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Descriptive Summary

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Creator

Powhatan County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Physical Characteristics

27 volumes.

Location

Library of Virginia; State Record Center

Repository

Library of Virginia

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 Powhatan 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 at different times from 2004 and 2009 by Bari Helms and 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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Related Material

See also: [Powhatan County \(Va.\) Chancery Causes, 1782-1938](#)

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Historical Information

Context for Record Type: Business records, 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: Powhatan County was named for the Indian chieftain who ruled the Native American inhabitants of tidewater Virginia in the early seventeenth century. It was formed from Cumberland County in 1777, and part of Chesterfield County was added later. Its area is 272 square miles, and the county seat is Powhatan.

Scope and Content

Powhatan County (Va.) Business Records, 1788-1891, is comprised of various records created by individuals and companies in pursuit of documenting business activities in and around Powhatan County (Va.). Represented records largely consist of bound volumes such as ledgers, account box, daybooks, account books and journals.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged

- Series I: Samuel B. and Francis O. Drake Blotter, 1840-1845
- Series II: Cardozo, Oldner, and Company Sales Books, 1845-1846
- Series III: John F. Cox Account Book, 1849-1859
- Series IV: William Campbell Scott Journal, 1842-1864
- Series V: Davis General Store Daybook and Ledger, 1830-1834
- Series VI: Elbert Mosby Tavern Account Books, 1837-1839
- Series VII: John M. Stratton Daybook and Ledger, 1853-1854
- Series VIII: Milton P. Atkinson and Company Ledger, 1829-1831
- Series IX: Scott, Skipwith, and Cardozo Daybook and Ledger, 1854-1856
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- Series XI: Unidentified General Store Account Book, 1891
- Series XII: Unidentified Merchant Daybook and Ledger, 1804-1807
- Series XIII: Unidentified Merchant Daybook, 1806-1807
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Contents List

Series I: Samuel B. and Francis O. Drake Blotter, 1840-1845

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Samuel B. and Francis O. Drake General Store was located in the town of Macon, Virginia, and conducted business during the mid-19th century. The blotter was used as an exhibit in the chancery suit *Executor of Francis O. Drake versus Administrator of Samuel B. Drake* heard in the Powhatan County Circuit Court.

Scope and Content: Samuel B. and Francis O. Drake Blotter, 1840-1845, a general store, that served as a daybook. It records daily events and transactions in chronological order. Information recorded in the daybook includes date of transaction, name of customer, form of transaction, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, and cost per item. Items sold include clothing, dry-goods, whiskey, candy, shaving soap, shot, gunpowder, combs, and chocolate.

Also see: Powhatan County Chancery Cause, Exr. of Francis O. Drake vs Admr. of Samuel B. Drake, 1850-008. Available Digitally through the [Chancery Records Index](#).

Barcode number 1123373: Samuel B. and Francis O. Drake Blotter 1840-1845

Series II: Cardozo, Oldner, and Company Sales Books, 1845-1846

Extent

2 volumes

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Cardozo, Oldner, and Company was a partnership formed by John G. Oldner, William H. Cardozo, and James Gallagher on August 6, 1845. The general store was located at Powhatan County Courthouse. The partnership dissolved in the summer of 1846. The sales books were used as exhibits in the chancery suit *John G. Oldner, etc. versus William H. Cardozo* heard in the Powhatan County Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery.

Scope and Content: Cardozo, Oldner, and Company Sales Books, 1845-1846, records items sold by the general store. Information recorded includes date of transactions, items sold, quantity of items sold, cost per item, total cost for items. There are two more columns of numbers whose purpose is unknown. Items sold include spices, dry-goods, whiskey, snuff, food, medicine, toiletries, cards, and soda. One sales book records the sale of the store's inventory at a public auction held at the Powhatan County Courthouse.

Information recorded includes the name of purchaser, items sold, quantity of items, cost per item, and total amount of cost.

Also see: Powhatan County Chancery Cause, John G. Oldner, etc. vs William H. Cardozo, 1854-016. Available Digitally through the [Chancery Records Index](#).

