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Hite Family Association Collection
Collection Number: 1465 THL

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TECHNICAL ACCESS: Hite Family Association Newsletters saved in digital format (PDF) on a USB flash drive. A computer is required to view these documents.

PROCESSING INFORMATION: Initial processing undertaken in 2000. Last updated January 2026.

ACCESSION NUMBER(S): 2023.065 THL

EXTENT: 0.42 linear feet; 1 flash drive

CREATOR: Hite Family Association

DATE: 1707 - 2024

EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF COPIES: Photographs in this collection have been digitized and are available to view online through the Past Perfect online database: <http://handley.pastperfectonline.com/>

FamilySearch (then operating as the Genealogical Society of Utah) digitized this collection in 2007. The collection is available online through FamilySearch.org. Use the catalog to search for Image Group Number (DGS) [418087] to find “Genealogical collections, Hite Family Association collection, 1600-2005.”

SCOPE AND CONTENT: The Hite Family Association Collection contains correspondence, Bible records, biographies, newsletters, and other genealogical materials concerning the Hite and allied families. Newsletters have been digitized as PDFs and are kept on a flash drive with the collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: The Hite Family Association, established 1991, is dedicated to sharing and preserving the history of the Hite and allied families. The Hite family who settled in Frederick County, Virginia, are descended from Jost Hite (1685-1761) and Anna Maria Merckle (d. 1738). In the early 1700s the Hites joined a number of German families migrating to the American colonies, settling first in Pennsylvania and then, in 1732, in the Shenandoah Valley. Jost Hite and his family became prominent landowners in Frederick County. His grandson, Isaac Hite Jr. owned Belle Grove in Middletown, Va.

RELATED MATERIAL: Belle Grove Collection, 890 THL, Hite-Bowman-Hall Family Papers, 168 WFCHS; John P. Hite Diary, 191 THL MMF; Isaac Fontaine Hite Papers, 251 THL.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of multiple donors.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

“German Ancestors and Relatives of Jost Hite,” by Richard Hite, 2006, self-published, 7 leaves, printed

Hite Family Association Newsletters, Fall 1992 to Spring 2024, digitized (PDF) to flash drive.

Heyd Family of Kusel, Baumholder, Pfeffelbach, and Hinzweiler, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany in the 17th and 18th Centuries by Richard Hite, 2005, self-published, 18 leaves, printed **NOT DIGITIZED**

Correspondence – Feigley and Powers, 1977-1994, 5 pages, manuscript; 2 leaves, manuscript; 1 leaf, typescript

“Descendents of Colonel Abraham Hite,” by Helen Hite Sallee, 1 item, 26 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

“Family Reunion: Reveling in Each Other and their Virginia Heritage,” *Washington Post*, September 8, 1994

Genealogy and Supporting Documents: Powers and Scott ancestry, Berry, Clagett, Ferree, Grove Families, unnumbered leaves

Genealogy and Supporting Documents: Hite, McPherson, Powers, Richards, Scarlett, Scott, Taylor families plus miscellaneous notes, unnumbered leaves

“The Heyd Surname: Research Reports from German Villages (Hayd/Heid/Heidt/Heit/Heyd/Heydt/Heyt),” by Richard Hite, 2005, self-published, 16 leaves, printed **NOT DIGITIZED**

“Historic Winchester and the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia,” published by the Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society, no date. 1 item, printed

Hite, Gabriel Jones (1799-1866), 2 leaves typescript

Hite, Gustavus A. (Gus) (1825-1866), 2 leaves, typescript

Hite, John Jr. (1751-1808), Grandson of Jost Hite Who were His Children And Who Were Not By Richard Hite, 2006, self-published, 16 pages, printed **NOT DIGITIZED**

Hite, John R. (-1906) - "The Estate of John R. Hite, An Incredible Probate," by James M. Hotchkiss, Jr., 2 items; 2 leaves, typescript (photocopy); 35 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Hite, Jost – birth order of surviving children by Richard Hite, Spring 2006, 2 leaves, typescript

Hite, Martha (1829-1906) Descendancy Chart, family group records and notes, 20 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Hite Mine (California), 1 item, 3 leaves typescript

“The Hite Families in Jefferson County” a picture narrative in the Magazine of Jefferson County Historical Society, Vol. XXI, 1965, 1 item, 59 pages, printed **NOT DIGITIZED**

“Hite” – History of the family from the 17th century including maps and genealogy, 8 leaves, manuscript on printed form; 15 leaves, printed (photocopy); 8 leaves, typescript; 5 leaves, manuscript; 2 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

McPherson, Robert; Will, September 25, 1775, 1 page, manuscript

“The Name and Family of Hite or Hight” compiled by Media Research Bureau1 item, 10 leaves typescript (photocopy)

Schnebly, Dr. Jacob, Powers, Philip H. Jr. Family Bible Pages, 1707-1903, including births, marriages and deaths for Schnebly, Powers and Grove family members, 3 leaves, 1 page, manuscript

Wightman, Hazel Hotchkiss (1866-1974), 3 leaves, typescript

PHOTOGRAPHS

- [1465-001] Isaac Hite Jr. house, "Belle Grove", just south of Middletown, VA.
- [1465-002] Hite family graveyard, showing tombstones of Maj. Isaac Hite ("of Belle Grove"), Nelly C. Hite, and Ann Tunstall Hite, October 1977.
- [1465-003] John Hite house, "Springdale" (Rt 11 at Bartonsville), front view.
- [1465-004] John Hite house, "Springdale" (Rt 11 at Bartonsville), rear view.
- [1465-005] John Hite house, "Springdale" (Rt 11 at Bartonsville), detail of gable and eaves.
- [1465-006] Ruins of "Hite's Tavern" on John Hite property, "Springdale" (Rt 11 at Bartonsville). See page 64, Historic Homes of Northern VA, October 1977.