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Descriptive Summary

Language

English

Creator

Scott County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Physical Characteristics

21 volumes.

Location

Library of Virginia

Repository

Library of Virginia

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

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

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Acquisition Information

These records came to the Library of Virginia in transfers of court papers from Scott County in 2005, 2008, 2011 and 2012.

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.

The records in this collection were processed at different times in 2005, 2008, 2011 and 2012 by Gregory Crawford. Efforts have been taken to identify chancery causes related to these business records as some of these records were used as evidence in court proceedings.

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Related Material

See also: [Scott County \(Va.\) Chancery Causes, 1846-1896](#)

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

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 safekeeping 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 records exhibit appeared both in chancery causes and in judgments. These records serving as exhibits for business dissolution cases, debt suits, and contract disputes.

Locality History: Scott County was named for Winfield Scott, a native of Virginia, in recognition of his victories during the War of 1812. It was formed from Lee, Russell, and Washington Counties in 1814. Its area is 539 square miles, and the county seat is Gate City.

Scope and Content

Scott County (Va.) Business Records, 1846-1921, is comprised of various records created by individuals and companies in pursuit of documenting business activities in and around Scott County (Va.). Represented records largely consists of bound volumes such as daybooks, ledgers and checkbooks.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged

- Series I: William Nickels Ledgers, 1850-1853
- Series II: Jackson and Haynes Ledger, 1890-1891
- Series III: Farmers and Labor Union Exchange Daybook, 1890-1892
- Series IV: R. L. Davidson and Brother Business Records, 1889-1896
- Series V: Unidentified General Store Ledger, 1910-1914
- Series VI: Unidentified General Store Ledger, 1918-1921
- Series VII: Nickels and McConnell Ledger and Daybook, 1847-1850
- Series VIII: Walter H. and William Nickels Ledger and Daybook, 1846-1855
- Series IX: Gate City Printing Company Checkbook, 1911-1912
- Series X: M. J. McConnell and Son Ledger, 1914-1917
- Series XI: Unidentified Hotel Register, 1913-1914

Contents List

Series I: William Nickels Ledgers, 1850-1853

Extent

4 volumes

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: William Nickels operated a mercantile business in Pattonville, Scott County, Virginia during the early 1850's. These volumes were used as exhibits in the chancery cause Walter H. Nickels versus William Nickels, heard in the Circuit Court of Scott County.

Also see: Scott County Chancery Cause, Walter H. Nickels versus William Nickels, 1859-014. Available Digitally through the [Chancery Records Index](#).

William Nickels Ledgers, 1850-1853, record the individual accounts of customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in ledgers include date of transaction, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, form of payment, amount owed, and amount paid. Items sold include dry-goods, tools, food, shoes, tobacco, coffee, and clothing. Forms of payments include cash, credit, labor, and barter.

Barcode numbers 0007297092-0007297095: William Nickels Ledgers 1850-1853

Series II: Jackson and Haynes Ledger, 1890-1891

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Jackson and Haynes Ledger, 1890-1891, was used as evidence in the chancery cause, Thomas R. Jackson versus Samuel Haynes, etc., heard in the Circuit Court of Scott County.

Also see: Scott County Chancery Cause, Thomas R. Jackson versus Samuel Haynes, 1897-030. Available Digitally through the [Chancery Records Index](#).

Jackson and Haynes Ledger, 1890-1891, records the accounts of lumber bought and sold by the partnership.

Barcode number 1093150: Jackson and Haynes Ledger 1890-1891

Series III: Farmers and Labor Union Exchange Daybook, 1890-1892

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Farmers and Labor Union Exchange conducted business during the late nineteenth century in Mendota, Washington County, Virginia. It was formed in August 1890, by the New Hope Farmers' Alliance and its subordinate alliances for the purpose of selling goods produced by members of the alliances. Farmers and Labor Union Exchange Daybook, 1890-1892, was used as evidence in the chancery cause, Mendota Exchange versus William Childs, etc., heard in the Circuit Court of Scott County.

Also see: Scott County Chancery Cause, Mendota Exchange versus William Childs, 1899-045. Available Digitally through the [Chancery Records Index](#).

Daybook, 1890-1892, records transactions of the Farmers and Labor Union Exchange as they occurred on a daily basis. Information found in each entry includes name of customer, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, and amount owed for each item. Items sold include soda, tobacco, dry-goods, food, horse collars, candy, and spices.

