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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Unit Date

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains a ledger from Halifax County, Virginia general mercantile store, with entries listing customer names, together with descriptions of items purchased and dates and prices of purchases.

Extent

0.5 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

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Source of Acquisition

The Clement M. Adkisson Account Book was acquired by the VPI Agricultural Branch Library in 1939 or 1940 and transferred to Special Collections and University Archives in 1955.

Processing Information

The processing, arrangement, and description of the Clement M. Adkisson Account book commenced and was completed in February 2011. Initial description was completed in or prior to May 1970.

Please note: This item was originally cataloged as the "C. M. Adkinson & Company Account Book." Because the volume had been rebound at some point, any original identifying information from the binding was lost, and the name C. M. Adkinson was derived from a latter-day label on the volume's front endpapers. The new attribution, changing the name to the "C. M. Adkisson Account book," is derived from an examination of the contents and from research. The first entry in this volume is an agreement entered into by C. M. Adkisson and Samuel T. Wright. Furthermore, though the 1870 census did record a 61-year-old merchant named C. M. Atkinson in Halifax County, other reliable sources, including other censuses, record this man's name as Clement M. Adkisson.

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Biographical Note

Clement M. Adkisson, son of Jesse and Jinny Medley Adkisson, was born ca. 1809 in Cluster Springs (Halifax County), Virginia. He married Mary Webb Sydnor (1824-1891) in 1849. The couple seems to have had one child, a son named William S. Adkisson, born in 1857. Adkisson owned and operated a general store at Scottsburg (Halifax County) and appears to have partnered, at least temporarily, with a Samuel T. Wright. Clement M. Adkisson is recorded by the 1860 federal census as a 51-year-old merchant and farmer, living in Scottsburg, Virginia. Also in the household are 35-year-old Mary W. Adkisson, Willie S. Adkisson (2), Synthia Adkisson (62), Mourning Adkisson (53), and several people who were apparently boarders. The family continues to be listed among the inhabitants of Halifax County through the 1880 census.

Scope and Content

This collection contains a single account book, purportedly from the store of Clement M. Adkisson, of Halifax County, Virginia. The ledger's entries commence with January 1859 and end in November 1861. Possibly copied from the store's day book, the entries may represent credit transactions. Each entry provides the customer's name, a description of items purchased, and the dates and prices of purchases.

Related Materials

A transcription of the data in the Clement M. Adkisson Account Book may be found in a searchable database. See Mescher, Virginia, *Historic Accounts: a Study of Store Ledgers from the Mid-Nineteenth Century with a Searchable Database* (Burke, VA: Vintage, Volumes, 2001). Call no. F232 H17 M47 2001 Spec Large.

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