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HERBERT BOULDIN HAWES (1872-1966) PAPERS

In 1937, Herbert Bouldin HAWES was selected by publishers GARRETT and MASSIE of Richmond, Virginia, to write a history of the City of Lynchburg, Virginia. This collection includes the research notes of Mr. HAWES concerning the history of Lynchburg and concerning the people living in and around Lynchburg. The history was never published. Also included in the collection are letters concerning the research.

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Herbert Bouldin HAWES, son of Herbert Henry HAWES and Harriette Ann BOULDIN, was born 19 November 1872 in Farmville, Prince Edward County, Virginia. He was educated at Hampden-Sydney College and received his law degree from Washington and Lee University in 1895. He practiced law in Bluefield, Mercer County, Virginia, and became city attorney. He was later employed by publishers in Minnesota, New York and Virginia, to write for law publications. He returned to Virginia in ca. 1933, where he worked for H. H. ECKENRODE, state historian in Richmond. He moved to Lynchburg in ca. 1935.

Herbert B. HAWES married Bessie PRINCE, daughter of Burk PRINCE and Belle HILL, of Hinton, Summers County, West Virginia.

In December 1936, the Board of Directors of the Lynchburg Sesqui-centennial Commission voted to publish a history of the City of Lynchburg "as a memorial to the 150th anniversary celebration held in October." The Board contracted with publishers, GARRETT and MASSIE, of Richmond, Virginia, for the production of the volume. The publishers agreed that the first edition would be limited to one thousand copies. Herbert Bouldin HAWES was selected by the publishers for the writing of the history and began work on the project in 1937. By April 1938, he had completed the outline of the manuscript and was scheduled to begin the writing of the text in May 1938, with the finished work to be delivered to the publishers by 1 July 1938. The volume was never published.

Herbert Bouldin HAWES died 2 February 1966 at his home in Lynchburg. He was buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery.

[[]Obituary of Herbert B. Hawes, Lynchburg News, 3 February 1966, Sect. B, p. 4, col. 1; Washington and Lee University Alumni Directory 1749-1949 (Lexington: W&L Alumni Inc., 1949), p. 119; Burial record, Herbert Bouldin Hawes, Diuguid Funeral Home, Lynchburg, VA, Book 55, p. 210; Hill's Lynchburg City Directory, 1935 (Richmond: Hill Directory Co., 1935), p. 199; "Publishers select Hawes," Lynchburg News, 20 April 1937, p. 8 col. 6; "Publishers delay fixing deadline," Lynchburg News, 1 April 1938, p. 8 col. 1; "History promised in fall," Lynchburg News, 5 April 1938, p. 8 col. 3; Obituary of Bessie Prince Hawes, Lynchburg News, 12 October 1977, Sect. B, p. 3 col. 1; Burial record, Bessie Prince Hawes, Diuguid Funeral Home, Lynchburg, VA, Book 67, p. 94.]