

Website Finding Aid
Augusta County Historical Society
Acc #150
Guy Fisher Collection
1862-1932

Size: 45 cubic feet (1 legal Hollinger box)

Scope & Content

Consists of various materials collected by Dr. Guy R. Fisher, of New Hope and Staunton, Va., pertaining to himself and various members of his family, including: his father, John D. Fisher; his mother, Sallie E. Fisher; and William T. Yarbrough, his mother's uncle.

The Guy R. Fisher Papers consist mainly of receipts and promissory notes from and to various individuals, businesses and organizations in Augusta Co. Of particular interest is a 1932 letter from James Tucker, writing from a jail in Concord, N.C., to Fisher, asking for his help. Tucker, who apparently was a former Augusta Co. citizen, had been jailed for murder.

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The **John D. Fisher Papers** consist mainly of receipts for items purchased by him from individuals, businesses and organizations in Augusta Co. and Clifton Forge. A substantial number of letters, telegrams, etc., concern the drowning death of his son, Harry Fisher, on 7 July 1901 in Washington and the return of his body to Virginia. Also included are receipts for taxes paid by him to Augusta County, post office registry receipts, and receipts for dues paid Council No. 15 Jr. a.U.A.M, in New Hope. Items pertaining to Fisher also can be found in the William T. Yarbrough Papers section of this collection.

The **William T. Yarbrough Papers** constitute a major portion of the collection and mainly contain receipts for items purchased by him from individuals, businesses and organizations in Augusta Co., as well as promissory notes and other papers relating to his various business ventures, including his partnership with John D. Fisher, and correspondence with friends, associates and relatives. Items pertaining to John D. and Sallie Fisher also can be found in these papers.

The **Miscellaneous Items** folder contains correspondence and other documents relating to various members of the Fisher, Yarbrough and Rothwell families, including Sallie Fisher, Harry Fisher, E. F. Fisher (a son of John and Sallie Fisher), Y. G. Yarbrough, and someone identified only as "Uncle Dock." Some letters contain genealogical information.

Folders 6-8 contain **Condolence Letters** (and cards) sent mainly to Guy Fisher after his mother died on 28 July 1931. A funeral notice and obituary for her can be found in the 29 and 30 July 1931 issues of the *Staunton News-Leader* (copies of both are in the collection's administrative file).

Historical/Biographical Note

Dr. Guy R. Fisher was a physician in New Hope and Staunton. He was the son of John D. Fisher (d. ca. 1925) and Sallie E. Rothwell Fisher (1852-1931). At one time, he was in partnership with Dr. Homer H. Henkel. Fisher attended the Covington Graded School High School and was a member of the New Hope United Methodist Church.

John D. Fisher had a real estate agency with W. H. Strough (Fisher & Strough) in Clifton Forge as late as 1890, and later operated a store in New Hope, for a time in partnership with William T. Yarbrough. His wife, Sallie E. Rothwell Fisher was the daughter of William Rothwell and Sarah Elizabeth Yarbrough Rothwell. She was born near Waynesboro, 27 January 1852, and was living in New Hope by 1866.

William T. Yarbrough, Sallie E. Rothwell Fisher's uncle, was a Methodist minister and was teaching at the New Hope Sabbath School of the Round Hill Church in 1855. He sold books and periodicals, had a business partnership with John D. Fisher at New Hope, and taught at Oak Pond School House No. 17, in the South River District of Augusta County, in 1881.

Organization/Arrangement

Folder 1: Guy R. Fisher Papers, 1912-1932, n.d.

Folder 2: John D. Fisher Papers, 1878-1923, n.d.

Folder 3: William T. Yarbrough Papers, 1862-1879

Folder 4: William T. Yarbrough Papers, 1880-1900, n.d.

Folder 5: Miscellaneous Items, 1873-1913, n.d.

Folder 6: Condolence Letters, 29, 30 July 1931

Folder 7: Condolence Letters, 31 July-26 August 1931, n.d.

Folder 8: Condolence Letters [calling cards], July-August 1931, n.d.

Miscellaneous