 26, 1838 - County Statement, dated May 24, 1839 - Receipt dated March 8, 1847 -Promissory note dated September 14, 1848 for \$15.70 - Receipt dated October 15, 1867 - Tax Receipt, dated 1869, of Martin Coffman - Receipt dated December 25, 1882 - Contract between F.H. Wissler and S.E. Shelton from May, 1903 for a tract of land in Nelson County, Virginia -Certificate of Incorporation of the Nelson Mining and Manufacturing Company in Southampton, Virginia, dated October 29, 1907 -Letter dated June 15, 1915 to the Treasure of Grant County, regarding land and taxes -Check from Augusta-Rorkingham Bank, dated April 4, 1936 for \$25.00 -Patronage Dividend from the Southern States cooperation, dated July 1, 1938 and July 1, 1939 -Marks note

## **Ledger**

**Unit ID** id72410

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132087

**Unit Date** 1848-1858

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

### **Scope and Contents**

Ledger from January 3, 1848 to April 1, 1858, belonging to Henry Erb and relating to Erb and Mayer families

## **Photographs**

**Unit ID** id72411

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132074

**Unit Date** 1912-Undated

### **Scope and Contents**

Includes photographs of the family and a photograph album (Item 2)

## **Negatives**

**Unit ID** id72413

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132088

**Unit Date** Undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Subjects Include: -Landscapes -Dr. Wissler -Family Portraits, including Michelle Lee Boggs (Alice Lee's daughter), Edna, -The Grottoes School -The Liberty Furnace ("Great Grandfather [John Wissler] built this church for the people who worked for him at the furnace. Dr. W.F. Wissler is buried here") -Farm Life - Family Pets

## **Negatives**

**Unit ID** id72412

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132089

**Unit Date** Undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Subjects Include: -Landscapes -Dr. Wissler -Family Portraits, including Michelle Lee Boggs (Alice Lee's daughter), Edna, -The Grottoes School -The Liberty Furnace ("Great Grandfather [John Wissler] built this

church for the people who worked for him at the furnace. Dr. W.F. Wissler is buried here") -Farm Life - Family Pets

### **Photographs - Portraits**

**Unit ID** id79902

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132090

**Unit Date** Undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Includes pictures of Dr. Wissler, Michelle Lee Boggs (Alice Lee's daughter), Edna, students at the Grottoes School, and unnamed family members.

### **Photographs**

**Unit ID** id79903

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132091

**Unit Date** 1912-Undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

-Landscapes -Dr. Wissler -Family Portraits, including Michelle Lee Boggs (Alice Lee's daughter), Edna, - The Grottoes School -The Liberty Furnace ("Great Grandfather [John Wissler] built this church for the people who worked for him at the furnace. Dr. W.F. Wissler is buried here") -Family Pets -Farm Life

### **Photographs**

**Unit ID** id79904

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132092

**Unit Date** 1912-Undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

-Landscapes -Dr. Wissler -Family Portraits, including Michelle Lee Boggs (Alice Lee's daughter), Edna, - The Grottoes School -The Liberty Furnace ("Great Grandfather [John Wissler] built this church for the people who worked for him at the furnace. Dr. W.F. Wissler is buried here") -Farm Life -Family Pets

### **Photo Album**

**Unit ID** id72414

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132093

**Unit Date** Undated

**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Photo Album with Family record in front, Undated, includes 5 loose photographs and 24 formal portraits of family

### **Personal Papers**

**Unit ID** id72415

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132075

**Unit Date** 1920-Undated

## **Personal Papers**

**Unit ID** id72416

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132094

**Unit Date** 1830-1959

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 9 (Folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Includes death notices from newspapers, an American Kennel Club Registration, Drawing of a seal for Elizabeth Erb, typed science exam (Undated), calling cards, and various pamphlets ("Keep 'em Smiling," "What the Stars Say," and "Washington's Birthday Patriotic Service")

## **Manuscript Volumes**

**Unit ID** id72417

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132076

**Unit Date** 1841-1887

### **The Holy Bible containing the Old and New Testaments: Translated out of the original tongues; and with the Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised**

**Unit ID** id72418

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132095

**Unit Date** 1841

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

## **Book of Commonplace Poetry**

**Unit ID** id72614

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132096

**Unit Date** 1863

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

### **Scope and Contents**

Commonplace book, 1863, compiled by Mary E. Baird, Ivy Hall, November 4, 1863

## **Cookbook**

**Unit ID** id72616

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132097

**Unit Date** 1887

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

### **Scope and Contents**

Handwritten Cookbook - M.E. Baird and Samuel J. Baird, includes recipes and fixes for common problems

### **A Choice Selection of Hymns From Various Authors Recommended to All Denominations for the Worship of God**

**Unit ID** id72617

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132098

**Unit Date** 1800-1899

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

### **Scope and Contents**

Fifth Edition

**Autograph Album****Unit ID** id72618**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132099**Unit Date** 1880-1889**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Scope and Contents**

Belonged to Bessie Mayer

**Die Bibel oder die ganze heilige Schrift des Alten Und Neuen Testaments nad ber Deutschen Uebersekugn D. Martin Luthers****Unit ID** id72615**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/132077**Unit Date** 1863**Scope and Contents**

Leipzig and Dresden: 1863. German Leather Bible belonging to the Reverend Martin Mayer (died in 1873)