Barcode numbers 1123518 and 1123701: Cardozo, Oldner, and Company Sales Books 1845-1846

Series III: John F. Cox Account Book, 1849-1859

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location State Record Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information: The account book was used as an exhibit in the chancery suit Edwin Fleming and wife versus Administrator of Frederick Hicks. It was heard in the Powhatan County Circuit Court. The suit involved the division of Black individuals enslaved by Hicks among his heirs.

Scope and Content: John F. Cox Account Book, 1849-1859, records transactions performed by Cox as administrator of Frederick Hicks.

Also see: Powhatan County Chancery Cause, Edwin Fleming and wife vs Admr. of Frederick Hicks, 1859-002. Available Digitally through the [Chancery Records Index](#).

Barcode number 1123517: John F. Cox Account Book 1849-1859

Series IV: William Campbell Scott Journal, 1842-1864

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: William Campbell Scott was born in 1809 in Powhatan Company. He attended Hampden-Sydney College in 1823-1827. Scott graduated from University of Virginia Law School in 1829. He was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates in 1837 and 1851. Scott ran as Know-Nothing candidate in 1856 and was defeated. He was a lawyer in Powhatan County, colonel of the 102nd Virginia Militia Regiment, and brigadier general of the 4th Brigade, 1st Division, Virginia Militia. Scott was a member of the Virginia Secession Convention in 1861. He was appointed colonel of the 44th Virginia Infantry on June 14, 1861. He commanded the 44th during the Valley Campaign. Scott resigned his commission of the 44th on January 14, 1863. Scott died in Powhatan County on April 9, 1865. The journal was used as an exhibit in the chancery suits Polly R. Crawford vs. Executor of William C. Scott, etc., James Shipley and wife versus Executor of William C. Scott, etc., Administrator of Cleon A. Crawford, Jr. versus Executor of William C. Scott, etc., and Richard P. Crawford versus Executor of William C. Scott, etc. They were heard together in the Powhatan County Circuit Court. The suits involved Scott's failure to settle his accounts as guardian of Polly R. Crawford, Ellen R. Crawford, Cleon A. Crawford, Jr., and Richard P. Crawford.

Scope and Content: William Campbell Scott Journal, 1842-1864, records transactions performed by Scott as trustee for various clients. Information found in journal includes name of clients, date of transactions, type of transaction, and amounts owed and paid. Transactions include the hiring of enslaved individuals.

Also see: Powhatan County Chancery Cause, Polly C. Crawford vs Exr. of William C. Scott, etc.; James Shipley and wife vs Exr. of William C. Scott, etc.; Admr. of Cleon A. Crawford, Jr. vs Exr. of William C. Scott, etc. and Richard P. Crawford vs Exr. of William C. Scott, etc., 1870-014. Available Digitally through the [Chancery Records Index](#).

Barcode number 1050071: William Campbell Scott Journal 1842-1864

Series V: Davis General Store Daybook and Ledger, 1830-1834

Extent

4 volumes

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: William E. Davis, Joseph B. Davis, and perhaps Benjamin T. Davis operated a general store in Powhatan County, Virginia, during the early 19th century.

Scope and Content: Daybook and Ledger of a general store operated by Joseph B. Davis, William E. Davis, and perhaps Benjamin T. Davis. They consist of a daybook, two ledgers and a journal.

Davis General Store Journal and Ledgers: 1830-1834

Scope and Content

Journal, 1830-1832, and two ledgers, 1831-1834, records the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry include date of transaction, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, price of each item, form of payment, amount owed, and amount paid. Forms of payment include cash, credit, barter of goods including fodder, beef, oats, and raw hides, and labor such as killing hogs. Information found in ledger, 1831-1832, was derived from corresponding daybook. Journal and ledgers include an index listing names of customers in alphabetical order and page numbers where their accounts can be found.

Barcode numbers 1123498: Joseph B. Davis General Store Journal, 1830-1832

Barcode numbers 1123499: Joseph B. Davis General Store Ledger, 1831-1832

Barcode numbers 1123516: Joseph B. Davis General Store Ledger, 1833-1834

Barcode numbers 1123367: William E. Davis General Store Daybook 1831-1832

Scope and Content

Daybook, 1831 July-1832 May, records in chronological order the daily transactions of the Davis general store. Information recorded in the daybook includes date of transaction, name of customer, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, cost of transaction, and amount owed. Merchandise sold include cheese, alcoholic beverages (whisky, perry, rum, brandy), dry-goods, coffee, sugar, fur hats, knives, and almanacs. Information found in daybook was transferred to corresponding ledger.

