

# A Guide to the Giles County (Va.) Business Records, 1836-1912

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## Descriptive Summary

### Language

English

### Collector

Giles County (Va.) Circuit Court

### Physical Characteristics

55 volumes.

### Location

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

These records came to the Library of Virginia in a transfer of records from the Giles County Circuit Court in 2010 under accession number 45263, as well as under an undated accession.

## 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.

These records were processed by Greg Crawford and Bari Helms between 2000 and 2010. 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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## Alternative Form Available

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

Branch Bank of Old Dominion Offering Book A, 1857-1865 is available as Giles County (Va.) Microfilm Reel 58.

## Adjunct Descriptive Data

## Related Material

Additional Giles County Court Records can be found on microfilm at The Library of Virginia. Consult ["A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm."](#)

See also: [Giles County \(Va.\) Chancery Causes, 1807-1936.](#)

## 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:** Giles County was named for William Branch Giles, United States senator from Virginia in 1806 when the county was created from Montgomery, Monroe (now in West Virginia), and Tazewell Counties. Several subsequent additions were made from Wythe (1808), Monroe in 1829 and Mercer in 1841 (both now in West Virginia), Craig (1880), and Tazewell (1826 and 1836) counties. The county seat is Pearisburg.

## Scope and Content

Giles County (Va.) Business Records, 1836-1912 is comprised of various records created by individuals and companies in pursuit of documenting business activities in and around Giles County (Va.). Represented records consist of bound volumes of ledgers, account books, journals, cashbooks, letter books, and daybooks.

## Arrangement

This collection is arranged into thirty-two series:

- Series I: Business Records of A.G. Pendleton, 1861-1871
- Series II: Business Records of the Big Stony Lumber Company, 1903-1905
- Series III: Business Records of the Branch Bank of Old Dominion, Pearisburg, 1857-1865
- Series IV: Business Records of Brotherton and Hale, 1867-1870
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- Series XIV: Business Records of L. Woolwine General Store, 1870-1871
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- Series XIX: Business Records of Thomas and Robert H. Brotherton, 1857-1862
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- Series XXI: Business Records of an Unidentified Blacksmith, 1836-1838
- Series XXII: Business Records of an Unidentified Blacksmith Shop, 1869
- Series XXIII: Business records of an Unidentified Blacksmith Shop, 1870-1871
- Series XXIV: Business Records of an Unidentified Business, 1847-1850
- Series XXV: Business Records of an Unidentified General Store, 1868-1875
- Series XXVI: Business Records of an Unidentified General Store, 1886
- Series XXVII: Business Records of an Unidentified General Store, 1886-1887
- Series XXVIII: Business Records of an Unidentified General Store, 1887
- Series XXIX: Business Records of an Unidentified General Store, 1904
- Series XXX: Business Records of an Unidentified Hotel and Livery, 1890-1892
- Series XXXI: Business Records of an Unidentified Sawmill, 1886-1872
- Series XXXII: Business Records of William F. Martin, 1853-1863

## Contents List

### **Series I: Business Records of A.G. Pendleton, 1861-1871**

#### **Extent**

3 volumes

**Physical Location** State Records Center

#### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:** The business records of A.G. Pendleton consists of two ledgers and an account book. The volumes recorded the accounts of individual customers and include the type of goods sold by the business, as well as payment information. The goods sold included corn, wood, boots, dry goods, coats, pocket knives, butter, eggs, meat, cheese, potatoes, and cloth. Payments were made via cash, credit, barter (hats, shoes, cotton, and beef) and labor (working in the field, making and mending shoes, and shaving sheep).

**Barcode Number 1127726: Account Book of A.G. Pendleton, 1861-1865**

**Barcode Number 1127686: Ledger L of A.G. Pendleton, 1865-1869**

**Barcode Number 1127803: Ledger M of A.G. Pendleton, 1869-1871**

### **Series II: Business Records of the Big Stony Lumber Company, 1903-1905**

#### **Extent**

2 volumes

**Physical Location** State Records Center

#### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:** The business records of the Big Stony Lumber Company consist of a cashbook and a ledger. The cashbook recorded cash received from sales and rents as well as cash paid for merchandise, expenses, payroll etc. The ledger recorded customer accounts.

