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Descriptive Summary

Language

English

Creator

Warren County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Physical Characteristics

11 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 Warren County in 2006 and 2008.

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 2006 and 2008 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: [Warren County \(Va.\) Chancery Causes, 1913-1948](#)

Additional Warren 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: Warren County was named for Joseph Warren, the revolutionary patriot who sent Paul Revere and William Dawes on their famous rides and who was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill. The county was formed from Shenandoah and Frederick Counties in 1836. Its area is 219 square miles, and the county seat is Front Royal.

Scope and Content

Warren County (Va.) Business Records, 1851-1886, is comprised of various records created by individuals and companies in pursuit of documenting business activities in and around Warren County (Va.). Represented records largely consists of bound volumes such as daybooks, cashbooks and ledgers and minute books.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged

- Series I: Barley, Beaty, and Company Business Records, 1878-1886
- Series II: Luray and Front Royal Turnpike Company Minute Book and Ledger, 1851-1869

Contents List

Series I: Barley, Beaty, and Company Business Records, 1878-1886

Extent

10 volumes

Physical Location State Record Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Barley Beaty and Company was a mercantile partnership formed by William H. Barley and Charles H. Beaty that sold general merchandise in Front Royal, Virginia. It began operations in May 1878 and continued until Barley's death in February 1881. Beaty was responsible for keeping the store's financial records. The volumes were used as exhibits in the chancery case Executor of William H. Barley versus Charles H. Beaty and others, heard in the Circuit Court of Warren County. Barley's executor was uncertain if Beaty had collected all the debts owed the partnership, a percentage of which would go to Barley's estate. The executor asked the court to intervene and require Beaty to produce all of Barley, Beaty and Company's financial records in order to determine the amount of debt owed the partnership so that whatever was owed to Barley's estate could be collected.

Also see: Warren County Chancery Cause, Executor of William H. Barley versus Charles H. Beaty and others, 1900-001. Available Digitally through the [Chancery Records Index](#).

Cashbook, Daybooks, and Ledgers, 1878-1886, of Barley, Beaty and Company, a general store, consist of a cashbook, six daybooks and three ledgers.

Cashbook, May 1878-October 1881, records cash received and cash paid on an almost daily basis. It includes the names of individuals and accounts the business received cash from and paid cash to. Entries found in cashbook are listed in ledgers with corresponding date range.

Six daybooks record transactions as they occurred on a daily basis from 1878 to 1886. Information found in each entry includes name of customer, merchandise sold, and the amount owed. Merchandise sold include cologne, bacon, chickens, apples, dry-goods, spices, clothing, boots, and coal. Payments made by cash, credit, and barter such as eggs and butter. Page numbers found in entries correspond with page numbers found in ledgers of same date range. One daybook marked "Journal" on spine.

Ledgers A, B, and C, 1878-1882, record the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, style of transaction, form of payment, and the amount owed and paid. The ledgers do not list the names of items purchased, rather they use the general term, "merchandise." The ledgers also previous hit record next hit the previous hit company's next hit controlling accounts such as expense account, merchandise account, sewing machine account, and wool account. Page numbers found in entries correspond with page numbers found in daybooks or cashbook of same date range.

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Series II: Luray and Front Royal Turnpike Company Minute Book and Ledger, 1851-1869

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location State Record Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Warren County was named for Joseph Warren, the revolutionary patriot who sent Paul Revere and William Dawes on their famous rides and who was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill. The county was formed from Frederick and Shenandoah counties in 1836. An act of the General Assembly passed 1851 March 31, approved incorporation of the Luray and Front Royal Turnpike Company to construct a road from Luray in Page County to Front Royal in Warren County. Capital stock was set at twenty thousand dollars, with the Board of Public Works authorized to subscribe to twelve thousand dollars. Capital was increased 1853 February 14 to thirty thousand dollars to extend the road to some point at or near Conrad's store on the Rockingham Turnpike, and an additional ten thousand dollars to enable the company to metal parts of the road between Luray and Front Royal as they determine necessary. 1853 March 22, the county court of Warren County was authorized to subscribe to capital stock.

Luray and Front Royal Turnpike Company Minute Book and Ledger, 1851-1869, consist of meeting minutes of the company's stockholders and board of directors. Information found in the minutes includes date and location of meetings; election of officers; rules and regulations; officers' reports; and decisions made by the board of directors and shareholders related to the construction of the turnpike. The volume also records the company's receipts and expenditures and capital stock.

The second half of the volume is a ledger that records the individual accounts of the company's shareholders' accounts, controlling accounts such as cash account and expense accounts, and the accounts of individuals and businesses with whom the company conducted transactions. Information found in accounts include date of transaction, form of transaction, amount owed, form of payment, and amount

paid. Ledger includes an index that lists in alphabetical order the names of shareholders, controlling accounts individuals, and businesses and the page numbers where their accounts can be found.

**Barcode number 1096579: Luray and Front Royal Turnpike Company
Minute Book and Ledger 1851-1869**

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