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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID
SC 0128

Unit ID

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Unit Date

1816-1903

Language

English

Abstract

The Robert H. and Lorraine Strickler Collection of John Zigler Daybooks, 1816-1903, consists chiefly of daybooks and ledgers related to the John Zigler tannery and pottery businesses in Rockingham County, Virginia. Additional materials include photographs, notes, letters, and loose accounts.

Creator

Zigler, John, 1786-1856

source

Strickler, Robert H. (Robert "Twig" Hopkins), 1928-2019

source

Strickler, Lorraine Warren, 1932-

source

Crown Collectibles

Extent

2.9 cubic feet 7 boxes

Repository

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

Robert H. "Twig" and Lorraine Strickler donated this collection to Carrier Library in December 1990.

In March 2022, Special Collections acquired from Crown Collectibles a ledger/daybook (Daybook/Ledger 19) belonging to the same John Zigler.

Processing Information

In order to streamline the process of applying collection numbers, Special Collections staff completed a large-scale renumbering campaign in the spring of 2017. **This collection was previously cataloged as SC 3025.**

The ledger acquired from Crown Collectibles was added to the collection in April 2022.

Preferred Citation

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Bio/Historical Note

John Zigler (b. 1786) moved to Timberville in Rockingham County, Virginia in 1814. In this year, he also opened a tannery, which was known as the largest and best in the Shenandoah Valley by the year of his death in 1856. Along with his tannery, he also started a pottery business in 1830, and later opened a hemp mill. John Zigler was also part of a project to build a free bridge across the Shenandoah River in 1833. Zigler and his family were also affiliated with the Church of the Brethren (Dunkers).

Scope and Content

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Robert H. and Lorraine Strickler Collection of John Zigler Daybooks, 1816-1903, consists primarily of 19 daybooks and ledgers from the John Zigler tannery and pottery businesses in Timberville in Rockingham County, Virginia. Additional materials include photographs, notes, letters, and loose financial accounts.

Series 1: Daybooks and Ledgers, 1816-1903, contains daybooks and ledgers numbered consecutively according to date. These daybooks include references to Henry Jordan as tanner, Andrew Coffman as potter, use of dollars and pounds, references to hauling hides from Winchester, references to milling hemp, reference to death of John Zigler Sr., and references to the pottery kiln, saw mill, and tons of hay. Daybooks record transactions chronologically; ledgers group transactions under individual account names. Entries made throughout ledgers and daybooks refer to the purchasing of hides and bark. Entries relating to purchasing hemp begin around 1826; entries mentioning pottery and a saw mill begin around 1830. Entries relating to the "sharping" of shovels and removing of shoes suggest the presence of a blacksmith. Many entries also suggest the presence of a shoemaker. The later years of the ledgers seem to document a change to a farm supply or general store. Many entries relate to dry goods or to agricultural products and methods such as hay and threshing. Of particular interest is the simultaneous use of both pounds and dollars until around 1845. Also, two types of entries can be found throughout the ledgers and daybooks relating to African Americans. The name of a person is sometimes followed by "black" or "blackman;" or a name may be followed by "by his blackman" or "blackboy." Many inserts were found in apparently random order in the daybooks and ledgers. Some were merely scraps for calculating numbers, while others contained account information. Unless there was a connection between an insert and the pages where it was found, it was filed in a folder. There is also one undated photograph thought to be of the kiln. Oversize daybooks are included in this series and contain accounts of Daniel Zigler and references to buying calfskins in Baltimore.

Series 2: Unbound Material, 1843-1893, consists of financial accounts of the Zigler family, notes, memos, and a photograph of Zigler's Timberville kiln.

Keywords

Account books -- Virginia -- Rockingham County
Tanners -- Virginia -- Rockingham County
Tanneries -- Virginia -- Rockingham County
African Americans -- Virginia -- History -- 19th century
Farm supply industries -- Virginia -- Rockingham County
General stores -- Virginia -- Rockingham County
Agricultural industries -- Virginia -- Rockingham County
Leather industry and trade -- Virginia -- Rockingham County
Hides and skins -- Virginia -- Rockingham County
Bark -- Virginia -- Rockingham County
Hemp -- Virginia -- Rockingham County
Pottery, American -- Virginia -- Rockingham County
Pottery kilns -- Virginia -- Rockingham County
Blacksmithing -- Virginia -- Rockingham County
Shoe industry -- Virginia -- Rockingham County
Sawmills -- Virginia -- Rockingham County
Mills and mill-work -- Virginia -- Rockingham County
Timberville (Va.) -- History
Industries -- Virginia -- Timberville -- Sources
Timberville (Va.) -- Economic conditions -- Sources
Rockingham County (Va.) -- History
Industries -- Virginia -- Rockingham County
Rockingham County (Va.) -- Economic conditions -- Sources
Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- History
Industries -- Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- Sources
Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- Economic conditions -- Sources
Virginia -- History, Local
Daybooks
Ledgers (account books)