Series VI: Elbert Mosby Tavern Account Books, 1837-1839

Extent

2 volumes

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Elbert Mosby owned a tavern that conducted business in Powhatan County, Virginia, during the early 19th century.

Scope and Content: Two account books, 1837-1839, of a tavern owned by Elbert Mosby that record the individual accounts of customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, form of transactions, amount owed, form of payment, and amount paid. Transactions include renting rooms, serving meals, selling drinks, renting buggies, renting stables for horses, and feeding horses. Payments made by cash and credit. The account books also record lists of individuals who attended drinking and dinner events held at the tavern. Information found includes name of individual and if they paid the attendance fee. One volume includes an index that lists names of customers in alphabetical order and page number of customer's account.

Barcode numbers 1123369: Elbert Mosby Tavern Account Books, 1838-1839

Barcode numbers 1123370: Elbert Mosby Tavern Account Books, 1837-

1839

Series VII: John M. Stratton Daybook and Ledger, 1853-1854

Extent

2 volumes

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: John M. Stratton owned a general store that conducted business in Powhatan County, Virginia, during the mid-19th century.

Scope and content: Daybook and Ledger of John M. Stratton consist of a daybook and a ledger.

Barcode numbers 1123375: John M. Stratton Daybook 1853-1854

Scope and Content

Daybook, 1853-1854, records transactions on a daily basis. Information recorded in the daybook includes name of customer, date of transactions, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, price of each item, and amount owed. Items sold include medication, alcoholic drinks, dry-goods, spices, cigars, tin buckets, candles, food, and clothing.

Barcode numbers 1123501: John M. Stratton Ledger 1853-1854

Scope and Content

Ledger, 1853-1854, records the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry include date of transaction, form of transaction, amount owed, and amount paid. Volume does not contain detailed information regarding items sold by general store. Information found in ledger was derived from corresponding daybook.

Series VIII: Milton P. Atkinson and Company Ledger, 1829-1831

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Milton P. Atkinson & Company was a general store that conducted business in Powhatan County, Virginia, during the early 19th century. In 1831, Atkinson sold the store to Joseph B. Davis.

Scope and Content: Ledger, 1829-1831, of Milton P. Atkinson & Company that records the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry include date of transaction, items purchased, quantity of merchandise purchased, cost per item, amount owed, form of payment, and amount paid. Items sold include whiskey, sugar, molasses, shoes, shawls, paper, clothing, and chances for pistols. Payments made by cash, credit, labor, or barter of goods such as corn, bricks, salts, and vinegar.

Barcode numbers 1123515: Milton P. Atkinson & Company Ledger 1829-1831

Series IX: Scott, Skipwith, and Cardozo Daybook and Ledger, 1854-1856

Extent

2 volumes

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Scott, Skipwith, and Cardozo was a sawmill owned by William Campbell Scott, William M. Skipwith, and Abram J. Cardozo. It was located in Powhatan County, Virginia, and conducted business during the mid-19th century.

Scope and Content: Daybook and Ledger of Scott, Skipwith, and Cardozo, a sawmill located in Powhatan

County, consist of a daybook and a ledger.

Barcode numbers 1123376: Scott, Skipwith, and Cardozo Daybook 1854-1855

Scope and Content

Daybook, 1854-1855, records daily transactions in chronological order. Information recorded in the daybook includes name of customer, dates of transactions, form of transaction, services rendered such as sawing or hauling lumber, type and quantity of lumber purchased, measurements of lumber purchased, cost of each piece of lumber, form of payment, total amount owed, and total amount paid. Volume also records the hiring out of enslaved people by sawmill. Entries include the name of enslaved individuals, period of time hired, cost per day, and total amount owed. Forms of payment include cash, credit, labor, hiring of out enslaved persons to sawmill, and barter of items such as beef, logs, corn, and meal. Information found in daybook was transferred to corresponding ledger.

