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Maybel V. Aikin Collection
Collection Number: 213 WFCHS

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PROCESSING INFORMATION: Processed by Lorna M. Loring. Last updated December 19, 2024.

ACCESSION NUMBER(S): 2024.075 THL

EXTENT: 1 volume

CREATOR: Aikin, Maybel V. (1883-1975)

DATE: 1939 - 1961

SCOPE AND CONTENT: The Maybel (Mabel) V. Aikin Collection contains a ledger used by Mrs. Aikin as a guest book for visitors to her home. Mrs. Aikin's home on North Braddock Street in Winchester was used as a Headquarters for General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson during winter of 1861-1862.

Many of the ledger pages have been removed from the book, however, the entries for the guests appear to be continuous and in chronological order.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: Maybel V. Aikin (1883-1975) was the daughter of John William Nail and Julia Virginia Pingley Nail. Mrs. Aikin owned and renovated the North Braddock Street house and opened it to guests. The guest book indicates she hosted many events at the house, including weddings, school visits, and Confederate reunions. In 1960, Mrs. Aikin sold the house to the Stonewall Jackson Memorial, Inc. with monetary support for the purchase also coming from the City of Winchester. The house is now run by the Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society.

Her father, John William Nail, was a Winchester merchant and craftsman, best known for his wood carvings made from wood salvaged from Fort Loudoun.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of Jenny Powers

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Guest Book (Ledger), "Stonewall" Jackson's Headquarters, 1939-1961, var. pages