



Guide to the Henkel Family Papers, 1812-1953 and undated

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Summary

Collection Title:

Henkel Family papers, 1812-1953 and undated

Creator:

Henkel family

Abstract:

Solomon, Ambrose, and Socrates Henkel were prominent Lutheran churchmen active in Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. Correspondence (1812-1894), account books, and notes for sermons, articles and lectures, belonging to the Henkel family. The primary authors are Solomon and Ambrose Henkel, and their nephew, Socrates Henkel, prominent Lutheran churchmen. Includes information on the Lutheran Church in Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina, and on the publishing house Henkel Press, Inc., at New Market, Virginia. Some of the material is in German. The correspondence touches on many subjects, chiefly church matters, but there is a small group of Civil War letters from Henkel family members recounting battles (Fort Sumter; Mine Run, Va.), Union occupation, and camp life. One letter from 1860 mentions the hanging of an abolitionist. Also included is a diary begun in 1802, written by Paul Henkel, with a transcription; there are also miscellaneous writings, items relating to religious music, and advertisements.

Extent:

0.5 Linear Feet
165 Items

Physical Location:

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English

Language:

Material in English and German

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Background

Scope and Content

The Henkel Family Papers span the years from 1812-1953 and include correspondence (1812-1894), account books, and notes for sermons, articles and lectures, belonging to the Henkel family. The letters are described individually in this inventory. The primary authors are Solomon and Ambrose Henkel, and their nephew, Socrates Henkel, prominent Lutheran churchmen. Includes information on the Lutheran Church in Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina, and on the publishing house Henkel Press, Inc., at New Market, Virginia. Some of the material is in German. The correspondence touches on many subjects, chiefly church matters, but there is a small group of Civil War letters from Henkel family members recounting battles (Fort Sumter; Mine Run, Va.), Union occupation, and camp life. One letter from 1860 mentions the hanging of an abolitionist. Also included is a diary begun in 1802, written by Paul Henkel and transcribed by R. R. H. Baur; there are also miscellaneous writings, items relating to religious music, and advertisements.

Biographical/Historical

Solomon, Ambrose, and Socrates Henkel were prominent Lutherant churchmen active in Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina.

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Processing Information

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- Henkel family
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- 1812 July 5, Henry Rupert, Mason Co., Va., Point Pleasant, to (Ambrose H.) "Lieber Schwager" (German)
- 1815 3 Aug., warrantee deed, John Roush, Mason Co., Va., to Ambrose H. One lot and 2 portions of another in or near Point Pleasant, "part of Michael Secrist's five acre lot." Witnesses: Gideon H., Andrew H., Henry Rupert.
- 1815 Dec. 28, Solomon H. to Samuel Strakler, member General Assembly, Richmond. Application for copyrights.
- 1816 June 1, Henry Othane, no origin, to (Doctor Henkel), request for medicine.
- 1816 July 3, Joseph Funk, Rockingham Co., to William Marshall, Clerk of District of Va., Richmond, Application for copyright. Enc. title page, "Die allgemein nutzliche Choral - Music." Harrisonburg: Laurentz Wartmann.
- 1817 Feb. 9, recto numbered 1 to 10 hymn stanza (German)
- 1817 Sept. 15, Solomon H. to no name re copyright, no date, Copy Ms Title pages: "Das Kleine ABC Buch" etc. and "Der Christliche Catechismus" etc. (1817) Title page "Das grosse ABC Buch" etc.
- 1818 Feb. 11, verso numbered 1 to 6 hymn stanza (German)
- 13 June 1820, no signature, (Paul H.?), "bei den David"(Lincolnton NC) to Solomon H. Report on meeting of N.C. Synod, 1820 May 28.(German)
- 1821 Aug. 26, Johannes Beck and others (7 signatures)(Lexington, NC) to David H. Request for pastoral services. (German)
- 1821 July 15, John Miller Winchester to Solomon H. Postmaster. Re loss of a letter from Miller and of money en route.
- 1821 Oct. 6, Schulhaus Kirche (Lincoln Co. NC) 22 signatures to ELTS. Certification of Daniel Lutz as delegate and request for assistance of David H. (German)
- 1822 Aug 8, Georg Gutmann to Ambrose H. and __ H. Excuse for absence from Synod. Request for clarification re decisions of Synod by majority vote. (German)
- 1826 Nov. 5, Friedrich Wilhelm van der Hoot, Shenand. Co., Tenn., to Ambrose H. (German)
- 1827 Jan. 9, David H. (no origin) to Lieber Bruder (no address). Personal.
- 1827 Sept. 23, David H., Lincoln Co., NC, to 6 Virginia congregations. Report on Synod meeting and request for contributions for printing minutes. (German)
- 1828 Dec. 22, Geo. H. - - -, Baltimore, to Solomon H. Re an order of supplies for Henkel's stove.
- 1831 June 1, C.T. Page, Alexandria, to Solomon H. acknowledging receipt of money.
- 1831 July 3, J.H. Whitley, Richmond, to D. Boyd (no address). Note forwarding "nine piece Henkel and Funk copyright manuscripts, etc. for your consideration."

