William Middleton collection
.5 linear feet, 1 half manuscript box
1821-1999, bulk 1830-1869

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Accession Number: 2014.013

Creator: William Middleton

Acquisition: The William Middleton collection was donated to the Nabb Research Center by William Middleton, February 2014.

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Wicomico Historical Society collection, 2001.007

Separated Materials: Library materials have been cataloged and added to the Nabb Research Center’s non-circulating collection.
Biographical History: William Middleton was an educator in the Wicomico County School System for 40 years until his retirement in 2002. During his career as an educator, he initiated the Judy Center in Wicomico County to provide a comprehensive set of services for at-risk children birth through age five and their families. He also embraced the Even Start program that offers educational opportunities to homeless families and students who need to get their GED diplomas. After his retirement he was a founder and president of the advisory board of the Salisbury Horizons Student Enrichment Program.


Scope and Content Note: The William Middleton collection documents the financial records of Joshua Hamblin located in Worcester County, Maryland and ephemera from Wicomico and Worcester counties, Maryland. The materials date from 1821-1999 with the bulk of the material dating from 1830-1869 and document the financial records of Joshua Hamblin which include receipts, court records and land records. The materials from Joshua Hamblin came from William Middleton’s grandmother Margaret M. Middleton, who is the granddaughter of Joshua Hamblin. Wicomico and Worcester County ephemera is documented by tourism brochures and menus from local restaurants.

Arrangement Statement: The William Middleton collection has been arranged into two series, FINANCIAL RECORDS and EPHEMERA. Financial Records document the finances of Joshua Hamblin through receipts, court records and land documents. The Ephemera series documents restaurants in the Salisbury and Ocean City, Maryland area. 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

Business records- Maryland
Wicomico County, Md.
Worcester County, Md.

Corporate Names

Benson’s on the Plaza
Bill’s Seafood Inn
Busch’s Chesapeake Inn
English’s Family Restaurant
Henry E. Hoyt & Co
Hobbit Restaurant and Bar
Johnny & Sammy’s Alpine Room
Phillips Crab House
Tidewater Inn
Waterman’s Restaurant
Wharf Restaurant

Personal Names

Byrd, Benjamin H.
Farlow, Benjamin
Farlow, John
Fooks, James H.
Hamblin, Joshua
Livingston, William
Mitchell, James H.
Parsons, John
Wyatt, Absalom
Series I: Financial Records

Box 1
1. Receipts, Joshua Hamblin, 1821-1829
2. Receipts, Joshua Hamblin, 1830-1839
3. Receipts, Joshua Hamblin, 1840-1849
4. Receipts, Joshua Hamblin, 1850-1859
5. Receipts, Joshua Hamblin, 1860-1869
6. Receipts, Joshua Hamblin, 1870-1876
7. Tax Receipts, Joshua Hamblin, 1834-1875
8. Court Records, Joshua Hamblin, 1835-1859
9. Survey, Matthew’s Lott purchased by Joshua Hamblin, undated
10. Receipts, William Livingston, 1853-1857
11. Receipts, James H. Mitchell, 1855-1862
12. Receipts, Benjamin Farlow, 1847-1862
13. Receipts, John Farlow, 1840, 1859
14. Receipts, Absalom Wyatt, 1856-1858
15. Receipts, John Parsons, 1824, 1869
16. Receipts, James M. Fooks and Benjamin H. Byrd, 1830-1853
17. Handwriting samples, undated
19. Receipts, 1826-1848
20. Receipts, 1850-1876

Series II: Ephemera
21. Card, U.S. Life Saving Station, undated
22. Brochure, Salisbury Your Passport to Adventure, 1997
23. Menu, The Hobbit Restaurant and Bar, undated
24. Menu, Waterman’s, undated
25. Menu, Busch’s Chesapeake Inn, undated
26. Menu, Benson’s on the Plaza, undated
27. Menu, Bill’s Seafood Inn, undated
28. Menu, English’s, undated

Oversized

Library Materials
7. *One Hundred and Fifty Years of Banking in Baltimore*, Union Trust Company of Maryland, 1946.