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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Unit Date

1904-1935

Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains four ledgers documenting sales and expenses of the Page Milling Company of Luray, Virginia.

Creator

Page Milling Company (Luray, Va.)

Extent

1.2 Cubic Feet 4 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Processing Information

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Administrative History

Located in Luray, Virginia, the Luray Mill and Elevator Company was built by C. W. Carter in 1895. In 1898, E. C. Harnsberger purchased the mill and renamed it the Page Milling Company. Operating in conjunction with the mill was the Luray Electric Company, a plant converting steam power to operate the mill.

According to at least one source, the product today sold by General Mills under the trade name Bisquick was invented by Robert C. Harnsberger at Page Milling. In its history of Bisquick's development, however, General Mills makes no mention of Harnsberger or Page Milling.

The mill, remodeled in 1929, was capable of producing 300 barrels of flour per day by the 1950s. Page Milling Company continued to operate as late as 1955.

Scope and Content

This collection contains ledgers documenting the business transactions of the Page Milling Company of Luray, Virginia. Consisting of a day book, a journal, a cash book, and a sales journal, the ledgers provide details on the company's sales of corn, wheat, and screenings and its operating expenses, including labor.

Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Mills and mill-work

Page County (Va.)

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by material type.

Description of Subordinate Components

Day book**Unit Date** 1909-1916**box** 1**Journal****Unit Date** 1923-1935**box** 2**Cash book****Unit Date** 1932-1935**box** 3**Sales journal****Unit Date** 1904-1915**box** 4