- 1832 April 6, John N. Stirewalt, Waynesborough, Va., to Ambrose H. Re preaching appointment for Ambrose and family matters.
- 1832 April 17, Catherine H., Oxfords Ford, Lincoln Co., NC, to Ambrose H. and Mrs. ___ H. Re death of husband (David H.) and resulting matters of family business
- 1832 Aug. 13, Rankin "N.C. Buncombe" outside: "Ashev. N.C." to ELTS, outside: Ambrose H. Sec. Hokesville P.O. Lincoln Co. N.C. Excuse for absence and review of year's ministry in Tenn. and Ga. States position re doctrine and "ceremonies."
- 1832 Sept. 14, J.N. Stirewalt, Rowan Co., NC, to Ambrose H. Report on Synod. "Our friends have lost their right in the organ church..." Resolution to revise Old Church-Hymnal Book (by P.H.) Ambrose is to criticise "both Doct. and Language, etc. etc."
- 1834 April 3, D. Danner, Middletown, Va., to Solomon H. Request for S.H. to become agent for a transportation route between Winchester and Harrisonburg. Stations and fares listed.
- 1835 Jan. 18, Jacob Stirewalt (Rowan Co. N.C.) to much esteemed Uncle (Ambrose H.), personal.
- 1835 April 5, Jacob Stirewalt, ditto, personal.
- 1836 March 10, J.N. Stirewalt, Rowan Co., NC, to Dear Brother in law (Ambrose H.), personal.
- 1838 Feb. 10, Adam S. Link, Green Co., Xenia O., to Ambrose H. Request for help in transferring from O. to Va. "I find I can not get along in this western country as it regards doctrine..." Wants to become Ambrose's assistant.
- 1838 March 1, G.M.T.S. Pennybacker and S.T. Newland, Pine Forge, to Solomon H. Bill of lading for "Bar Iron at \$120. per ton - - - \$125.35 1/2."
- 1838 June 25, Rob. B. Wolfe Winchester to Solomon H. re transfer of money, availability of a "clipping machine" and sending of pigs.
- 1839 Jan. 8, B. Blackford and son, Isabella Furnace, re order of a stove and price of "Plaister Breakers."
- 1839 July 30, Lloyd Logan, Winchester, to Solomon H. Bill for 1 Gross Bonnet Board... \$5.50 and 1 Box Plug Tobacco... \$28.20.
- 1839 Oct. 1, John Harr, Sullivan Co., Tenn (Whites Stove), to Solomon H. re shipment of books.
- 1840 May 4, John Harr, ditto, to Solomon H. order for 25 hymnbooks.
- 1840 Feb. 10, Henry Wetzel, Mount Solon, August Co., Va., to Solomon H. Re conflict in Pendleton congregations over raising subscription for Wetzel Two at least want Rev. Geo. Schmucker who has been selling S.S. Schmucker's book in P. Co.
- 1842 May 19, G. Jordan, Luray, Va., to Solomon H. Re shipment of cotton yarn.
- 1842 Dec. 2, Polycarp H., Lincoln Co., NC, to Ambrose H. Personal.
- 1843 Aug. 29, Catherine H., Carawba Co., NC, to Ambrose H. Personal: Death of "old grandmother" (Paul's widow).
- 1845 Sept. 19, Wm. Huncher, Sullivan Co., Tenn., to ELTS Zion Church Shen. Co. Va. Excuse for absence.
- 1846 July 20, Polycarp H., Caldwell City, NC, to Socrates. Personal: Polycarp's ministry. Adam Miller.

