

# A Guide to the Pittsylvania County (Va.) Business Records, 1788-1845

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## Profile Description

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**Language Usage:** Description is in English

## Descriptive Summary

### Language

English

### Creator

Pittsylvania County (Va.) Circuit Court.

### Physical Characteristics

2 volumes.

### Location

State Record Center

### Repository

State Record Center

## Administrative Information

### Access Restrictions

Many of the business volumes are fragile and should not be handled. **please check alternative formats for volumes that have been microfiled. Please use microfilm if available.**

### Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

## Acquisition Information

These records came to the Library of Virginia in transfers of court papers from Pittsylvania County in 2011.

## Processing Information

Prior to 2024, the various business records in this collection were originally described as individual records, but they have been consolidated into one large business record for the locality.

The records in this collection were processed as different times around 2004 by Greg Crawford. Efforts have been taken to identify chancery causes related to these business records as some of these records were used as evidence in court proceedings.

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## Preferred Citation

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# Alternative Form Available

Please see [Pittsylvania County Microfilm](#) index in the **Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm** available on the **Library of Virginia website** for full listing.

Anthony and Grasty Ledger A., 1839-1845 is available as microfilm Pittsylvania County (Va.) Reel 261 and 262

Unidentified Retail Ledger, 1788-1828 is available as microfilm Pittsylvania County (Va.) Reel 261 and 262

## Adjunct Descriptive Data

## Related Material

Additional Pittsylvania County (Va.) court records can be found on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. Consult ["A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm."](#)

## Historical Information

**Context for Record Type:** Business records, both volumes and loose records, are in some cases transferred to the Library of Virginia as components of court record transfers. These business records in some cases were simply stored in the local court building for safekeeping by business owners. In other cases, business records (particularly ledgers, account books, etc.) may have been filed in a court case as an exhibit. These business record exhibits appeared both in chancery causes and in judgments, these records serving as exhibits for business dissolution cases, debt suits, and contract disputes.

**Locality History:** Pittsylvania County was named in honor of William Pitt, first Earl of Chatham, a great English statesman. It was formed from Halifax County in 1766.

## Scope and Content

Pittsylvania County (Va.) Business Record, 1839-1845, is comprised of records of accounts of individual patients. The account list in chronological order charges and payments for visits to patients, medication, and other medical services such as extracting teeth, operations, and visits to ill slaves. Forms of payment include cash and credit.

## Arrangement

This collection is arranged

- Series I: Anthony and Grasty Ledger A., 1839-1845
- Series II: Unidentified Retail Ledger, 1788-1828

## Contents List

## Series I: Anthony and Grasty Ledger A., 1839-1845

### Extent

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Record Center

### Scope and Content

**Historical Information:** Ledger A. Anthony and Grasty was a partnership that conducted business in Pitsylvania County during the mid-nineteenth century. It records the accounts of individual patients. The accounts list in chronological order charges and payments for visits to patients, medication, and other medical services such as extracting teeth, operations, and visits to ill slaves. Forms of payment include cash and credit.

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**Barcode number 1110724: Anthony and Grasty Ledger A., 1839-1845**

## Series II: Unidentified Retail Ledger, 1788-1828

### Extent

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Record Center

### Scope and Content

**Historical Information:** An unidentified business that conducted business in Pittsylvania County during the late eighteenth century and early nineteenth century. An unidentified retail business that records the individual accounts of customers. Information found in each entry include date of transaction, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, date and form of payment, and total amount owed and paid. Items purchased include wheat, cotton, dry goods, clothing, spices, wool, dishware, iron, alcohol, food, and paper. Items paid by cash, credit, labor such as making clothing, picking cotton, plowing fields, etc., and barter such as corn, calf skin, green apples, and beeswax. There are also entries that refer to hiring out enslaved individuals.

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**Barcode number 1110736: Unidentified Retail Ledger 1788-1828**

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