Samuel L. Adkins papers
2 linear feet; 1 half-manuscript boxes; 1 quarter manuscript box; 1 oversize box
1885-2007, bulk 1950-1987

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**Biographical History:** Samuel L. Adkins (1927-2012) was born in Wango / Parsonsburg, Maryland to A. Paul and Elsie Adkins and was educated at Wicomico County Schools, graduating from Wicomico High School in 1944. Adkins went onto join the United States Army where he served in the 1st Infantry Division, 16th Infantry Regiment. For 34 years he was employed by the A&P Tea Company, he was involved in numerous clubs including the Salisbury Coin Club, the Antique Car Club of the Accomack-Northampton Region and the VFW Post 194. Samuel Adkins was married to Lillian Adkins for 45 years; after her death he married Mary Farrell.

**Scope and Content Note:** Samuel L. Adkins papers documents his life on Maryland’s Eastern Shore, specifically his education, military service, employment at Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company and his personal hobbies with county farms, the Salisbury Coin Club and the Antique Car Club of the Accomack-Northampton Region. Mr. Adkins life is documented via photographs, certificates and memorabilia from 1885-2009 with the bulk of the material dating from 1950-1987. Materials also of note are bank notes and an agricultural sign relating to his father, A. Paul Adkins.

**Arrangement Statement:** Folders are listed by their location in each box; any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entirety of the collection.

**Subject Terms:**

**General Terms**
- Antique Automobiles
- Automobile Restoration
- Corporate Limits Map, Salisbury, Md.
- Vegetable Shows

**Corporate Names**
- American Numismatic Association
- Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company
- Department of the Army
- Grand Ole Opry
- Mt. Herman Elementary School
- United States Army
- Wicomico High School

**Personal Names**
- Adkins, A. Paul
- Adkins, Samuel L.
Box 1

1. Pedigree Chart, 2007 August 29
2. Photographs, A. Paul Adkins, circa 1904-1906
3. Photographs, Samuel Adkins and Family, circa 1940-1990
4. Photographs, Adkins Home, 1986
5. Newspaper Clippings, 1951, 1974, 1988
6. Birth Certificate, 1927 September 17
7. Mt. Herman Elementary School, Report Cards, 1934-1940
8. Wicomico High School, 1940-1944, 2009
9. Wicomico High School, Yearbook, 1944
10. Department of the Army, Correspondence and Memorandum, 1950-1952
12. Scrapbook, United States Army 16th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Battalion, 1951
13. Ration Tokens, circa 1941-1945
14. Giant Food Store, Food Stamp Change Token, undated
15. American Legion, Certificate of Invitation, undated
18. Salisbury National Bank, Bank Notes, Jacob M. Adkins, 1898-1900
21. Antique Banks, Essay, undated
23. Antique Automobile Club, Participation Award, 1995 November

Box 2

26. County Farm Vegetable Show Ribbons, 1940-1941, 1947
27. County Farm Prizes, Correspondence, 1942, 1945
28. Elks Association, License Plate Numbers, 1986
30. Grand Ole Opry Souvenir Program and Photographs, 1950s

Box 3

1. Scrapbook, Antique Automobile Museums and Shows, 1986

Oversize

2. Diploma, Wicomico High School, 1944
3. Map, Corporate Limits, Salisbury, Maryland, 1958
4. Map, Corporate Limits, Salisbury, Maryland, 1963

Artifacts

1. Hat, Uniform Cap, 2013.103.001
2. Patches, Military, 2013.103.002
3. Dog Tags, 2013.103.003
4. Medal, 2013.103.004
5. Purse, Coin, 2013.103.005
6. Purse, Coin, 2013.103.006
7. Purse, Coin, 2013.103.007
8. Bag, Coin, 2013.103.008
9. Bag, Coin, 2013.103.009
10. Bag, Coin, 2013.103.010
11. Bag, Coin, 2013.103.011
12. Bag, Coin, 2013.103.012
14. Tag, Clothing, 2013.103.014
15. Tag, Clothing, 2013.103.015
16. Bag, Bank, 2013.103.016
17. Bag, Bank, 2013.103.017
18. Ruler, 2013.103.018
19. Ruler, 2013.103.019
20. Knife, Pocket, 2013.103.020
21. Knife, Pocket, 2013.103.021
22. Knife, Pocket, 2013.103.022
23. Pin, Commemorative, 2013.103.023
24. Key Chain, 2013.103.024
25. Sign, 2013.103.025
26. Tool, Scratch Awl, 2013.103.026
27. Bottle Opener, 2013.103.027
28. Box, 2013.103.028
29. Box, Typewriter Ribbon, 2013.103.029
30. Slate, Writing, 2013.103.030
31. Slate, Writing, 2013.103.031
32. Eyeglasses, 2013.103.032
33. Hair, Human, 2013.103.033
34. Quilt, Crazy, 2013.103.034