- 1847 July 31, P. Hoke, Lincolnton, NC, to Ambrose H. Re "Adam Miller's unfortunate case."
- 1847 Aug. 24, Polycarp H., Flint Rock, Catawba Co., NC, to Rev. Uncle (Ambrose). Personal/Synodical: preparing to open his case again. "...the North Carolina generalists will be at our next Synod in order to try to affect (sic) a union..."
- 1849 July 8, Eleonora H., Catawba Co., NC (Jacobs Fork), to Dear Brother (Socrates). Personal: re family members, birth, marriages.
- 1850 Jan., no signature, New Market, to "Esteemed friend," no address. Personal (woman).
- 1850 May 8, Meredith Spencer and Co., Baltimore, to A. Henkel and Son. Shipment of Dry goods \$75.41.
- 1850 May 30, Polycarp H., Jacobs Fork, Catawba Co., NC, to Socrates H. Personal: reference to Book of Concord.
- 1850 Aug. 15, ditto, personal: transfer of money.
- 1851 March 3, ditto, personal: Book of Concord, family names.
- 1851 April 30, ditto, re Adam Miller case.
- 1852 Feb. 18, ditto, personal: death of Mrs. Adam Miller.
- 1853 Jan. 22, John F. Stirewalt, Rowan Co., NC, to Ambrose H. Send D.H. Herald of Liberty. "I need one of those books to whip the Generalists here." (See P.C. to A. 24 Aug. 1847).
- 1853 Sept. 6, Polycarp H., Jacobs Fork, Catawba Co., NC, to Socrates H. Personal: Rebecca's health, "Miller is still fighting," P.C.'s ministry.
- 1853 Oct. 1, A.J. Fox, Mount Toth, Ala., to ELTS Emmanuel Ch. Sullivan Co. Tenn. excuse for absence.
- 1853 Dec. 6, Joel Swartz, Cedar Creek (Va.), to Socrates H. Wishes to return to ministry from teaching.
- 1854 Aug. 25, Rebecca H., Jacobs Fork, Catawba Co., NC, to Socrates H. Personal: requests help with his churches for PCH, Miller case, family references. P.S. by Polycarp - large order for Henkel publications.
- 1855 July 2, F.K. Killian, Waynesboro, Va., to Socrates H. Suggests "forming a Conference in the valley."
- 1855 July 29, Simon Clem to Socrates H. "Thanks for getting board for my daughter."
- 1857 April 13, J. Killian, Waynesboro, Va., to Socrates H. Re travel / time problem in attending "your communion meeting" and "our Conference." Need to report proceedings of Va. Conference in the Lutheran Standard.
- 1857 June 22, H. Wetzel, Mount Solon, Va., to Socrates H. Re date of first meeting of "our Conference." Need to counteract influence of Presbyterians thru their ecclesiastical meetings. P.S. re an apprenticeship in the printing business. Second hand: draft of invitation to annual examination at New Market Female Seminary.
- 1857 Aug. 24, D. Kunkle, Pond Gap, Va., to S. Paul, Mt. Solon, Va., re collecting a note.
- 1857 Sept. 12, J. Killian, Waynesboro, Va., to ELTS, Little Chucky Green Co., Tenn., Excuse for absence. "I (J.K. Hancher) have taken a vote of my congregations and find them unanimously opposed to a division of Synod..."

