



*Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid*

**ACCESSION No.:** HRHS - 119

**COLLECTION TITLE:** Acker Diaries

**DATES:** January 1, 1880 – December 31, 1959 (1907 and 1912 missing). JMU has Acker diaries of Isaac dating 1880-1906 and of David dating 1889-1900.

**SIZE:** 3 banker boxes of 35 bound volumes (8 x 5.5” each)

**DONOR:** Unknown

**PROCESSED:** Processed September 16, 2014

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:**

“David C. Acker (1869-1959), son of Isaac, was influential in founding the Rockingham County Farm Bureau, where he served as president for many years. He also served as director of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation and was a member of both the Agricultural Advisory Council of Rockingham County and the Agricultural Conference Board of Virginia. In addition, David was president of the First National Bank of Broadway and secretary-treasurer of the Rockingham Mutual Telephone and Telegraph Company. David married Martha M.B. Sellers on April 6, 1906 and fathered three children with her.” (Acker Family Diaries, 1880-1906, SC# 2050, Special Collections, Carrier Library, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va. On deposit at JMU.)

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

This collection contains the personal diaries of David C. Acker, spanning 1901 to 1959. See also special collections at JMU for David C. Acker’s diary dated January 1, 1889 to December 31, 1900 and his father’s diaries (Isaac Acker) dated 1880-1906. The diaries discuss the day-to-day events in the lives of the Acker family discussing topics such as farming, weather, visiting, and daily chores, weddings, funerals, church activities, and trips.

**COLLECTION INVENTORY:** 35 volumes

**ARRANGEMENT:** 3 banker boxes, chronologically from 1901-1959.