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Bantz Family Papers
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CREATOR: Beardsworth, Ada Bantz; Bantz family

DATE: 1868-1938 (Bulk 1880-1902)

SCOPE AND CONTENT: The material in this collection consists of bills, correspondence, advertisements, and event programs relating to the Bantz family of Winchester.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: The Bantz family lived on Market Street (now Cameron Street) in Winchester, VA. Theodore Marion Bantz (1837-1910) was a merchant selling shoes, boots, hats, and caps. He later became a director of a local bank. He was also a member of the local school board during the late 1800s. He married Ann Elizabeth Eader (1842-1905). Their daughter, Julia Ada Bantz Beardsworth (1875-1963) married Thomas Beardsworth in 1902 and moved to Staunton, VA.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Purchased in 2007.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Bills, 1868-1900

- Debtors Note, July 6, 1868
- Bill from Chas. E. Taylor and Co, September 7, 1873
- Bill from Henry Baetjer, and Co, July 1, 1885
- Bill from Noonan's Livery, August 31, 1895
- Bill from Henry Baetjer, and Co, July 23, 1886
- Bill from M. D. Albin, November 22, 1886
- Bill from Henry Baetjer, and Co, Jan 1, 1889
- Bill from Jas. B. Russell and Bro, July 1889

- Bill from George W. Kurtz, March 20, 1891
- Bill from J. B. Russell and Bro, July 1891
- Bill from Chas. E. Taylor and Co, April 1, 1892
- Bill from George W. Kurtz, June 20, 1892
- Bill from C. F. Eichelberger, December 16, 1892
- Bill from J.B. Russell and Bro, February 1893
- Bill from Henry Baetjer and Co, July 1, 1893
- Bill from J. B. Russell and Bro, November 1893
- Bill from the Wheat Drug, December 23, 1893
- Bill from the Wheat Drug, January 1, 1894
- Bill from Henry Baetjer, and Co, February 22, 1894
- Bill from W. E. Matthews, August 25, 1894
- Bill from Thomas Keating, October 1, 1894
- Bill from Heller's Combination Cheap Store, March 7, 1895
- Bill from Mollie V. Kremer, June 25, 1895
- Bill from Thomas Keating, December 16, 1896
- Tax Bill, 1897
- Bill from Chas. P. Kremer and Co, January 5, 1899
- Bill from Prince of Prince, March 14, 1899
- Bill from J. B. Russell and Bro, May 1, 1899
- Registry Receipt for Parcel, December 22, 1899
- Bill from The Evening Star, July 21, 1900

Bills, 1901-1915

- Bill from Thomas Keating with envelope, January 3, 1901
- Bill from M.V. Kremer, March 29, 1901
- Bill from Thomas Keating with envelope, August 29, 1901
- Bill from Jos. Wright, Jr, September 2, 1901
- Bill from M.V. Kremer, September 30, 1902
- Bill and envelope from Horsey and Atwell, December 9, 1902
- Bill from Jno. Sl. Solenberger and Co, August 5, 1903
- Bill from Russell and Green, January 1, 1904
- Bill from Russell and Green, January 1, 1906
- Bill from J.P. Sartelle, August 5, 1907
- Bill and envelope from M.V. Kremer, October 1, 1907
- Bill from Jones' Creamery, July 1, 1911
- Bill from Cooper Bros, July 13, 1911
- Bill from G. O. Snapp, July 29, 1911
- Bill from City Meat Market, August 2, 1911
- Bill from Jones Bros, September 2, 1911
- Bill with envelope from J. D. Grimm, October 6, 1913
- Tax Bill, 1914
- 2 Tax Bills, 1915
- Bill from Jno. W. Nail, undated
- Bill from Chas. E. Aulick Florist, undated
- Bill from Horsey and Atwell, undated

Calling Cards and Newspaper Clippings

- 6 envelopes
- 1 ticket

- 12 calling cards
- Paper with faint writing
- List of Boys, undated
- List of Girls, undated
- Article about death of Mrs. Bailey from Winchester, undated
- Article about Homes Conrad's new appointment, undated
- Article review about party Ada Bantz threw, undated

Church, 1884-1899

- Appeal for donation for new organ at Christ Church, January 1884
- Christ Church Program, June 10, 1888
- The Services, Meetings, and Members of the Valley Convocation of the Prot. Episcopal Church, January 30 – February 2, 1893
- Lenten Services Book for Christ Church, 1893
- Treasurer's Report for Christ Church with note from vestry about finances, 1893
- Receipts from Parish Branch of Women's Auxiliary Subscriptions, 1894
- Pledge Form for Church, Thanksgiving, 1894
- St. Johns Eve Masonic Services Program, June 23, 1895
- 7 Offerings Envelopes, February – July 1899
- Invitation to the Parish Branch Women's Auxiliary Meeting, undated