Business records
Zigler family
Strickler, Robert H. (Robert "Twig" Hopkins), 1928-2019
Strickler, Lorraine Warren, 1932-
Crown Collectibles
Zigler Tannery (Timberville, Va.)

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Provenance

The Stricklers purchased the John Zigler daybooks at the M. Otto Zigler estate sale held by Green Valley Auctions, Inc. on August 11, 1990.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in two series:

- Daybooks and ledgers, 1816-1903
- Unbound material, 1843-1893

Description of Subordinate Components

Daybooks and Ledgers

Unit ID 1

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1236

Unit Date 1823-1903

Daybook/Ledger 1

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1239

Unit Date 1823-1825

Mixed Materials [1000886577] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Daybook/Ledger 2

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1240

Unit Date 1826-1829

Mixed Materials [1000886577] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Daybook/Ledger 3

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1241

Unit Date 1829-1831

Mixed Materials [1000886577] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Daybook/Ledger 4

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1242

Unit Date 1831-1834

Mixed Materials [1000886578] 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Daybook/Ledger 5

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1243

Unit Date 1834-1838

Mixed Materials [1000886578] 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Daybook/Ledger 6

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1244

Unit Date 1838-1841

Mixed Materials [1000886578] 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Daybook/Ledger 7

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1245

Unit Date 1841-1844

Mixed Materials [1000886579] 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Daybook/Ledger 8

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1246

Unit Date 1845-1847

Mixed Materials [1000886579] 3 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Daybook/Ledger 9

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1247

Unit Date 1847-1852

Mixed Materials [1000886579] 3 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Daybook/Ledger 10

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1257

Unit Date 1852-1856

Mixed Materials [1000898376] OV 1 (box)

Daybook/Ledger 11

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1248

Unit Date 1816-1823

Mixed Materials [1000886580] 4 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Daybook/Ledger 12

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1258

Unit Date 1822-1834

Mixed Materials [1000898376] OV 1 (box)

Daybook/Ledger 13

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1249

Unit Date 1827-1834

Mixed Materials [1000886580] 4 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Daybook/Ledger 14

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1250

Unit Date 1832-1838

Mixed Materials [1000886580] 4 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Daybook/Ledger 15

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1259

Unit Date 1836-1842

Mixed Materials [1000898376] OV 1 (box)

Daybook/Ledger 16

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1251

Unit Date 1843-1850

Mixed Materials [1000886581] 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Daybook/Ledger 17

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1252

Unit Date 1851-1860

Mixed Materials [1000886581] 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Daybook/Ledger 18

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1253

Unit Date 1855-1903

Mixed Materials [1000886582] 6 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Daybook/Ledger 19

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/26142

Unit Date 1844-1868

Mixed Materials [1000886582] 6 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Content

Ledger records quantity, weight, and value of hides being purchased at Zigler's tannery. Also included are sixteen pages of Notes Outstanding Against John Zigler. An Abraham Lincoln is listed as part of these notes (pg. 115). This likely refers to Abraham Lincoln (1799-1851), son of Jacob and Dorcas Robinson Lincoln, who was President Abraham Lincoln's first cousin once removed. Common Rockingham County surnames are present throughout and include Hoover, Kline, Shaver, Miller, Garber, Kratzer, Holsinger, Sites, Gochenour, and others. Also includes four recipes (pgs. 30-31).

Unbound Material

Unit ID 2

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1237

Unit Date 1843-1893

Zigler family accounts

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1254
Unit Date 1843-1893
Mixed Materials [1000886582] 6 (box)
Container 3 (folder)

Miscellaneous

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1255
Unit Date undated
Mixed Materials [1000886582] 6 (box)
Container 4 (folder)

Kiln/pottery photograph

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1256
Unit Date undated
Mixed Materials [1000886582] 6 (box)
Container 5 (folder)

Accounts with Daniel Zigler

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1260
Unit Date 1881-1890
Mixed Materials [1000898376] OV 1 (box)
Container 1 (folder)