**Barcode Number 1127805: Ledger of the Big Stony Lumber Company,**

## **1903-1905**

**Barcode Number 1127829: Cashbook of the Big Stony Lumber Company, 1904-1905**

### **Series III: Business Records of the Branch Bank of Old Dominion, Pearisburg 1857-1865**

#### **Extent**

9 volumes

**Physical Location** State Records Center

#### **Scope and Content**

**Historical Information:**The Branch Bank of Old Dominion conducted business in the town of Pearisburg in Giles County, Virginia, during the mid-nineteenth century.

**Scope and Content:**The business records of the Branch Bank of Old Dominion, Pearisburg consists of statement books, ledgers, check books, offering books, and letter books.

#### **Series I, Subseries A: Statement Books 1857-1865**

##### **Scope and Content**

The statement books record the bank's controlling accounts on a weekly basis from 1857 to 1865. Entries list the name of the account and the amount and amount paid. Accounts include property account, cash account, cost of suits, capital stock, expense account, money due to other banks, profit and loss, and numerous others.

**Barcode Number 1127704: Branch Bank of Old Dominion, Pearisburg Statement Book 1857-1860**

**Barcode Number 1127684: Branch Bank of Old Dominion, Pearisburg 1860-1865**

#### **Series I, Subseries B: Letter Books 1859-1862**

##### **Scope and Content**

The letter books record the bank's correspondence with account holders, cashiers, and other banks. Information found in letter books relate to the financial activities of the bank including withdrawals, deposits, payments, receipts, and collections. There are also references in some of the correspondence to repeal of a redemption law in Virginia.

**Barcode Number 1127747: Branch Bank of Old Dominion, Pearisburg Letter Book 1859-1860**

**Barcode Number 1127804: Branch Bank of Old Dominion, Pearisburg Bank Letter Book 1860-1862**

#### **Series I, Subseries C: Branch Bank of Old Dominion, Pearisburg Ledgers 1860-1865**

**Barcode Number 1127722: Branch Bank of Old Dominion, Pearisburg Scratch Ledger 1859-1860**

##### **Scope and Content**

The ledger recorded financial transactions chronologically on a daily basis. Information found in each entry include name of individual or account, form of payment or receipt, and amount paid or received. Information recorded in the ledger was transferred to General Ledger A, 1857-1865.

**Barcode Number 1127577: Branch Bank of Old Dominion, Pearisburg General Ledger A 1857-1865**

##### **Scope and Content**

The ledger was used to keep track of amounts received from and paid to multiple volumes such as scratch ledgers, check books, blotters, offering books, and journals. It recorded the bank's controlling

accounts including cash account, individual deposit account, discount and interest account, bills and notes, capital stock, state securities, Confederate States stocks account, expense account, and others. Transactions listed in each account are listed chronologically. Information found in each transaction include date of transaction, amount paid to volume and amount received from volume. Accounts entries that say "to scratch" or "by scratch" taken from Scratch Ledger, 1860-1865.

**Barcode Number 1127682: Branch Bank of Old Dominion, Pearisburg Discount Ledger A 1860-1865**

**Scope and Content**

The ledger recorded the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists financial transactions in chronological order. Entries include page numbers that correlate to a missing journal or ledger.

**Series I, Subseries D: Branch Bank of Old Dominion, Pearisburg Check Book 1857-1860**

**Scope and Content**

The check book recorded financial transactions chronologically on a daily basis. Information found in each entry include name of individual or account, payments received or made by checks or notes, and name of individual to whom check was made or number of note. Information found in check book transferred to General Ledger A, 1857-1865.

**Barcode Number 1127734: Branch Bank of Old Dominion, Pearisburg Book-keeper's Check Book 1857-1860**

**Series I, Subseries E: Branch Bank of Old Dominion, Pearisburg Offering Book 1857-1865**

**Scope and Content**

The offering book recorded notes offered to the bank for discount. Information found in entries include name of customer, date of transaction, names of endorsers, and amount of transaction.

**Barcode Number 1207262: Branch Bank of Old Dominion, Pearisburg Offering Book A 1857-1865**

**Series IV: Business Records of Brotherton and Hale, 1867-1870**

**Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

**Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:**The business records of Brotherton and Hale consists of a ledger. The volume recorded the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, type of transaction, item purchased or service rendered, quantity of items purchased or services rendered, amount owed or paid. Items sold include collars, nails, and links. Services rendered include adding or removing horseshoes, welding, sharpening tools, mending axles and springs, and cutting screws. Payments made by cash, credit, labor, or barter (wheat, iron, and corn).

**Historical Information:**Brotherton and Hale was a blacksmith shop which performed business in the mid-nineteenth century.

