

**Roanoke Public Libraries  
Virginia Room  
Southwestern Virginia Genealogical Society Records**

**Collection Description:**

**Repository:** Roanoke Public Libraries, Virginia Room

**Accession Number:** 2014.09.12

**Title:** Southwestern Virginia Genealogical Society Organizational Records

**Physical Characteristics:** 1 record storage box, 1 document storage case

**Donated by:** Southwestern Genealogical Society Executive Board

**Arrangement:** Documents arranged alphabetically by type

**Creator:** Southwestern Virginia Genealogical Society

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**Historical Note:**

Mrs. Claude S. "Babe" Fowler and Janice Hagan organized the Southwestern Virginia Genealogical Society (SVGS) in July 1975. SVGS' purpose was to encourage, foster, and organize research, education, publishing, and other activities related to genealogy. The primary geographical area covered the 29 counties of southwestern Virginia, consisting of Alleghany, Bath, Bedford, Bland, Botetourt, Buchanan, Carroll, Craig, Dickenson, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Grayson, Henry, Highland, Lee, Montgomery, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Pulaski, Roanoke, Rockbridge, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise and Wythe. During its tenure, SVGS contributed a great deal to the local genealogical landscape through publication of *Virginia Appalachian Notes*, a quarterly publication containing informative articles related to local history and genealogy. Additionally, SVGS maintained pedigree chart notebooks contributed by members and non-members of the society. Countless workshops, classes, seminars, and field trips were arranged and sponsored by SVGS. SVGS dissolved in 2009.

**Scope and Content:**

This collection consists of records generated by the Southwestern Virginia Genealogical Society. Included are administrative records and pedigree charts. In addition, issues of *Virginia Appalachian Notes* were originally included with the collection. Issues were removed from the collection and housed with existing issues in the Virginia Room's holdings. Digital copies of *Virginia Appalachia Notes* may also be accessed in the Virginia Room Digital Collection.

Pedigree charts were contributed by society members as a way to share genealogical information with the public. Charts arranged alphabetically by surname in each volume. Indexes for each volume are included. Items in the collection range from July 1975 through December 2009.

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