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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

Ms.2010.025

### Unit Date

1889-1921

### Language

The material in the collection is in English.

### Abstract

The collection contains a cash ledger of the Radford Brick Company, which operated a manufacturing plant at Tiptop (Tazewell County), Virginia around the turn of the twentieth century.

### Creator

Radford Brick Company (1889-1912) (Tazewell County, Va.)

### Extent

0.2 Cubic Feet 1 box

### Repository

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## Administrative Information

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## **Source of Acquisition**

The Radford Brick Company Cash Ledger was purchased by Special Collections in 1997. The volume was purchased under the title "Norfolk and Western Cash Ledger," but upon closer inspection in 2010 was found to relate to the Radford Brick Company.

## **Processing Information**

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# **Administrative History**

The Radford Brick Company was chartered in 1889 for the purpose of manufacturing and selling brick. The company purchased 30 acres of land at Tiptop (Tazewell County) and located its plant there. Under long-time manager George Shafer, bricks were manufactured with clay dug on site. By 1901, the plant was able to manufacture six million bricks per year and was furnishing all of the brick used by the Norfolk and Western Railway in construction. By 1911, when the plant temporarily closed, it had an annual production capacity of eight million bricks. In 1912, the plant was purchased by Hoge Mason, of Bluefield, West Virginia, and renamed the Tiptop Brick Company, with W. H. Shuff serving as manager.

# **Scope and Content**

This collection consists of a single cash ledger from the Radford Brick Company, which operated a manufacturing plant at Tiptop (Tazewell County), Virginia around the turn of the twentieth century. The ledger contains entries for the company's income and expenditures. The first entry is dated October 11, 1889 and begins a list of stock sales. Entries for later dates detail income from sales of bricks, as well as expenditures for such items as machinery, equipment, labor, and freight. Following the sale of the company to Hoge Mason in 1912, the ledger's only recorded income derives from interest and Mason's note payments. Stock payments are also recorded. The final entry in the ledger is dated January 1, 1921.

# **Keywords**

Ledgers (account books)  
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Tazewell County (Va.)

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**Ledger**

**Unit Date** 1889-1921

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)