C.L. WORTHINGTON PAPERS

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Form of material and dates: Dated 1752-1938. Letters and papers of C.L. Worthington, owner of the Green Bookman Shops, Richmond, and Charlottesville, 1933-1938. Included are parchment land grants made by Lord Fairfax, 1761-1766; survey maps of land in Frederick, Fauquier, Loudoun, Berkeley, and Hampshire Counties, 1753-1841; affidavits certifying veteran's service in the Revolutionary War; material relating to John Randolph of Roanoke; notes on the "Carpetbag constitutional convention" Richmond; genealogical material on the Washington and Custis families; and the manuscripts of twelve pamphlets submitted to the Historical Publishing Co., Charlottesville, Va.; secretary-treasurer's book of the Green Valley Division of the Sons of Temperance, 1852-1856.

Number of items; Date received; Source
6,096 items; c. 1953-1955; Purchased from C.J. Carrier, Bridgewater, Virginia

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BOX I


BOX II

Two parchment land grants to John Louvance and signed by Lord Fairfax. The grant of July 23, 1761 is for land in Fairfax County and the one of June 11, 1766 in Frederick County. 85 survey maps of land in Frederick, Fauquier, Loudoun, Berkely and Hampshire Counties. These maps were made as exhibits involving land titles and cover the years 1752 to 1841. Constitution for stockholders in the Opequeon Factory for woolen manufacture--February 29, 1812.

BOX III

1743-1828 original and copies of petitions presented to the court of Frederick County for the establishment of roads. Affidavits presented to the court certifying veteran's service in the Revolutionary Army. The affidavits give time and place of service and are filed by the following men:

John Williams
Dennis Bush
Lewis St. John
James Johnson
Robert Shearman
William Kingore
William Albert
Alexander McMullen
Thomas Crawford
Archibald Finley

Henry Harris
Daniel Hayley
John Hefferlin
Christopher Bendinger
John Haney
James Beckham
James Foster
George Seifret
Simon Harrell
John Campbell
1923-1930 correspondence of the Improved Order of Redmen Great Council of Virginia, including some pamphlets. The letters are written primarily to Judge Thomas B. Robertson, Hopewell, Va., head of the order in Virginia.

BOXES V through XV

These boxes contain 1933-1938 letters and carbon copies of the replies to them to C.L. Worthington of the Green Bookman store in Charlottesville. The material in the boxes is virtually worthless so far as historical research is concerned. The space occupied could be put to more profitable use.

BOX XVI

This box contains manuscripts submitted to the Historical Publishing Co. of Charlottesville. Most of these manuscripts were published in pamphlet form. The following is a list of authors, titles, and dates, where shown.

- *James Dunwoody Bronson Debow*, author and date not shown.
- *State Socialism in the Confederate States of America* by Louise Biles Hill, date not shown.
- *Peter Johnston, Jr.* by Major Edgar Erskine Hume, date not shown.
- *Charles Campbell* by Edgar A. Wyatt, IV, date not shown.

A printed pamphlet *The Church of the Reformation*, a sermon delivered October 31, 1872 in St. Louis by Rev. Prof. C.F.W. Walther, and published in Baltimore in 1876.


BOX XVII


Common place book of W.R. Houston who attended school in Augusta, Georgia. A cursory review shows the book to contain many priceless comments and observations. The book is partially a diary and covers the years 1894-1898.
BOX XVIII

1799-1809 account book of a school in Frederick County. 1828-1879 unidentified account book of a store. 1794-1802 ledger and account book including English business houses and many prominent Americans, such as James Madison. On page 168 written in longhand is the following:

This ledger was presented to Madison College by Kirby Smith Bassford who is the great-grandson of William F. Ast of Leeds, England and Richmond, Virginia, who founded the first mutual society for insurance in the United States and was the writer of this remarkable specimen of quill pen handwriting.... Nov. 1940.

BOX XIX

June 1, 1849 - May 31, 1850 daybook of Harrisonburg, Va. merchants Shacklett and Bruffy. March 22, 1822 - March 1824 daybook of Samuel Henry of Rockingham City, Va. The book was later used as a copybook and contains the following:

1. March 26, 1866 copies of letters, notes, and bonds written by Philip Nelson on April 4, 1857 to Powhatan R. Page, later Col. Page who was killed near Petersburg in June 1864.


3. Eleven pages of notes and comments on John Randolph of Roanoke, written on Nov. 3, 1862, and including comments on the carpetbag constitutional convention meeting in Richmond.

BOX XX (3 volumes)


BOX XXI (5 volumes)


BOX XXII (4 volumes)

1873-1879 account books of Barclay and Co., publishers of the Lexington Gazette.
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BOX XXIII (4 volumes)

1874-1899 account books of the Lexington Gazette.

BOX XXIV (4 volumes)


BOX XXV (1 volume)

1907-1911 748 page ledger of general merchant Benton Tankersley of East Lexington, Virginia.

BOX XXVI

1890-1910 scrapbook of Mattie Campbell, Monterey, Va. Book contains newspaper clippings of social affairs, funerals, historic items and events, and invitations, announcements, and postcards.

BOX XXVII


Boonsboro Times
Frederick County Guide
Lutheran Observer (Baltimore)

July 20, 1899
Aug. 6, 1892
Sept. 17, 1858
Feb. 11, 1859
July 29, 1859
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The Mail (Hagerstown)  
Mar. 19, 1886

The Valley Register  
Oct. 8, 1858
(Middleton)  
Dec. 14, 1860

Magazine - Ladies' World  
Jan. 11, 1861
(New York)  
May 14, 1880

Apr. 29, 1892

July 21, 1899

Nov. 1892

Dec. 1892