

Augusta County Historical Society
Acc #209
Willis Family Collection
1968

Size: 2 folder

Scope & Content

The collection consists of three items pertaining to the Willis family. Included is a photograph of Staunton Female Seminary where James Willis served as principal.

A group photograph with an attached list of names identifies several as members of the Willis family including Bennett Wilis Sr. born in Staunton, VA January 5, 1891. The third item is a book of 33 pages. Memory Verses from the Bible was printed for A. Stuart Robertson Jr. upon the occasion of his graduation from The Law School of the University of Virginia June 14, 1948. It is a collection of bible verses selected by Martha Hope Bowles and William Anderson Bowles. The prologue to the book indicates that the Bowles family lived in Staunton. Mr. Bowles was associated with the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind and was active in educational affairs in Staunton 1890-1910. It is unclear as to the relationship among the Willis, Bowles, and Robertson families.

Historical/Biographical Note

Rev. James Willis was born at Burke's Fork in Floyd County Virginia January 1, 1848. He was a graduate of Roanoke College in Salem Virginia. He took over as principal of the Staunton Female Seminary in 1883. Financial problems plagued the school. It was reorganized in 1886 and remained in operation until 1896.

Organization/Arrangement

Folder 1: Two photographs

Folder 2: Soft cover book-33 pages

Miscellaneous