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## WILLIAM MCKENDREE MURRELL (1854-1935) DIARY

The diary contains brief entries (1921), mostly about the weather, and a list of daily expenses, kept by William M. MURRELL.

## WILLIAM MCKENDREE MURRELL (1854-1935)

William McKendree MURRELL, son of John Cobbs MURRELL and Cornelia F. SMITHSON, was born 20 August 1854, in Rustburg, Campbell County, Virginia, where his father was Commonwealth's Attorney. Educated in a private school operated by his aunt, Julia MURRELL, William M. MURRELL came to Lynchburg to attend the private school of John MINOR. He graduated from Roanoke College in 1874 and went to law school at the University of Virginia, where he was graduated in 1876. He worked in the law offices of his father. His father suffered a stroke and William M. MURRELL was appointed to fill the unexpired term of his father as Commonwealth's Attorney. He served in that office from 1878 until 1911 and again from 1922 until 1927.

William M. MURRELL married 21 November 1883 Flora Scott WITHERS, daughter of Col. Robert Woodson WITHERS and Blanche PAYNE, of Campbell County.

William McKendree MURRELL died 23 March 1935 at his home in Lynchburg and was buried in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

[Obituary, *Lynchburg News*, 24 March 1935, p. 8 col. 7; Marriage Register, Campbell County, VA, Book 2, p. 74; *Lynchburg Virginian*, 22 November 1883, p. 3 col. 1.]