**Barcode Number 1127691: Ledger of Brotherton and Hale, 1867-1870**

**Series V: Business Records of Buchanan and Powell, 1902-1912**

**Extent**

3 volumes

**Physical Location** Library of Virginia

**Scope and Content**

**Historical Information:** The firm of Buchanan and Powell operated in Pearisburg, Va., selling a variety of

items including ready-made clothing, textiles, household items, groceries, and books. W. H. Buchanan and W. R. Powell were partners in the business.

**Scope and Content:** Buchanan and Powell business records, consists of three volumes: Ledger 1 (1905-1912), Ledger 2 (1902-1909), and Ledger 3 (1907-1912). The volumes recorded the accounts of individual customers. Entries are organized in chronological order under each customer's name. Information found in each entry includes date, goods purchased or method of payment, quantity of goods purchased, and amounts owed or paid. Merchandise sold included tobacco, clothing, shoes, books, and cloth.

**Barcode Number 1207285: Buchanan and Powell Ledger Vol. 1, 1905-1912**

**Barcode Number 1207286: Buchanan and Powell Ledger Vol. 2, 1902-1909**

**Barcode Number 1207287: Buchanan and Powell Ledger Vol. 3, 1907-1912**

## **Series VI: Business Records of Cunningham, Hoge, and Vass, 1848-1854**

### **Extent**

5 volumes

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Subseries A: Business Records of Cunningham and Hoge, 1848-1854**

#### **Extent**

3 volumes

#### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:** The business records of Cunningham and Hoge consist of two daybooks and a ledger. The daybooks recorded transactions as they occurred on an almost daily basis; entries correspond with account customer account information found in the ledger. Merchandise sold by the store included dry-goods, clothing, knives, tobacco, spoons, mirrors, butter, cheese, and various spices. The daybook from 1848 contains the names of enslaved people who bought goods on behalf of their enslavers'.

**Historical Information:** Cunningham and Hoge was a general store that conducted business during the mid-nineteenth century in the town of Giles Court House, Virginia. John M. Cunningham and George Davies Hoge were partners in the general store.

**Barcode Number 1127690: Daybook A of Cunningham and Hoge, 1848**

**Barcode Number 1127679: Ledger A of Cunningham and Hoge, 1848-1854**

**Barcode Number 1127755: Daybook C of Cunningham and Hoge, 1850-1851**

### **Subseries B: Business Records of Cunningham, Hoge, and Vass, 1851-1854**

#### **Extent**

2 volumes

#### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:** The business records of Cunningham, Hoge, and Vass consist of a daybook and a ledger.

**Historical Information:** William B. Vass was a bank clerk who joined the partnership of Cunningham and Hoge in 1851. The general store continued business under the name Cunningham, Hoge, and Vass until 1854 when the business likely closed upon Hoge's death.

**Barcode Number 1127576: Ledger A of Cunningham, Hoge, and Vass 1851-1854**

#### **Scope and Content**

The ledger recorded the accounts of individual customers. Each entry includes the page number found in corresponding Daybook A where the customer's specific transactions can be found. Each account

lists transactions by daybook order and the amount owed and paid.

### **Barcode Number 1127594: Daybook A of Cunningham, Hoge, and Vass 1852**

#### **Scope and Content**

The daybook transactions as they occurred on an almost daily basis. Beside each entry is the page number of the customer's individual account found in corresponding Ledger A. Information found in each entry includes name of customer, item purchased or form of payment, quantity and price of item, and the amount owed or paid. Merchandise sold include dry-goods, soda, rice, cologne, nails, bowls, eggs, coffee, and spices. Payments made by cash, credit, and barter including sheep skins, butter, fish, oats, and butter.

## **Series VII: Business Records of the Eggleston Springs Company, 1901-1904**

#### **Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

#### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:**The business records of the Eggleston Springs Company consist of a ledger. The volume recorded the individual accounts of customers. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, items purchased or services rendered, quantity of items purchased or amount for services rendered, and total amount owed or paid. Items purchased include candy, furniture, beds, shoe polish, dry goods, clothing, soda, baking powder, and watches. Services rendered include transportation, board, laundry, food, drink, and board and care of horses. Payments made by labor, credit, cash, check, and barter, such as chickens, eggs, and corn. Volume also contains a few loose records related to company's accounts.

**Historical Information:** The Eggleston Springs Company was a hotel, livery, and general store located in the town of Eggleston which conducted business in the early twentieth century.