Correspondence, 1888-1923 - 17 Invitations and RSVPs, 1888-1923

Correspondence, undated - 18 Invitations and RSVPs, undated

Correspondence (Business), 1889-1917

- Advertisement with envelope to J.B. Russell and Bros store, Spring 1889
- Invitation to Hersey Atwell's store to see new product, December 1896
- Invitation to Miss Kremer's store to see spring product, April 1898
- Letter from Chamber of Commerce regarding a rest room, August 30, 1917
- Pen-Mar Mountain Resort Brochure, undated
- Advertisement Card for Misses Williams Boarders, undated
- Multiple cutouts of list of fruits, undated
- 4 calling cards for W. Seabrook and Bro. business, undated
- Letter catching up from Burrill and Strickler General Store, undated

Enterprise Printing Company

- YMCA Booklet of Activities, 1890
- Advertisement, 1899
- Note and envelope to Ada Bantz concerning order of sheet music, July 15, 1899
- Advertisement, paper, and envelope from George Washington Hotel, undated
- Paper and envelope for Winchester Lodge No. 867 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, undated

Episcopal Female Institute (Commencement and Soirees), 1881-1892

- Intermediate Soiree Invitation, February 28, 1881
- Intermediate Soiree Invitation and Program, February 18, 1882
- Commencement Announcement and List of Graduates, June 12, 1882
- Mid-Session Soiree Invitation, February 5, 1883
- Commencement Announcement, June 20, 1883
- Commencement Announcement and ticket, June 17, 1885
- Commencement Announcement, June 16, 1886

- Commencement Programs, June 13, 1888
- Commencement Activities with list of graduates, June 12-15, 1892

Episcopal Female Institute (Commencement and Soirees), 1893-1902

- Annual Concert Program, June 15, 1893
- Commencement Activities/Program, June 14-17, 1896
- Soiree Musical, February 18, 1898
- Commencement Concert with list of graduates, June 16, 1898
- Recital Invitation, June 9, 1899
- Commencement Activities/Programs, June 11-13, 1899
- Commencement Activities/Programs, June 10-12, 1900
- Intermediate Soiree Program, February 15, 1901
- Commencement Activities/Programs, June 9-14, 1901
- Intermediate Soiree Program, February 7, 1902
- Commencement Activities, June 1-5, 1902
- Easter Soiree, undated

Episcopal Female Institute (Report Cards and Teacher Notes), 1882-1885

- Report Card, September 1882
- Report Card, October 1882
- Report Card, March 1883
- Report Card, April 1883
- Report Card, May 1885
- Letter from teacher to Ada's parents discussing academic progress, October 27, 1885

Invitations/Programs, 1880-1903

- Winchester Light Infantry Military Reception Invitation with envelope, February 20, 1880
- Invitation to Complimentary Hop for Easter with envelope and dance card, April 14, 1884
- Fairfax Hall Pupils' Soiree Program, April 14, 1886
- Invitation to Series of Dances by the Cotillion Club, 1893
- Shenandoah Valley Agricultural Society Fair Invitation, September 1894
- Invitation to Virginia State Firemen's Association Convention with envelope, March 1, 1897
- Shenandoah Valley Agricultural Society Fair Invitation, September 1897
- Invitation to Fairfax Hall, December 1, 1899
- List of members of the Virginia Club and invitation to reception, March 22, 1900
- Class Recital Program given by pupils of Rebecca E Wilhelm, 1903
- 2 tickets to "My Life on the Plains, or What I know About Indians," undated
- YMCA Star Course Program, undated
- Madame Fry Concert Company of Boston Program, undated
- Boston Symphony Orchestral Club Program, undated

Miss Tucker's Music School

- Commencement Exercises with program, June 7, 1882
- Letter stating school will open on September 3, 1888, plus business card
- Sociable at Cameron Hall Invitation, May 10, 1982
- Mrs. Tucker's Final Soiree and Presentation of Medals and Prizes Program, undated

Pi Eta Delta Debating Society, 1883-1884

- Final Celebration of the Pi Eta Delta Debating Society, May 11, 1883
- Final Celebration of the Pi Delta Debating Society, May 30, 1884

Shenandoah Valley Academy, 1882-1887

- Commencement Announcement, June 13, 1882
- Intermediate Celebration, Sigma Rho Delta Society, May 2, 1884
- Commencement Exercises, June 15, 1886
- Commencement Exercises, June 18, 1887

Shenandoah Valley National Bank

- Letter from Shenandoah Valley National Bank concerning payment of dividend, December 31, 1938
- 7 Shenandoah Valley National Bank Advertisements, undated
- 2 envelopes from Shenandoah Valley National Bank to Ada Beardsworth

Valley Female College, 1889-1893

- Soiree Musicale and Elocutionary Exercises Program, February 26, 1889
- Ticket to Commencement Exercises, June 14, 1893
- Commencement Program, undated

Valley Home Seminary, 1902 - Commencement Exercises, May 27-29, 1902, with ticket

Winchester High School, 1923 - Commencement Exercises, June 14, 1923