Daybook records additional information such as the expenses paid by the exchange after it began business; names of stockholders, amount of stock each owned, and date they purchased stock; amount of money paid to stockholders, name of stockholder, and date money was paid; by-laws stating the rules and

organizational structure of the exchange; a resolution passed by the New Hope Farmers' Alliance calling for the creation of the Farmers and Labor Union Exchange; and the amount of daily cash sales of the exchange from March 16, 1891 to June 18, 1892.

Barcode number 1093169: Farmers and Labor Union Exchange Daybook, 1890-1892

Series IV: R. L. Davidson and Brother Business Records 1889-1896

Extent

7 volumes

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information:R. L. Davidson and Brother was a general store that conducted business in Scott County, Virginia during the late nineteenth century. The co-partnership was formed by Robert L. Davidson and his brother William D. Davidson on August 1, 1889, in the town of Estilleville, now Gate City, Virginia. The co-partnership was dissolved in July 6, 1896, due to a falling out between the two brothers over Robert's personal misconduct. The volumes were used as exhibits as part of the deposition of W. D. Davidson in the chancery case R. L. Davidson versus W. D. Davidson, heard in the Circuit Court of Scott County. The two ledgers identified as Book 1 and Book 2 were labelled "Exhibit E" and "Exhibit F." The four daybooks were assigned exhibit numbers 4, 7, 8, and 13. The bank and receipt book was labelled Exhibit A.

Also see: Scott County Chancery Cause, R. L. Davidson versus W. D. Davidson, 1903-004. Available Digitally through the [Chancery Records Index](#).

Two ledgers, 1889-1896, identified on the covers as Book 1, 1889-1895, and Book 2, 1889-1896, that record the individual accounts of customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in ledgers include date of transaction, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, form of payment, amount owed, and amount paid. Items sold include dry-goods, jars, spices, food, oysters, lamp oil, castor oil, and clothing. Forms of payments include cash, credit, labor, and barter of items such as cabbage, musk melons, chickens, and meal. Book 2 includes an index that lists in alphabetical order the names of customers and the page numbers where their accounts can be found in both books. Information entered in ledgers were transferred from corresponding daybooks.

Four daybooks, 1890-1894, records transactions as they occurred on a daily basis. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, name of customer, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, form of payment, amount owed, and amount paid. Information in daybooks were transferred to corresponding ledgers.

Bank and receipt book, 1889-1894, records transactions made by R. L. Davidson and Brother with the Bank of Estilville, later renamed the Bank of Gate City. It lists in chronological order money deposited and withdrawn by R. L. Davidson and Brother. Information found in the transactions includes the names of individuals and businesses R. L. Davidson and Brother paid checks to. The first five pages of the volume records the accounts of individuals paying rent for housing and property to R. L. Davidson and Brother.

Barcode numbers 1093153, 1093172, 1138508, 1165181, 1165182, 1165183: R. L. Davidson and Brother Business Records 1889-1896

Series V: Unidentified General Store Ledger, 1910-1914

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location State Record Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information:This unidentified general store operated in Virginia during the nineteenth century. May be related to M. J. McConnell and Son Ledger, 1914-1917.

The Unidentified General Store Ledger, 1910-1914, records accounts of individual customers. Entries are listed in chronological order under account name and include date, type of transaction, and monies credited and debited. Items purchased include coffee, spices, vinegar, butter, flour, lard, eggs, candy, meats, fabrics, ribbon, shoes, hats, umbrellas, gloves, and many other items. There is a name index at the front of the volume.

Barcode number 0007297304: Unidentified General Store Ledger 1910-1914

Series VI: Unidentified General Store Ledger, 1918-1921

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location State Record Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information: This unidentified general store operated in Virginia during the nineteenth century. May be related to M. J. McConnell and Son Ledger, 1914-1917.

The Unidentified General Store Ledger, 1918-1921, records accounts of individual customers. Entries are listed in chronological order under account name and include date, type of transaction, and monies credited and debited. Items purchased include coffee, spices, butter, flour, lard, eggs, candy, meats, fabrics, ribbon, shoes, umbrellas, gloves, and may other items. There is a name index at the front of the volume.