### **Barcode Number 1127596: Ledger of the Eggleston Springs Company, 1901-1904**

## **Series VIII: Business Records of F.E. Dunklee and Company, 1893-1894**

#### **Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

#### **Scope and Content**

**Historical Information:**F.E. Dunklee and Company was a hotel and livery business which conducted business in the town of Narrows in the late nineteenth century.

**Scope and Content:**The business records of F.E. Dunklee and Company consists of a ledger. The ledger recorded transactions between the hotel and customers. Entries for transactions in 1893 were entered beneath accounts of individual customers. Entries for the following year were recorded in chronological order. Services rendered by the hotel include boarding, hiring horses, laundry, meals, and rent of horses and buggies. The hotel also sold cigars, matches, photos, stamps, beverages and fares.

### **Barcode Number 1127585: Ledger of F.E. Dunklee and Company, 1893-1894**

## **Series IX: Business Records of F.N. Priddy and Company, 1882-1883**

#### **Extent**

1 volume.

**Physical Location** State Records Center

#### **Scope and Content**

**Historical Information:**F.N. Priddy and Company was a store which conducted business in the late nineteenth century.

**Scope and Content:**The business records of F.N. Priddy and Company consists of a daybook. It recorded the daily transactions of the store; the store's merchandise included candy, dry goods, soap, coffee, sugar, nails, and animal skins.

**Barcode Number 1127828: Daybook B of F.N. Priddy and Company, 1882-1883**

**Series X: Business Records of Guy D. French, 1850-1865**

**Physical Location** State Records Center

**Scope and Content**

**Historical Information:**Guy Dingess French was a businessman who owned and operated multiple businesses in Giles County in the nineteenth century.

**Scope and Content:**The business records of Guy D. French consist of records relating to his various businesses which included a general store, a boarding house, a livery, and a mill. The records are comprised of ledgers and an account book.

**Subseries A: Business Records of Guy D. French, 1850-1862**

**Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

**Scope and Content**

The business records of Guy D. French consist of a general ledger related to French's various businesses. It recorded transactions related to individual customers and listed the goods sold or services rendered, the page number of the journal or daybook the information was originally entered, and payment information. Merchandise sold included bacon, knives, hats, coffee, sugar, and clothing. Services rendered include the keeping and boarding of horses, as well as boarding customers.

**Barcode Number 1127721: General Ledger of Guy D. French 1850-1862**

**Subseries B: Business Records of Guy D. French and Sons, 1859-1862**

**Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

**Scope and Content**

The business records of Guy D. French and Sons consists of records related to the general store, called Guy D. French and Sons, located in Giles County. It is comprised of a ledger which recorded the accounts of individual customers. Information found in each entry included the type of merchandise sold, the page number of the daybook or journal the information was originally located in, and payment information. Merchandise included coffee, clothing, leather, paper, tools, cups, eggs, and vinegar.

**Barcode Number 1127701: Ledger of Guy D. French and Sons, 1859-1862**

**Subseries C: Business Records of Guy D. French's Mill 1861-1865**

**Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

**Scope and Content**

The business records of Guy D. French's mill consist of an account book. The volume recorded the accounts of individual customers and included information such as goods purchased or services rendered as well as payment information.

**Barcode Number 1127699: Account Book of Guy D. French's Mill, 1861-1865**

## **Series XI: Business Records of Intermont Mining, Manufacture, and Development Company, 1891-1893**

### **Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:**The business records of Intermont Mining, Manufacture, and Development consists of a journal. The journal recorded the proceedings of the meetings of the company's stockholders and board of directors. Information found in the journal includes the organization of the company, election of officers, company by-laws, lists of stockholders and amount of shares each held, the company's financial statements, and discussions and decisions related to business activities of the company. One entry refers to a chancery case involving a portion of the stockholders and the company. Loose records found in the volume include financial statements and printed copies of the company president's report delivered in April 1893.

**Historical Information:**The Intermont Mining, Manufacture, and Development Company was a mining corporation which was located in Narrows, Virginia and did business during the late nineteenth century.

**Barcode Number 1127588: Journal of the Intermont Mining, Manufacture, and Development Company, 1891-1893**

## **Series XII: Business Records of John and C.M. Anderson, 1856-1866**

### **Extent**

3 volumes

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:**The business records of John and C.M. Anderson consist of two daybooks and a ledger.

**Historical Information:**John and C.M. Anderson was a general store located in the town of Pearisburg.

**Barcode Number 1127586: Daybook of John Anderson, 1859-18959**

**Barcode Number 1127806: Daybook of John Anderson, 1859-1861**

### **Scope and Content**

The two daybooks record in chronological order the store's transactions from December 1858-January 1861. Information found in each entry include date of transaction, name of customer, merchandise purchased, quantity purchased, and amount owed and amount paid. Merchandise sold include clothing, shoes, calf skin, knives, combs, nails, molasses, and dry goods.

