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Descriptive Summary

Language

English

Collector

Page County (Va.) Circuit Court

Physical Characteristics

15 volumes; 0.45 cubic feet (1 box).

Location

State Records Center

Repository

Library of Virginia

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Acquisition Information

These records came to the Library of Virginia in transfers of court papers from Page County in an undated accession.

The business records of Morgan and Joseph Lauck came to the Library of Virginia in a transfer of court papers from Frederick County under 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.

These records were processed by Greg Crawford between 2003 and 2005.

In November 2024, local records staff made the decision to describe the business records of Morgan and Joseph Lauck in the Page County business record guide because the records relate to their general store which conducted business in the town of Luray, in Page County; the business records have also not been connected to any chancery cause in Frederick County.

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Related Material

Additional Page County Court Records can be found on microfilm at The Library of Virginia. Consult ["A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm."](#)

See also: [A Guide to the Page County \(Va.\) Chancery Causes, 1831-1914 \(bulk 1871-1901\)](#)

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: Page County was named according to most sources, for John Page, revolutionary patriot, congressman, and governor of Virginia from 1802 to 1805. It was formed from Rockingham and Shenandoah counties in 1831. The county seat is Luray.

Scope and Content

Page County (Va.) Business Records, 1818-1896 is comprised of various records created by individuals and companies in pursuit of documenting business activities in and around Page County (Va.) Represented records largely consist of bound volumes such as ledgers, daybooks, minute books, cashbooks, journals, and account books. One box of loose correspondence is also a part of the collection.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into nine series:

- Series I: Business Records of Dr. John Bell, 1861-1862
- Series II: Business Records of the Equity Loan and Building Association, 1890-1895
- Series III: Business Records of Gabriel Jordan, 1850-1866
- Series IV: Business Records of the Luray Lime Company, 1894-1896
- Series V: Business Records of Morgan and Joseph Lauck, 1818-1828
- Series VI: Business Records of the Page Loan and Building Association, 1884-1896
- Series VII: Business Records of an Unidentified Jeweler, 1857-1863
- Series VIII: Business Records of the Union Exchange Farmers' Alliance Store, 1892-1894
- Series IX: Business Records of the Washington House Tavern, 1856-1870

Contents List

Series I: Business Records of Dr. John Bell, 1861-1862

Extent

1 volume.

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Dr. John Bell practiced medicine in Page County during the mid-19th century.

Scope and Content: The business records of Dr. John Bell consist of a daybook. The daybook recorded transactions in chronological order. Information recorded in the daybook includes date of transaction, name of patient, type of transaction, and cost of transaction. Types of transactions include visits to patients, drug prescriptions, and other medical services.

Barcode Number 1090026: Daybook of Dr. John Bell, 1861-1862

Series II: Business Records of the Equity Loan and Building Association, 1890-1895

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information: The Equity Loan and Building Association was a loan company that conducted business in Luray, Virginia during the late 19th century.

Scope and Content: The business records of the Equity Loan and Building Association consists of a minute book. The minute book recorded the meetings of the company's board of directors. Information found in the minutes includes date and time of meetings, lists of officers, elections of officers, decisions made by the board of directors regarding the acceptance or rejection of loans sought by customers, and other miscellaneous activities of the company.

Barcode Number 1090015: Minute Book of the Equity Loan and Building Association, 1890-1895

Series III: Business Records of Gabriel Jordan, 1850-1866

Extent

2 volumes

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Gabriel Jordan owned and ran a general store in Luray; it conducted business during the mid-nineteenth century.

Scope and Content: The business records of Gabriel Jordan are associated with his general store. They consist of a ledger and daybook.

Barcode Number 1090030: Ledger of Gabriel Jordan's General Store, 1850-1862

Scope and Content

The ledger recorded the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry include date of transaction, amount owed, form of payment, and amount paid and were derived from daybook.

