

# A Guide to the Bland County (Va.) Business Records, 1880-1923

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## Descriptive Summary

### Language

English

### Collector

Bland County (Va.) Circuit Court

### Physical Characteristics

8 volumes; 1 microfilm reel

### Location

State Records Center - Archives Annex

### Repository

The Library of Virginia

## Administrative Information

## Access Restrictions

Many of the business volumes are fragile and should not be handled, **please check alternative formats for volumes that have been microfilmed. Please use microfilm if available.**

## Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

## Acquisition Information

These items came to the Library of Virginia in a transfer of court papers from Bland County in an undated accession.

## Processing Information

Prior to 2024, the various business records in this collection were originally described as individual records, but they have been consolidated into one large business record for the locality.

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# Alternative Form Available

Please see [Bland County Microfilm](#) index in the **Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm available on the Library of Virginia website for full listing.**

D. M. Bailey and Son Records, 1886-1898 are available as microfilm Bland County (Va.) Reel 35

Barclay Dodd Records, 1880-1890 are available as microfilm Bland County (Va.) Reel 35

# Adjunct Descriptive Data

## Related Material

Additional Bland County (Va.) records can be found on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. Consult ["A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm."](#)

Bland County is one of Virginia's Lost Records Localities. Additional Craig County records may be found in the Virginia Lost Records Localities Digital Collection at the Library of Virginia. Search the [Lost Records Localities Digital Collection](#) available at Virginia Memory.

# Historical Information

**Context for Record Type:** Business Records, both volumes and loose records, are in some cases transferred to the Library of Virginia as components of court record transfers. These business records in some cases were simply stored in the local court building for safe keeping by business owners. In other cases, business records (particularly ledgers, account books, etc.) may have been filed in a court case as an exhibit. These business record exhibits appeared both in chancery causes and in judgments, these records serving as exhibits for business dissolution cases, debt suits, and contract disputes.

**Locality History:** Bland County is said to have been named for Richard Bland, a leader of colonial Virginia's resistance to Great Britain in the 1760s and 1770s. It was formed from Giles, Wythe, and Tazewell Counties in 1861, and another part of Giles was added in 1900. The county seat is Bland. Area: 358.7 square miles. Population: 6,871 (2000), 7,100 (2005 estimate.)

**Lost Records Locality:** Created in 1861. Most loose records were destroyed by fire in 1888. All volumes and part of the chancery papers were saved.

# Scope and Content

Bland County (Va.) Business Records, 1880-1923, are comprised of various records created by individuals and companies in pursuit of documenting business activities in and around Bland County (Va.) Represented records consist of bound volumes such as ledgers, a daybook and an account book.

# Arrangement

This collection is arranged

- Series I: D. M. Bailey and Son Records, 1886-1898
- Series II: Barclay Dodd Records, 1880-1890
- Series III: Newberry, Finley, and Company Ledgers, 1899-1908
- Series IV: G. W. Thompson and Son Ledger, 1915-1923
- Series V: Unidentified General Store Ledger, 1906-1908

## Contents List

### **Series I: D. M. Bailey and Son Records, 1886-1898**

#### **Extent**

2 volumes

**Physical Location** State Records Center

#### **Scope and Content**

**Historical Information:**D. M. Bailey and Son was a retail business in Bland County during the late 19th century.

**Scope and Content:**D. M. Bailey and Son Records consist of a ledger and daybook.

Ledger, 1886-1898, records the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, amount owed, form of payment, and amount paid.

Daybook C, 1890-1893, records daily company transactions. Information includes name of customer, dates of transactions, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, price of each item, form of payment, and amount owed and paid. Merchandise sold includes nails, shoes, candy, dry goods, tobacco, bacon, and clothing. Payments are made by cash, credit, barter, and labor. Entries can be found in Ledger, 1886-1898.

**Barcode number 1097641: D. M. Bailey and Son Ledger 1886-1898**

**Barcode number 1097649: D. M. Bailey and Son Daybook C 1890-1893**

### **Series II: Barclay Dodd Records, 1880-1890**

#### **Extent**

2 volumes

**Physical Location** State Records Center

#### **Scope and Content**

**Historical Information:**Barclay Dodd operated a general store in Bland County during the late 19th century.

**Scope and Content:**Barclay Dodd Records consist of a ledger and an account book.

Ledger, 1880-1890, and Account Book 1, 1889-1890, record the individual accounts of customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order, items purchased, cost per item, amount owed, amount paid, and form of payment. Items sold include dry goods, toiletries, food, cigars, and watches. Forms of payment include cash, credit, labor, and barter of items such as eggs, flour, and coal.

**Barcode number 1097644: Barclay Dodd Ledger 1880-1890**

**Barcode number 1097642: Barclay Dodd Account Book 1 1889-1890**

### **Series III: Newberry, Finley, and Company Ledgers, 1899-1908**

#### **Extent**

2 volumes

**Physical Location** State Records Center

#### **Scope and Content**

**Historical Information:**Newberry, Finley, and Company was a retail business in Bland County during the

late 19th to early 20th centuries.

**Scope and Content:** Newberry, Finley, and Company Ledgers, 1899-1908, record the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes name of customer, date of transaction, amount owed, form of payment, and amount paid. 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. Both volumes have an index.

**Barcode number 1097645: Newberry, Finley, and Company Ledger 1899-1904**

**Barcode number 1097646: Newberry, Finley, and Company Ledger 1904-1908**

## **Series IV: G. W. Thompson and Son Ledger, 1915-1923**

### **Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Historical Information:** G. W. Thompson and Son operated a retail business in Hicksville in the 20th century.

**Scope and Content:** G. W. Thompson and Son Ledger, April 1915-November 1923, gives a detailed account of individual customers. Accounts are found in volume's index, in front of volume, alphabetically by last name. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, itemization of individual items with exact date of purchase noted in parentheses, amount owed which is noted in a separate column, amount paid and form of payment. Merchandise sold included staples such as eggs, sugar and coffee, shoes, denim, tobacco, leather, meat, curtains, oil, soap, fresh fruit, vegetables, candy, medicine and cheese. Volume also includes letters, advertisements and a mini ledger with various measurements and prices. Pages 170-172 indicate the partnership may have managed an estate account and guardian accounts for the Newberry family.

**Barcode number 1097647: G. W. Thompson and Son Ledger 1915-1923**

## **Series V: Unidentified General Store Ledger, 1906-1908**

### **Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Historical Information:** An Unidentified General Store operated in Bland County in the early 20th century.

**Scope and Content:** Unidentified General Store Ledger, 15 Oct 1906-24 March 1908, records a quick account of individual transactions by date and account number. Each entry includes items purchased, amount owed, interest owed, amount paid and form of payment usually cash or check. Items sold included shoes, pants and shirts, tobacco, cheese, syrup, cigars, matches and eggs.

**Barcode number 1097659: Unidentified General Store Ledger 1906-1908**