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- 1-1 Weather Memorandum Book, 1861[-1862]
  - 1-2 "A Relationship Between Local Climatic Changes at Lynchburg, Va., and Large-Scale Synoptic Circulations" (Darrell R. MASSIE, 1982)
  - 1-3 Climatological Record (1873-1910)
  - 1-4 Climatological Record (1911-1930)
- BOX 2**
- 2-1 Climatological Record (1931-1950)
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  - 5-6 Annual Summaries (Virginia) (1965-1979)
  - 5-7 Annual Summaries (Virginia) (1980-1989)
  - 5-8 Annual Summaries (Virginia) (1990-1995)
  - 5-9 Temperature/Precipitation (Monthly/Annual Mean) (1872-1937)

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|              | <b>6-3</b> | Record of River Observations 1935-1939                       |
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The remaining section of the collection consists of volumes of Weekly Weather Observations (1876-1964) and are shelved in order with the collection.

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**LYNCHBURG (VA.) WEATHER STATION**

The weather station in Lynchburg, Virginia, was established 24 May 1871, by the Signal Corps of the United States Army. The purpose of the station was to "[note] the development and progress of storms and other meteorological phenomena and [report] the same to the public with predictions of probably future atmospheric conditions." The first office of the weather station was at Eleventh and Main Streets in Lynchburg. Between 1890 and 1913, the station was operated in the Law Building at 807 Main Street. From 1913 until 1944, when it was moved to the Preston Glenn Airport (later Lynchburg Municipal Airport), it was operated in the Peoples National Bank Building at Eighth and Main Streets. During the Depression, the office was closed from July 1933 until November 1936.

The Signal Corps maintained the weather station until 18 June 1889 when it began to be operated by the Weather Bureau, a division of the Department of Agriculture. It was operated under the Department of Agriculture until 1940, when it was changed to the Department of Commerce.

With advances in technology, and with budgetary constraints, the operation of the weather station has been gradually phased out in Lynchburg. Weather services are now (1998) provided from the station at Blacksburg, Virginia.

["The Signal Service," *Lynchburg Daily Virginian*, 15 July 1888, p. 1 col. 3; "Weather Reporting Begun Here in 1871," *Lynchburg Daily Advance*, Supplement, 22 March 1954, "50 Years of Progress 1904-1954," Lynchburg Retail Merchants Association, p. 6 col. 6; "Weather Station in Lynchburg," *Lynchburg Daily Advance*, 29 June 1961, p. 21 col. 6.]