The ledger also includes list of lands purchased in Kansas Territory in 1857. Each entry records land certificate number, name of landowner, location, number of acres, condition of land (timber, soil, water), and payment of taxes. Ledger also includes list of lands purchased in Kansas Territory in 1857 by members of Gabriel Jordan's family. They include his sons Francis H. Jordan, Thomas Jordan, Gabriel Jordan, Jr., and Macon Jordan. Each entry records land certificate number, name of original landowner,

location, number of acres, condition of land (timber, soil, water), and payment of taxes.

Barcode Number 1090017: Daybook of Gabriel Jordan's General Store, 1851-1866

Scope and Content

The daybook recorded in chronological order the daily transactions of the unidentified business. Information recorded in the daybook includes date of transaction, name of customer, type of transaction, cost of transaction, form of payment, and amount owed or paid. Transactions include payments for debts purchases of merchandise, and rental fees. Merchandise sold include butter, plaster, apples, cow hide, hay, cotton, herring, beef, and sheep skin. Payments made by cash, credit, or barter of goods such as molasses, bacon, and beans. Page numbers found in entries correspond with page numbers found in entries in ledger.

Series IV: Business Records of the Luray Lime Company, 1894-1896

Extent

1 volume; 0.45 cubic feet (1 box)

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information:The Luray Lime Company was a lime mining business that conducted business in Page County, Virginia, during the late 19th century.

Scope and Content:The business records of the Luray Lime Company consist of a company letter book and a box of letters.

Barcode Number 1090024: Company Letter Book of the Luray Lime Company, 1894

Scope and Content

The company letter book contain copies of correspondence from Luray Lime Company to customers and potential customers. Information found in letters relates to the collection of debts from customers and the selling, shipping, advertising, and pricing of the company's lime.

Barcode Number 1007478: Business Letters of the Luray Lime Company, 1894-1896

Scope and Content

The business letters of the Luray Lime Company were from companies with whom Luray Lime Company conducted business. Information found in letters relates to debts owed by or to Luray Lime Company and the selling, shipping, condition, and pricing of the company's lime. Collection includes miscellaneous account records, 1894-1896, of debts owed by customers of Luray Lime Company.

Series V: Business Records of Morgan and Joseph Lauck, 1818-1828

Extent

4 volumes

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information:Morgan and Joseph Lauck were brothers who owned and ran a general store in the early nineteenth century in the town of Luray.

Scope and Content:The business records of Morgan and Joseph Lauck consist of journals, a ledger, and a daybook.

Barcode Number 1098780: Ledger of Morgan and Joseph Lauck, 1818-1821

Scope and Content

The ledger of Morgan and Joseph Lauck recorded by month from June 1818-October 1821 the individual accounts of customers. Each account records transactions in chronological order. Each entry list date of transaction, style of transaction (merchandise purchased, cash loaned, etc.), and amount owed and

paid. Merchandise sold include cigars, dry-goods, knives, shoes, dining ware, and shaving soap. Payments made by cash, credit, labor, and barter (whiskey, corn, and butter).

Barcode Number 1098739: Journal C of Morgan and Joseph Lauck, 1825-1826

Barcode Number 1098736: Journal D of Morgan and Joseph Lauck 1826-1828

Scope and Content

Journals C and D recorded by month from April 1825-April 1828 the individual accounts of customers. Each account records transactions in chronological order. Each entry list date of transaction, style of transaction (merchandise purchased, cash loaned, etc.), and amount owed and paid. Payments made by cash, credit, barter (calf skin, corn, beef, etc.), and labor (weaving carpet). Information found in Journal D corresponds to information found in daybook.

Barcode Number 1098759: Daybook of Morgan and Joseph Lauck, 1827-1828

Scope and Content

The daybook of Morgan and Joseph Lauck recorded transactions as they occurred on a daily basis from June 1827-November 1828. Information found in each entry includes name of customer, items purchased, and the amount owed and paid. Merchandise sold include tea, spices, rum, clothing, combs, shoes, and tools. Information found in daybook corresponds to information found in Journal D.

Series VI: Business Records of the Page Loan and Building Association, 1884-1896

Extent

3 volumes

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information:The Page Loan and Building Association was a loan company that conducted business in Luray, Virginia during the late 19th century.

