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Related Material

For additional information see the Powhatan County Chancery Cause, Executor of Henry Whitlock versus Frances E. Whitlock, etc., available on the Library of Virginia's Chancery Records Index. The index number is 1870-010.

Historical Information

Henry W. Whitlock and his son James M. Whitlock conducted a mercantile business called Henry W. Whitlock and Son in Jefferson, Virginia, from January 1841-January 1843. Prior to 1841, the business was solely owned by Henry W. Whitlock.

The daybooks and ledgers were used as exhibits in the chancery suit Executor of Henry Whitlock versus Frances E. Whitlock, etc., heard in the Powhatan County Circuit Court.

Scope and Content

Business records of Henry W. Whitlock and Son consist of two daybooks and a ledger.

Two daybooks, 1839-1842, record on a monthly basis transactions of Henry W. Whitlock and Son. Information recorded in the daybooks includes name of customer, dates of transactions, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, price of each item, form of payment, amount owed and paid, and page number of customer's found in corresponding ledger. Merchandise sold include beef, eggs, alcoholic drinks, shoes, dry-goods, marbles, castor oil, nails, flour, oats, and iron. Payments made by cash, credit, and barter of goods such as oats, wheat, corn, and bacon. Information related to entries dated 1841-1842 derived from second daybook.

Daybook, 1841-1842, records on a daily basis transactions of Henry W. Whitlock and Son. Information recorded in the daybook includes name of customer, date of transaction, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, price of each item, form of payment, and amount owed and paid.

Ledger, 1839-1846, records the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry include date of transaction, form of transaction, amount owed, form of payment, and amount paid. Each entry also includes page numbers of transaction found in Daybook, 1839-1842. Some entries state where the customer lived. Volume does not contain detailed information regarding items sold by general store. Rather, it uses the general term "merchandise." Volume also includes miscellaneous loose papers.

Index Terms

Persons:

Whitlock, Henry W.

Whitlock, James M.

Corporate Names:

Henry W. Whitlock and Son (Powhatan County, Va.)

Subjects:

Barter -- Virginia -- Powhatan County.
Consumer goods -- Virginia -- Powhatan County.
Dry-goods -- Virginia -- Powhatan County.
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Powhatan County (Va.) -- History -- 19th century.

Genre and Form Terms:

Business records -- Virginia -- Powhatan County.
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Ledgers (account books) -- Virginia -- Powhatan County.
Local government records -- Virginia -- Powhatan County.

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