Barcode number 0007297311: Unidentified General Store Ledger 1918-1921

Series VII: Nickels and McConnell Ledger and Daybook, 1847-1850

Extent

2 volumes

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Nickels and McConnell was a mercantile partnership that conducted business in Nickelsville, Scott County, Virginia between 1847 and 1849. The partnership was formed by Walter H. Nickels, his brother William Nickels, and George McConnell. These volumes were used as exhibits in the chancery cause Walter H. Nickels versus William Nickels, heard in the Circuit Court of Scott County.

Also see: Scott County Chancery Cause, Walter H. Nickels versus William Nickels, 1859-014. Available Digitally through the [Chancery Records Index](#).

Nickels and McConnell Ledger and Daybook, 1847-1850, consist of a ledger, 1847-1850 and daybook, 1848-1849. The ledger records the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, style of transaction, and amount owed or paid. Most transactions contain the generic words "merchandise" or "sundry." The daybook records transactions as they occurred on a daily basis at a mercantile business in Nickelsville, Virginia. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, name of customer, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, form of payment, amount owed, and amount paid. Items sold include dry-goods, tools, food, umbrellas, tobacco, coffee, and clothing. A portion of the volume was used as a mathematics textbook.

Barcode numbers 0007297090-0007297091: Nickels and McConnell Ledger and Daybook 1847-1850

Series VIII: Walter H. and William Nickels Ledger and Daybook, 1846-1855

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Walter H. and William Nickels was a mercantile partnership that conducted business in Nickelsville, Scott County, Virginia between 1842 and 1847. The partnership was formed by Walter H. Nickels and his brother William Nickels. William Nickels operated a mercantile business in Pattonsville, Scott County, Virginia during the early 1850's. The volume was used as an exhibit in the

chancery cause Walter H. Nickels versus William Nickels, heard in the Circuit Court of Scott County.

Also see: Scott County Chancery Cause, Walter H. Nickels versus William Nickels, 1859-014. Available Digitally through the [Chancery Records Index](#).

Walter H. and William Nickels Ledger and Daybook, 1846-1855, consists of a ledger, 1846-1855, and a daybook, 1853. The ledger portion of volume records the individual accounts of customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in ledgers include date of transaction, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, form of payment, amount owed, and amount paid. Items sold include dry-goods, tools, food, shoes, tobacco, coffee, and clothing. Forms of payments include cash, credit, labor, and barter. The daybook portion records transactions as they occurred on a daily basis at a mercantile business in Pattonville, Virginia owned by William Nickels. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, name of customer, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, form of payment, amount owed, and amount paid.

Barcode number 0007297089: Walter H. and William Nickels Ledger and Daybook 1846-1855

Series IX: Gate City Printing Company Checkbook, 1911-1912

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Gate City Printing Company conducted business during the early twentieth century in Gate City, Scott County, Virginia.

Checkbook, 1911-1912, of Gate City Printing Company that contains stubs of checks written by the company. Information found in check stubs includes date check was written; name of individual to whom check was written; purpose check was written; previous balance brought forward; amount deposited; total amount deposited; amount of check; and balance carried forward.

Barcode number 1093164: Gate City Printing Company Checkbook 1911-1912

Series X: M. J. McConnell and Son Ledger, 1914-1917

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location State Record Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information: M. J. McConnell and Son was a mercantile partnership that conducted business in Wayland, Scott County, Virginia.

M. J. McConnell and Son Ledger, 1914-1917, consists of a ledger that records the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, style of transaction, and amount owed or paid. Pages 1-203 relate mostly to poultry business and document the sale of eggs, fryers, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, and coops. Pages 204-444 relate to other mercantile business. Items purchased include clothing, accessories, blankets, fabrics and trimmings, lemons, beans, sugar, and coffee. There is an alphabetical customer index at the front of the volume.

Barcode number 0007297315: M. J. McConnell and Son Ledger 1914-1917

Series XI: Unidentified Hotel Register, 1913-1914

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: The unidentified hotel conducted business in Scott County during the early

twentieth century.

Register, 1913-1914, of an unidentified hotel that records in chronological order the date a customer registered, name of customer, place of customer's residence, meals, and room number. The register also includes advertisements for business located in Richmond, Virginia.

Barcode number 1093171: Unidentified Hotel Register 1913-1914

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