Barcode numbers 1123514: Scott, Skipwith, and Cardozo Ledger 1854-1856

Scope and Content

Ledger, 1854-1856, records the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each account was derived from daybook.

Series X: Unidentified Blacksmith Ledger, 1852-1855

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information:The unidentified blacksmith shop was perhaps owned by Peter Talbot and conducted business in Powhatan County, Virginia during the mid-19th century.

Scope and Content:Ledger, 1852-1855, of an unidentified blacksmith shop. It records the individual accounts of customers. Information found in each entry includes name of customer, dates of transactions, services rendered, and the amount owed. Services rendered include shoeing horses; making, repairing, and sharpening farm tools; and repairing buggies. Volume is in poor condition due to missing cover and spine.

Barcode number 1123497: Unidentified Blacksmith Ledger, 1852-1855

Series XI: Unidentified General Store Account Book, 1891

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information:The unidentified general store conducted business in Powhatan County, Virginia, during the late 19th century.

Scope and Content:Account book, 1891, of an unidentified general store that records the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry include dates of transactions, items purchased, forms of payments, quantity of merchandise purchased, amount owed, and amount paid. Items sold include food, umbrellas, alcoholic beverages, gunpowder, shot, dry-goods, spices, clothing, and rock candy. Payments made by cash, credit, labor, or barter of goods such as corn, sumac, and oats.

Barcode number 1123377: Unidentified General Store Account Book 1891

Series XII: Unidentified Merchant Daybook and Ledger, 1804-1807

Extent

2 volumes

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: The unidentified merchant conducted business in Powhatan County, Virginia, during the early 19th century.

Barcode numbers 1123364: Unidentified Merchant Daybook, 1804-1806

Scope and Content

Daybook, 1804-1806, that records in chronological order the daily transactions of an unidentified merchant. Information recorded in the daybook includes date of transaction, name of customer, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, payment for ferriage of goods, cost of transaction, form of payment, and amount owed and paid. Merchandise sold include oranges, alcoholic drinks (whisky, rum, gin, brandy), dry-goods, powder, shot, candles, shoes, and almanacs. Payments made by cash, credit, and barter of goods such as whiskey, brandy, shoes, fodder, and flour. Information found in daybook was transferred to corresponding ledger.

Barcode numbers 1123495: Unidentified Merchant Ledger, 1804-1807

Scope and Content

Ledger, 1804-1807, records the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry include date of transaction, form of transaction, amount owed, form of payment, and amount paid. Volume does not contain detailed information regarding items sold by merchant. Rather, it uses general terms such as "sundries" and "merchandise." Information found in ledger was derived from daybook. The merchant's customers included free blacks.

Series XIII: Unidentified Merchant Daybook, 1806-1807

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: The unidentified merchant conducted business in Powhatan County, Virginia, during the early 19th century.

Scope and Content: Daybook, 1806-1807, that records in chronological order the daily transactions of an unidentified merchant. Information recorded in the daybook includes date of transaction, name of customer, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, cost of transaction, form of payment, and amount owed and paid. Merchandise sold include opium, alcoholic drinks (whisky, rum, gin, brandy), dry-goods, nails, salt, calf skin, paper, and dishware. Payments made by cash, credit, or barter of goods such as wheat, corn, and butter.

Barcode numbers 1123365: Unidentified Merchant Daybook 1806-1807

Series XIV: Forlines and Harris Account Book, 1853-1856

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Forlines and Harris was a mercantile partnership formed by Derby B. Forlines and Norborne E. Harris that conducted business in Powhatan County, Virginia between 1853 and 1856. The account book was used as an exhibit in the chancery suits Norborne E. Harris versus Derby B. Forlines and Derby B. Forlines versus Norborne E. Harris heard in the Powhatan County Circuit Court.

Scope and Content: Forlines and Harris Account Book, 1853-1856, records the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information recorded in each account

includes name of customer, dates of transaction, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, price of each item, form of payment, amount owed, and amount paid. Items sold include toys, food, alcoholic drinks, coffee pots, dry-goods, umbrellas, toiletries, tobacco, knives, clothing, and nuts. Payments made by cash and credit.

