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Descriptive Summary

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Unit Date

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Language

The material in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The collection contains a single ledger from Martin Urner's harness and saddle-making business in New Market, Virginia. The ledger includes customer and payment information from 1867 to 1881.

Creator

Urner, Martin, 1813-1868

Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

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Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Martin Urner was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, in 1813. In March 1837, he married his first wife, Barbara Zirkle (1818-1845). Before her death, they had four children: Sarah C. (1838-1864), John Osborn (1840-1914), Lewis Harvey (1842-1925), and Emily Susan (b.1845). In 1848, he married Susan Keyser (b.1824) and together they had five children: Annie Floren (1851-1862), Charles Keyser (b.1854), Clarence Henry (b.1856), Frances Mary (1858-1862), and Margaret C. (b.1863).

Urner was a saddler in New Market, Shenandoah County, Virginia. He was also a minister and served as pastor of the Smith Creek Baptist Church in New Market from 1868 until his death. (His second wife was the daughter of a previous minister at the church.) Urner died in New Market in 1888. Susan Urner lived until at least 1910.

Scope and Content

The ledger is organized by customer name and date. Each page usually contains either one or two customers, while each line represents an individual day's transactions. Some item descriptions are detailed, but most are simple, e.g. "1 Wagon whip" or "For repairs to a side saddle."

Details are also recorded for payments. Urner accepted many methods of payment, including cash, services, and barter for his services. Examples of payment include bushels of potatoes received over the course of a year, the use of a horse and plow hand for four days, and "dentistry."

Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by material type.

Description of Subordinate Components

Ledger

Unit Date 1867-1881

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