



Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid

ACCESSION No: HRHS-172

COLLECTION TITLE: Pennybacker Family Papers Collection

DATES: 1840 - 1938

SIZE: 4 folders

DONOR: Unknown

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Mary Elizabeth Lincoln Pennybacker was a direct descendant of Jacob Lincoln, who built a brick home in Linville, VA in 1800 that still stands near the Lincoln Cemetery. Jacob was a brother to President Lincoln's grandfather Abraham. Mary Elizabeth was first married to Dr. Richard Maupin, and after his death she married John Dyer Pennybacker and they lived on a farm in Linville. The Pennybacker's had two daughters named Katherine Abigail "Kate" and Mary Lee, and a son named John George.

The girls received a good education at the Augusta Female Seminary in Staunton in the 1880's, but they also learned how to manage the household by gardening, preserving food, sewing, preparing meals and setting a good table. Mary Elizabeth seems to have run the farm with Kate's help. One day a gentleman knocked at the door and said he was a Lincoln and wanted to discuss family history. This gentleman was Robert Todd Lincoln, the late president's son.

Mary Elizabeth died in 1905 and Kate was left to run the farm alone as her sister and brother had moved away. Mary Lee taught school several winters, lived with friends in New York and traveled to Europe. Farm life was not easy, but Kate kept the farm going as she sold eggs in Washington, DC and hogs in Richmond.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection consists of correspondence, receipts and other paperwork related to the Pennybacker family of Linville, VA.

COLLECTION INVENTORY:

Folder 1:

Papers for J. D. Pennybacker, along with very old family receipts:

-Receipt dated 1840 in the name of Samuel P. Furer to purchase wheat

- Receipt dated 1847 between Daniel Shomo and George Socksman
- Receipt dated October 19, 1855 for Dr. R. S. Champin for a subscription for the Rockingham Register
- Receipt dated October 29, 1860 from Crawford Zirkle concerning delivering wheat for Mr. Lincoln
- Receipt dated April 21, 1869 from John T. Henderson to J. D. Pennybacker
- Receipt dated May 29, 1882 from the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co. for items shipped to J. D. Pennybacker from E. Fletcher
- Copy of a Western Union Telegraph dated June 15, 1883 from J. D. Pennybacker to a law office in Washington, DC
- Letter dated October 20, 1888 from D. B. Showalter to J. D. Pennybacker concerning purchasing a pig
- Receipt dated May, 1889 from The United States Express Co. to J. D. Pennybacker for freight

Folder 2:

Papers for Mrs. M. E. Pennybacker (Mrs. John D., also Mary E. Maupin):

- Receipt dated December 18, 1856 for Mrs. Mary E. Maupin for the Rockingham Register
- Receipt dated June 23, 1879 from Emanuel Sipe: Dealer in General Merchandise to Mrs. M. E. Pennybacker for a wood bucket
- Invitations dated 1884 and 1886 addressed to Mrs. John D. Pennybacker concerning commencement exercises at Augusta Female Seminary
- Account Book belonging to Mrs. M. E. Pennybacker, 1890-1891
- Receipt dated June 6, 1892 from the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co. to M. E. Pennybacker
- Receipt dated April 11, 1893 from Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co. to M. E. Pennybacker for oil
- Receipt dated November 17, 1894 from I. Paul Fletcher to Mrs. J. D. Pennybacker
- Letter dated March 23, 1896 from Long Glade Stock Farm to Mrs. M. E. Pennybacker concerning purchasing breeding hogs
- Receipt dated July 18, 1896 from Linville Exchange Company to Mrs. M. E. Pennybacker for general merchandise
- Letter dated March 7, 1896 from A. H. Wilson, Saddlery & Harness Manufacturer to Mrs. M. E. Pennybacker about the transfer of a bond
- Letter from E. Coffman, dated March 9, 1896, on letterhead from L. J. Golden: Buggies, Phaetons, Carriages, etc. to Mrs. M. E. Pennybacker
- Receipt dated April 25, 1896 from J. B. D. Rhodes: Dealer in Dry Goods, etc. to Mrs. M. E. Pennybacker
- Postcard dated 1897 from Mary to Mrs. Sarah M. Arnold in Syracuse, NY
- Notice dated October 12, 1904 from The Rockingham National Bank to Mrs. M. E. Pennybacker concerning a note coming due