Scope and Content:The business records of the Page Loan and Building Association consist of a cashbook, ledger, and a minute book.

Barcode Number 1090014: Minute Book of the Page Loan and Building Association, 1884-1896

Scope and Content

The minute book recorded the meetings of the company's board of directors. Information found in the minutes includes date and time of meetings, lists of officers, elections of officers, decisions made by the board of directors regarding the acceptance or rejection of loans sought by customers, and other miscellaneous activities of the company.

Barcode Number 1090023: Ledger of the Page Loan and Building Association, 1886-1894

Scope and Content

The ledger recorded the accounts of individuals who conducted business with Page Loan and Building Association. Information found in ledger was taken from corresponding cashbook. Volume includes an index listing names in alphabetical order and page numbers where their accounts can be found.

Barcode Number 1090022: Cashbook of the Page Loan and Building Association, 1887-1895

Scope and Content

The cashbook recorded in chronological order transactions made between individuals and Page Loan and Building Association. Information includes date of transaction, name of individual, month payment was due, amount due, amount of interest, amount of premium, amount of fines, transfer fee, solicitor's fee, total amount, and miscellaneous remarks regarding transaction. Each transaction also includes page number of corresponding ledger where information from cashbook was transferred.

Series VII: Business Records of an Unidentified Jeweler, 1857-1863

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information:The unidentified jeweler conducted business in Page County during the mid-19th century.

Scope and Content:The business records of the unidentified jeweler consist of an account book. The volume recorded the accounts of individual customers. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, items purchased or services rendered, form of payment, and total amount owed and paid. Items purchased include gold keys, watches, silver thimbles, spoons, and locket. Services rendered include cleaning and repairing clocks, watches, and jewelry.

Barcode Number 1090021: Account Book of an Unidentified Jeweler, 1857-1863

Series VIII: Business Records of the Union Exchange Farmers' Alliance Store, 1892-1894

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information: The Union Exchange Farmers' Alliance Store conducted business in Luray, Virginia, during the late nineteenth century. The store sold goods to farmers and laborers who were members of the Page County Farmers' Alliance. The store was owned and operated consecutively by the following individuals. A. A. Printz, C. W. Broyles, George W. Rothgeb, and W. H. Keyser. All were county agents for the Page County Farmers' Alliance, however, the store was not a part of the organization.

Scope and Content: The business records of the Union Exchange Farmers' Alliance Store consist of an account book. The volume recorded the accounts of individuals and companies with whom George W. Rothgeb, the owner of Union Exchange Farmers' Alliance Store, conducted business. Information found in each entry include date of transaction, items purchased, items purchased, services rendered, form of payment (cash, credit, barter, or check), and total amount owed and paid. Items transacted include fish, cigars, dry goods, salt, crackers, shoes, and sugar.

The account book was used as an exhibit in the deposition of George W. Rothgeb in [Page County Chancery Cause, 1899-024: Stoneburner and Richards etc. vs. Page County Farmers' Alliance etc.](#)

Barcode Number 1090027: Account Book of the Union Exchange Farmer's Alliance Store, 1892-1894

Series IX: Business Records of the Washington House Tavern, 1856-1870

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information:The Washington House was a tavern that conducted business in Page County, Virginia, during the mid-19th century.

Scope and Content:The business records of the Washington House tavern consists of an account book. The volume recorded the individual accounts of customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, form of transactions, amount owed, form of payment, and amount paid. Transactions include renting rooms, serving meals, selling drinks, renting buggies, renting stables for horses, and feeding horses. Payments made by cash, credit, barter of items (butter, beef, wood, potatos), and labor. Volume includes an index that lists names of customers in

alphabetical order and page number of customer's account.

The volume was also used as a sheriff fee book, 1865-1870. It records fees paid to sheriff for services performed on behalf of court. Information found in each entry includes date of service, service rendered, and amount of fee. Services include serving writs, summons, and notices.

Barcode Number 1090018: Account Book of the Washington House, 1856-1870

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