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Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid

ACCESSION No.: HRHS – 12

COLLECTION TITLE: Stirewalt Collection

DATES: 1880, 1930 – 1940

SIZE: 3 (three) folders

DONOR: Sue Stirewalt Lane, 6/19/2001

PROCESSED: Processed 09/05/2012 by K. Craun and L. Adams

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: The Stirewalt family moved to the New Market-Harrisonburg area from North Carolina in the 1840's and were widely known through their association with education and the Lutheran clergy. Jacob L. Stirewalt held jobs in Harrisonburg and Roanoke in the 1880's before returning to New Market where he went into business. Annie (?) in Port Republic has not been identified.

W. J. Stirewalt lived in New Market and Harrisonburg and was the father of Sue Stirewalt Lane. He lived in Harrisonburg from 1930 – 1940.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Miscellaneous letters, booklets, and calendars. Love letters written to Jacob L. Stirewalt by Annie (?), Riverside, Port Republic, in the 1880s. These letters cover a period of 6-8 years, and provide information regarding the area at that time, namely, the optimistic 1880's and young people in rural Rockingham Co. So too, does one feel Annie's unrequited love and unfulfilled hope for her future.

COLLECTION INVENTORY:
Folder 1: 19 personal letters to Jacob L. Stirewalt
Folder 2: 17 personal letters to Jacob L. Stirewalt
Folder 3: (Items belonging to W. J. Stirewalt)
1st National Bank book for Mable Sue Stirewalt (1926)
Central Evangelical Lutheran Church Sermon book
By-laws book for West Rockingham Mutual Fire Insurance Co.
Assessment ship #1575 for W.R.M. Insurance so.
1919 assessment postcard

Holstein-Friesian Association of America: 1917 transaction certificates, and letter.
Buyers of Milk tag
Letter from Herman Wise
B.Ney letter purchasing suits
1932 desk calendar for Northwest Mutual
Valley of Virginia co-op milk producers tickets

ARRANGEMENT:
Two folders of correspondences containing 36 (19 + 17) personal letters
One folder of 11 miscellaneous documents belonging to W. J. Stirewalt