

# A Guide to Virginia Business Documents

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## Scope and Content

This collection, 1793-1898, of 17 bound volumes includes ledgers, journals, and day books from businesses in Petersburg and Richmond owned by Thomas Baxter, John Traylor, and Carey Stevens. Francis Follet, Nathan E. Wildman, Steel and Alexander, the Blandford Mill Company, and John Wilder and Joseph Wilder are a few of the businesses and businessmen represented in these account books of mills, contractors, machinery shops, and general stores.

## Container List

**Day Book, [general store], Petersburg**

**Unit ID** 1)

**Unit Date** 1813-1815

**Container** Box 1

**Journal, [Petersburg], John Traylor, blacksmith, Carey Stevens; includes Traylor family genealogy on last two pages and an account with Edmund Ruffin**

**Unit ID** 2)

**Unit Date** 1813-1826

**Container** Box 1

**Journal, Richmond, Thomas Baxter**

**Unit ID** 3)

**Unit Date** 1827-1840

**Container** Box 1

## **Ledger, Blandford Mill Company, Petersburg, Thomas Baxter, Francis Follet, Nathan E. Wildman**

**Unit ID** 4)

**Unit Date** 1831-1838

**Container** Box 1

## **Chequebook, Petersburg**

**Unit ID** 5)

**Unit Date** 1845-1854

**Container** Box 1

## **Notes and Bills, [ Petersburg]**

**Unit ID** 6)

**Unit Date** 1851-1855

**Container** Box 1

## **Promissory Notebook, [ Petersburg]**

**Unit ID** 7)

**Unit Date** 1857, n.d.

**Container** Box 1

## **Journal, Blandford Mill Company, Petersburg, Thomas Baxter**

**Unit ID** 8)

**Unit Date** 1836-1839

**Container** Box 2

## **Ledger, [ Blandford Mill Company], Petersburg, Thomas Baxter**

**Unit ID** 9)

**Unit Date** 1836-1839, 1847-1854

**Container** Box 2

## **Ledger, Petersburg, Thomas Baxter**

**Unit ID** 10)

**Unit Date** 1854-1855, 1858-1859

**Container** Box 2

## **Journal, [ Tappey Lumsden and Company], Tappey Lumsden; includes many sketches for mill and construction machinery and an order from the Confederate States of America for pike blades**

**Unit ID** 11)

**Unit Date** 1862-1864, 1873-1877, 1880-1890

**Container** Box 3

## **Journal, Petersburg**

**Unit ID** 12)

**Unit Date** 1866-1871

**Container** Box 3

**Day Book, Steel and Alexander, [milling, machinery, and construction company], Petersburg; includes sketches of machinery**

Unit ID 13)

Unit Date 1884-1891 Jan

Container Box 3

**Day Book, Steel and Alexander, Petersburg; includes some sketches of machinery**

Unit ID 14)

Unit Date 1891 Feb-1898

Container Box 3

**Ledger, [general store], [Johnand Joseph Wilder], Petersburg; includes accounts for tobacco, wheat, corn; accounts for the ship Rebecca, schooner Nancy; some accounts for women**

Unit ID 15)

Unit Date 1793-1803

Container Oversize (Box)

**Ledger, [general store], [Buchanan V. Pollek], Petersburg; includes many plantation accounts, especially for "Plantation at Archers Hill"; accounts for the sloops Dispatch and Lively, for the schooner Martha Ann; names and occupations listed together; many "Negro Account" listings and accounts for women**

Unit ID 16)

Unit Date 1806-1820

Container Oversize (Box)

**Journal, [Steel and Alexander], [Petersburg]; includes papers from 1862 re: "Table for Cutting Gear Blanks"**

Unit ID 17)

Unit Date 1890-1893

Container Oversize (Box)