

**JONES MEMORIAL LIBRARY
2311 MEMORIAL AVENUE
LYNCHBURG, VA 24501**

(434) 846-0501

DUDLEY & HARRIS, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, PAPERS

The letterpress book is of the firm of Dudley & Harris, attorneys, containing abstracts of deeds, titles, wills, and other legal matters. It also contains accounts of trust funds. The papers are dated 1878.

WILLIAM H. DUDLEY (1856-1886)

William H. Dudley was born on 26 February 1856, the second son of Peter L. Dudley and Eliza "Bettie" Saunders. He practiced law in Lynchburg until he left ca. 1884 to live in the Washington Territory. He died in Sprague, Washington Territory, on 3 September 1886, of typhoid fever.

He is listed in the 1880 US Census as living in Lynchburg with his brother, James, and his mother, who has remarried to a Richard Pollard. Their maternal grandmother, Anne M. Saunders, was also living in the home.

[1880 US Census, Lynchburg, VA, p. 274, National Archives Microfilm T-9, Roll #1358; Dudley Family Bible Record, THE HOLY BIBLE... (New York: The American Bible Society, 1846), photocopy at Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA, FF3303; *The News* (Lynchburg, VA) 4 Sept. 1886, p.4, c.2; *The News* (Lynchburg, VA) 5 Sept. 1886, p.3, c.3.]

WILLIAM WIRT HENRY HARRIS (c.1854-1900)

William Wirt Henry Harris was born c.1854, the son of Carter J. & Cassandra K. Harris, of Caroline County, VA. He married Alice McDaniel Rucker, daughter of Ambrose Barnes Rucker and Sarah J. Benagh, of Lynchburg. Six children were born of this couple. Mrs. Harris had taught in the public schools of Lynchburg, a job to which she returned following her husband's death.

Mr. Harris died of pneumonia at Mercy Hospital in Chicago, IL, on 26 November 1900, and was buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Lynchburg, VA. Alice Rucker Harris died on 27 August 1936, and was buried in Spring Hill Cemetery.

["Burial Record for William W.H. Harris," Burial Book #13, Diuguid Funeral Home, p. 75, MS1949, microfilm copy, JML, Lynchburg, VA; *The News* (Lynchburg, VA) 1 December 1900, p.4,c.5; *The News* (Lynchburg, VA) 28 August 1936, p.12, cols. 5 & 6.]