Folder 3:

Papers for Miss Kate Pennybacker and Miss Mary Lee Pennybacker:

- Letter dated October 16, 1903 from The Rockingham National Bank to Miss Kate Pennybacker concerning an inheritance from Mrs. Chapman
- Statement dated January 1, 1904 from Bloom's Department Store to Miss Kate Pennybacker
- Letter dated April 6, 1904 to Miss Kate Pennybacker from B. L. Post & Sons concerning the purchase of a calf
- Collection letter dated October 28, 1904 from the First National Bank of Harrisonburg to Miss Kate Pennybacker asking for payment

- Receipt dated December 16, 1904 from the Southern Express Company to Miss Kate Pennybacker
- Statement dated April 1, 1907 from Coffman Brothers to Miss Kate Pennybacker
- Letter dated August 11, 1909 from M. L. Pennybacker to Kate Pennybacker. Letter was written from the Battle Creek Sanitarium in Battle Creek, Michigan
- Receipt dated December 8, 1909 from Adams Express Co. to Miss Kate Pennybacker
- Letter dated August 9, 1910 from M. L. Pennybacker at the Hotel du Mont Blanc to Miss Kate Pennybacker
- Receipt dated May 19, 1911 from Nicholas & Lemley to Miss Kate Pennybacker for barb wire
- Letter dated December 7, 1911 from Mr. Pennybacker, a cousin in Philadelphia, PA concerning the sale of turkeys
- Statement dated August 10, 1914 from B. Ney & Sons to Miss Kate Pennybacker
- Receipt dated March 24, 1917 from J. S. Denton to Miss Kate Pennybacker
- Statement dated December 1, 1917 from Virginia Hay & Grain Co. to Miss Kate Pennybacker
- Receipt dated June 2, 1920 from Thomas Plumbing & Heating Co. to Miss Kate Pennybacker
- Note dated January 12, 1921 from The First National Bank of Harrisonburg for \$217
- Receipt dated December 28, 1922 from T. N. Thompson: Grower of Fancy Apples and Peaches to Miss Kate Pennybacker for a bushel of peaches
- 1924 Dog License Card for Miss Kate Pennybacker
- Receipt dated 1928 from The Titus Nursery Company to Miss Kate Pennybacker concerning the purchase of turkeys
- Letter dated February 11, 1928 from Cooperative Extension work to Miss Mary L. Pennybacker concerning Berkshire sows
- Statement dated October 1, 1928 from Edom Garage to Miss Kate Pennybacker asking for payment
- Receipt dated October 1, 1928 from West Rockingham Mutual Fire Insurance to Miss Kate Pennybacker
- Receipt dated June 21, 1929 from Mundy's Stone Quarries to Kate Pennybacker for stone
- Statement dated March 1, 1931 from E. T. Garber & sons to Miss Kate Pennybacker
- Collection letter dated March 26, 1931 to Kate Pennybacker from the treasurer of Rockingham County for unpaid taxes
- Statement dated July 27, 1934 from J. F. Layne Sanitary Plumbing to Miss Kate Pennybacker asking to bring the account current
- Receipt dated November 1, 1938 from O. F. Foley, Veterinarian to Miss Kate Pennybacker
- Letter to Miss Eliza Strayer of Montevideo, possibly from Kate Pennybacker. Date is not known, letter is written on a receipt dated 1904
- Various receipts from First National Bank and The Rockingham National Bank

Folder 4:

Miscellaneous papers and receipts for the names Blanche Souder, Warren Souder, Mrs. D. Chapman, William Chapman, Nancy Ettinger, Lillian Henkel, Junie Henkel, letter from M. E. Rice to Miss Wright dated March 31, 1903, picture of Mr. Garber from William Dean Photography, 1890 marriage invitation for the wedding of Miss Alice V. Moore to Dr. J. A. Myers