- 1858 Jan. 12, J.H. Hunton, Pleasant Dale, to Socrates H. Re payment of a subscription to Lutheran Standard. Description of what he would like in a wife. Asks help and advice.
- 1858 Feb. 4, David S.H. (child), Newton, NC, to Socrates H. Re school, family references, death of brother Philip.
- 1858 March 23, Adam Ketteman, Hardy Co., Va., to Socrates H. Requests S. to supply.
- 1858 Nov. 15, Polycarp H., Newton, NC, to Socrates H. States position re formation of "Missionary Conference" in Va. Effects on division of Synod (NC-Va). Position of Jacob Stirewalt. Remarks on revision of Constitution and grades of ministry.
- 1859 March 8, ditto, reference to revision of "confessional basis" at Synod. Recommendation of John I. Bennick for theological studies. Personal Matters.
- 1859 May 23, H. Wetzel, Baltimore, to Socrates H. "Tell SGH I am translating the Postil." Attended "Predigers Conference," Statement re Communion, private confession. Personal matters.
- 1860 Jan. 3, Polycarp H., Newton, NC, to Socrates H. More re. revision of Constitution (see 1859 March 8), one abolitionist hanged, statement re professional ethics, personal matters.
- 1860 Jan. 11, Martin Sondhous, Logan Hocking Co., O., to Socrates H. re his dismissal from his Va. pastorate.
- 1861 May 4, Lucius C. Worley, Fort Moultrie, Charleston, SC, to "Dear Cousin." Personal experiences during "Battle of Sumpter."
- 1861 Oct. 8, J.B. Hawkins, Fort Moultrie, to J.C. Worley, personal matters.
- 1861 Nov. 13, Mary Be-onson, Mt. Meridian, Augusta Co., Va., to Mr. Worley. Please return my letter.
- 1861 Dec. 17, Samuel G.H., New Market, to J.C. Worley (no address). Directions for taking medicine.
- 1862 March 14, H. Ingold, Flint Rock, Catawba Co., NC., to Socrates H. and wife. Re death of wife.
- 1863 July 31, P.P. Henkel, Richmond, to "Dear Cousin" (no address). War conditions in coastal N.C.
- 1863 Dec. 5, Casper C.H., Camp Stewart's Brig., to "Dear friend Davie." Details of a battle, Mine Run, Va.
- 1864 March 30, Polycarp H., Newton, NC, to S. Henkel. Re call meeting of Synod, trouble over proposed revision of constitution.
- 1864 Sept. 15, C. Henkel ("your brother"), Camp near Winchester, to Socrates H. Personal.
- 1865 Feb. 22, Polycarp H., Newton NC, to S(ocrates) H. Attitudes and predictions re outcome of war. Son David's service as chaplain.
- 1865 Dec. 20, ditto, Yankee occupation. Debate with Baptist R.H. Moody in Burke Co. on subject of baptism.
- 1868 Dec. 29, ditto, Son David's personal troubles.
- 1869 Jan. 1, ditto, More re son David.
- 1869 July 18, Rebecca H., Catawba Co., NC, to "Respected Brother" (Socrates); and Eleonora H. to "Dear Brother," family matters, report on marriages.

- 1869 Sept. 3, Thos. Crouse, Sandy Creek, Randolph Co., NC, to S. Henkel. Order for copies "Luther's Church Postil."
- 1869 July 30, E.H. McDonald, Louisville, to "Dear William." Re lost note and personal matters.
- 1873 July 14, A.W. McKim, Luray Va., to Henkel and Co. Re printing catalogue for "Luray Female Institute."
- 1873 Nov. 23, J.R. Moser, Gravitton, Wayne Co., Mo., to S. Henkel. Report on "our conference," recent meeting and relations with St. Louis Conference of the Mo. Synod.
- n.d. Rev. I . Henkel A.M. to ___ New Market Re relation of Conference to Synod. (portion of letter only)
- 1881 July 10, Lisette, "Oceanside" Summer Rest, to Ambrose H. 25 pages. Reconciliation with A. Relationship of young people. Plans re "establishing a large printing, binding and engraving house..." Father is a pastor (Wilmington?). Meeting of NC Press Assoc. Winston NC.
- 1894 Nov. 1, Cillie Tropper (?) to "Sister," personal.
- No year, March 20, R.I.H., Mt. Fern, Madison Co., Va., to "Rev. S. Henkel." Business and report on unseccessful operation in camp on John's nose.
- Undated, Bill S.D. Henkel and Bros. to C. Hostler "1/2 doz. Boxes Pills at \$2.00."
- Undated, Booklet, sample of forms for legal documents. At end on reused sheet, "1825 January 8th at meeting of ___ board of the Trustees of the Walnut Spr___ School and meeting house. Present (5 names) ... to elect a member as Trustee in the room of Philip Miller deseased." On cover: Daniel Stickley.

Collection Inventory

Henkel Family Papers, 1812-1953 and undated

Physical Description: 12 folders

Information folder on collection	Box 1
Correspondence, 1812-1910 and undated	Box 1
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Miscellany (various writings, advertisements)	Box 1
Print materials 1891-1953, and undated	Box 1
Paul Henkel diary, 1802-undated	Box 1

Scope and Contents note

Transliteration and transcript by Dr. R.H. Baur.

Volumes, writings

Box 1

Physical Description: 5 folder

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