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Descriptive Summary

Language

English

Creator

Amelia County (Va.) Circuit Court

Physical Characteristics

3 volumes; 1 microfilm reel; 1 box

Location

State Records Center; Library of Virginia

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 microfilmed. Please use microfilm if available.**

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Acquisition Information

The Office Tavern Post Office Account Books came to the Library of Virginia in transfers of court papers from Amelia County in an undated accession.

The Pridesville Tavern Daybook came to the Library of Virginia in a transfer of court papers from Amelia County in 2001 under the accession number 37993.

The Walthall, Jeter & Company receipt and the Upper Appomattox Company stock certificate came to the Library of Virginia in a transfer of court papers from Amelia County in 2003 under the accession number 40724.

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.

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Alternative Form Available

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

Office Tavern Post Office Account Book, 1832-1834 and 1837-1839 are available as microfilm Amelia County (Va.) Reel 106

Adjunct Descriptive Data

Related Material

Additional Amelia County (Va.) 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 safe keeping 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: Amelia County was named for Amelia Sophia Eleanora, daughter of King George II. It was formed from Prince George and Brunswick Counties by an act passed in 1734 to take effect on 25 March 1735. The county court first met on 9 May 1735. The county seat is Amelia. Area: 356.8 square miles. Population: 11,400 (2000), 12,100 (2005 estimate).

Scope and Content

Amelia County (Va.) Business Records, 1801-1839, are comprised of various records created by individuals and companies in pursuit of documenting business activities in and around Amelia County (Va.) Represented records consist of bound volumes such as account books and a daybook.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged

- Series I: Office Tavern Post Office Account Books, 1832-1839
- Series II: Pridesville Tavern Daybook, 1801-1803
- Series III: Amelia County Business Records, 1800-1898

Contents List

Series I: Office Tavern Post Office Account Books, 1832-1839

Extent

2 volumes

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information: In 1741, Samuel Cobbs, the first Amelia County court clerk, was authorized to build an 'ordinary' (tavern) at the crossroads near his house. He maintained an office there as well as at Amelia, thus the location eventually became known as Office Tavern Post Office, and a small community grew up around it.

Egbert Giles Leigh, Sr., also served a term as Amelia County Court clerk.

Scope and Content: Office Tavern Post Office Account Book, 1832-1834, records the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each account includes dates of transactions, amount owed for mailing or receiving letters, location where letters were mailed and received, and form of payment. This account book was kept by postmaster Egbert Giles Leigh, Sr.

Office Tavern Post Office Account Book, 1837-1839, records the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each account includes dates of transactions, amount owed for mailing or receiving letters, location where letters were mailed and received, and form of payment. This account book was kept by postmaster Peter R. Leigh.

Barcode number 1104204: Office Tavern Post Office Account Book 1832-1834

Barcode number 1104205: Office Tavern Post Office Account Book 1837-1839

Series II: Pridesville Tavern Daybook, 1801-1803

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location Library of Virginia

Scope and Content

Historical Information: The Pridesville Tavern operated in Amelia County during the early nineteenth century.

Scope and Content: The Pridesville Tavern Daybook, 1801-1803, records transactions on a daily basis. Information found in each entry includes name of customer, date of transaction, items purchased or services rendered, and amounts owed and paid. Services provided by the tavern included renting rooms, serving of meals and alcoholic drinks, and the feeding and livery of horses. Some alcoholic drinks served at the tavern were grog, whiskey, julep, wine, brandy, and rum.

Located in the front of the volume is a list of students attending Jefferson College in 1801. Jefferson College, incorporated 26 December 1800, was located in Amelia County. The list includes student name, date student entered college, amount of tuition payment received, and, for a few students, a note on when a student quit the college.

Barcode number 7315641: Pridesville Tavern Daybook 1801-1803

Series III: Amelia County Business Records, 1800-1898

Extent

1 box (0.1125 cu. ft.)

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information: The Upper Appomattox Company was incorporated by the General Assembly in 1795. Stock certificates were sold by the company to promote greater transportation along the Appomattox

River ultimately resulting in the building of a canal. Walthall, Jeter and Company may have sold building supplies in Amelia County in the mid-19th century. Boisseau and Coleman operated a general store in Amelia County in the late 19th century.

Scope and Content: The Amelia County Business Records, 1800-1898, are comprised of three folders, reflecting the loose records of three businesses, found within a single Half-Hollinger box. The following series are:

Upper Appomattox Company, 1800, contains a stock certificate.

Walthall, Jeter and Company, 1834-1835, contains a receipt from another business, Wingo & Hurt.

Boisseau and Coleman, 1871-1898, were dealers in drugs, notions, groceries, stationary, and fancy articles. The majority of the receipts are for goods bought by and paid for by Boisseau and Coleman. Items were bought from wholesalers and include flatware, soap, food stuffs, tobacco, clothing and medical supplies.

Barcode number 7940980: Amelia County Business Records 1800-1898

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