

Augusta County Historical Society
Acc #: 147
Memorabilia of Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Perry
1862-1912

Size: 4 folders

Scope & Content

The collection contains old newspapers, minutes of the annual conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, family memorabilia and photographs.

Historical/Biographical Note

W. J. Perry was Secretary of the Staunton Development Company and owner of Standard Brick Company. He and Mr. Theodore Hough were editors of The Little Traveler. Minutes of the Sessions of the Baltimore Annual Conference was published in 1898 in an attempt to document the split of the Methodist Episcopal Church during the Civil War. The General Conference of 1860 passed a law making non-slave ownership a condition of membership in the church. Churches in southern states were forced out and, during the war years, held separate annual conferences in the towns of Harrisonburg (1862), Churchville (1863), Bridgewater (1864) and Salem (1865).

Organization/Arrangement

- Folder 1: 2 newspapers: Virginia Enterprise (Staunton, VA.) May 23, 1895 and The Sunday Times-Union and Citizen (Jacksonville, FL.) July 10, 1898.
- Folder 2: Booklet: "Minutes of the Sessions of the Baltimore Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church. (1862-1865)" Rev. John S. Martin, Secretary.
- Folder 3: Newspaper clippings on the presentation of Boy Scout achievement medals
Teacher's contract for Mrs. H. Perry
Commencement program, Wesleyan Female Institute, June 5, 1885
Program cover, Augusta Memorial Assn., Unveiling Monument to the Confederate Dead, Staunton, VA. Sept. 25, 1888.
Hotes stationery: Eakleton Hotel (Staunton), Revere Hotel (Harrisonburg)
Train schedule for Pennsylvania R.R. (May 21, 1899)
Report card for W.J. Perry Jr. (Dec. 1877)
School essays by W.J. Perry Jr.
Report card for William Perry (May 1881)
Envelope of Perry Corp.
"Little Traveller," Vol. 1, #3, Oct. 1879
Newspaper clipping, "West Augusta Guard Left 52 Years Ago Today to Take Part in Conflict in Cuba," Unknown newspaper, May 11, 1950

Newspaper clipping, "Augusta military Officers in All he Wars of the Nation" Newspaper unknown, no date

Newspaper clipping, "Popular Excursion to Washington," advertising a railroad trip to Washington for two days, newspaper unk., date unk.

Folder 4: Glass negative (unknown town)

Small photo (Staunton?)

Photo, Stribling Springs, VA. July 4, 1888

Photo, unidentified

Photo, dam, Middle River near Bowlings

Photo, mountains, unidentified

Miscellaneous

Additional Entries: Methodist Episcopal Church (Baltimore Annual Conference 3/14/1862-3/9/1865); Boy Scouts; Staunton City Schools Teacher's Contract (9/15/1886; Wesleyan Female Institute; Augusta Memorial Association, Pennsylvania Railroad; John Wallace