Also see: Powhatan County Chancery Cause, Norborne E. Harris vs Derby B. Forlines; Derby B. Forlines vs Norborne E. Harris, 1868-005. Available Digitally through the [Chancery Records Index](#).

Barcode numbers 1123374: Forlines and Harris Account Book 1853-1856

Series XV: Henry W. Whitlock and Son Daybooks and Ledger, 1839-1846

Extent

3 volumes

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Henry W. Whitlock and his son James M. Whitlock conducted a mercantile business called Henry W. Whitlock and Son in Jefferson, Virginia, from January 1841-January 1843. Prior to 1841, the business was solely owned by Henry W. Whitlock. Forlines and Harris was a mercantile partnership formed by Derby B. The daybooks and ledgers were used as exhibits in the chancery suit Executor of Henry Whitlock versus Frances E. Whitlock, etc., heard in the Powhatan County Circuit Court.

Scope and Content: Business records of Henry W. Whitlock and Son consist of two daybooks and a ledger.

Also see: Powhatan Count Chancery Cause, Exr. of Henry Whitlock vs Frances E. Whitlock, etc., 1870-010. Available Digitally through the [Chancery Records Index](#).

Barcode numbers 1123372: Henry W. Whitlock and Son Daybook 1839-1842

Scope and Content

Daybook, 1839-1842, record on a monthly basis transactions of Henry W. Whitlock and Son. Information recorded in the daybooks includes name of customer, dates of transactions, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, price of each item, form of payment, amount owed and paid, and page number of customer's found in corresponding ledger. Merchandise sold include beef, eggs, alcoholic drinks, shoes, dry-goods, marbles, castor oil, nails, flour, oats, and iron. Payments made by cash, credit, and barter of goods such as oats, wheat, corn, and bacon. Information related to entries dated 1841-1842 derived from second daybook.

Barcode numbers 1123371: Henry W. Whitlock and Son Daybook 1841-1842

Scope and Content

Daybook, 1841-1842, records on a daily basis transactions of Henry W. Whitlock and Son. Information recorded in the daybook includes name of customer, date of transaction, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, price of each item, form of payment, and amount owed and paid.

Barcode numbers 1123700: Henry W. Whitlock and Son Ledger 1839-1846

Scope and Content

Ledger, 1839-1846, records the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry include date of transaction, form of transaction, amount owed, form of payment, and amount paid. Each entry also includes page numbers of transaction found in Daybook, 1839-1842. Some entries state where the customer lived. Volume does not contain detailed information regarding items sold by general store. Rather, it uses the general term "merchandise." Volume also includes miscellaneous loose papers.

Series XVI: George W. Williams Journal and Ledger, 1845-1848

Extent

2 volumes

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Scope and Content

Historical Information: George W. Williams owned a general store located in the town of Jefferson, Virginia, and conducted business during the mid-19th century. The journal and ledger were used as exhibits in the chancery suit Binford and Nimms, creditors versus Administrator of George W. Williams, etc., heard in the Powhatan County Circuit Court.

Also see: Powhatan County Chancery Cause, Binford & Nimms, creditors vs George W. Williams, etc., 1868-014. Available Digitally through the [Chancery Records Index](#).

Barcode numbers 1123378: George W. Williams Journal, 1845-1848

Scope and Content

Journal, 1845-1848, of George W. Williams used as a daybook to record daily transactions in chronological order. Information recorded in the daybook includes date of transaction, name of customer, form of transaction, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, cost per item, form of payment, total amount owed, and total amount paid. Items sold include spices, dry-goods, soap, food, farm equipment, clothing, nails, chairs, and rum. Forms of payment include cash, credit and barter of items such as butter, wheat, bacon, and raw hide.

Barcode numbers 1123502: George W. Williams Ledger, 1845-1848

Scope and Content

Ledger, 1846-1848, records the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry include date of transaction, form of transaction, amount owed, form of payment, and amount paid. Volume does not contain detailed information regarding items sold by merchant. Rather, it uses the term "merchandise." Information found in ledger was derived from journal. Ledger entries include page numbers of corresponding journal where detailed information can be found. Ledger includes an index listing customers' names in alphabetical order and the page number their accounts can be found.