**Barcode Number 1127692: Ledger of John and C.M. Anderson, 1860-1866**

### **Scope and Content**

The ledger recorded the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry include date of transaction, amount owed, form of payment, and amount paid. Ledger does not list items purchased, rather it uses the general term "merchandise." Payments were made by cash, credit, and barter such as bacon and shingles. Page numbers found in entries correspond with page numbers found in entries in another journal that is missing.

## **Series XIII: Business Records of John Anderson and Company, 1867-1870**

### **Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:**The business records of John Anderson and Company consists of a ledger. The ledger recorded the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, page number of corresponding ledger (missing), style of transaction, merchandise purchased, quantity of item purchased, price of item, form of payment, and amount owed or paid. Merchandise sold includes dry goods, shoes, spelling books, farm equipment, calf skin, lemons, and oysters. Payments made by cash, credit, labor (hauling goods), and barter (chickens, pork, butter, and wheat).

**Historical Information:**John Anderson and Company was a general store which conducted business in Giles County during the mid-nineteenth century.

**Barcode Number 1127700: Ledger of John Anderson and Company, 1867-1870**

## **Series XIV: Business Records of L. Woolwine General Store, 1870-1871**

### **Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:**The business records of L. Woolwine General Store consist of a day book. It recorded customer transactions in chronological order on a daily basis from October 1870 to January 1871. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, name of customer, name and quantity of goods purchased, form of payment, and amount owed or amount paid. Items sold include school books, sugar, dry goods, clothing, razors, spices, and soda. Payments made by cash, credit, labor (hauling goods), and barter (butter, fowls, apples, and pork).

**Historical Information:**L. Woolwine operated a general store at Giles Court House in the mid-nineteenth century.

**Barcode Number 1127741: Daybook of L. Woolwine, 1870-1871**

## **Series XV: Business Records of the Mountain Lake Hotel and Livery, 1892-1895**

### **Extent**

1 volume.

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:**The business records of the Mountain Lake Hotel and Livery consist of a ledger. The volume recorded the individual accounts of customers for 1892. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, style of transaction, items purchased or services rendered, quantity of items purchased or amount for service rendered, and total amount owed or paid. Items purchased include cigars, cigarettes, and stamps. Services rendered include transportation, board, laundry, food, drink, and board of horses and dogs. The ledger also includes transactions related to a general store perhaps affiliated with the hotel for the year 1895. It records the individual accounts of customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry include date of transaction, items purchased or form of payment, quantity of items purchased, total amount owed or paid. Items sold include bacon, flour, tobacco, peaches, coffee, tomatoes, nails, axes, hammers, shoes, and fish. Payments made by labor, credit, cash, and barter such as vegetables, leather, hay, and beef.

**Barcode Number 1127723: Ledger of the Mountain Lake Hotel and Livery, 1892-1895**

## **Series XVI: Business Records of P.L. Williams and Company, 1906-1908**

### **Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Historical Information:** P.L. Williams and Company was a department store located in the town of Pearisburg which conducted business in the early twentieth century.

**Scope and Content:** The business records of P.L. Williams and Company consists of a ledger. The volume recorded the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, style of transaction (merchandise purchased, form of payment, etc.), quantity of item purchased, price of each item, and amount owed or paid. Merchandise sold include dry goods, notions, clothing, shoes, groceries, hardware, and tobacco. Payments made by cash, check, credit, and barter (berries, chickens, butter, bacon, and cherries).

**Barcode Number 1127582: Ledger of P.L. Williams and Company, 1906-1908**

## **Series XVII: Business Records of Porterfield, Huffman, and Company, 1896**

### **Extent**

1 volume.

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Historical Information:** Porterfield, Huffman, and Company was a general store located in the town of Mountain Lake which conducted business in the late nineteenth century.

**Scope and Content:** The business records of Porterfield, Huffman, and Company consists of a journal. The volume served as a daybook recording the store's transactions on a daily basis from June-October 1896. Each entry includes page number of corresponding ledger, the name of customer or controlling account, style of transaction, amount debited and amount credited. Most transactions contain the generic phrase "to merchandise". Merchandise sold includes berries, flour, beef, chickens, soap, and peaches. The volume contains loose papers related to the company's accounts.

**Barcode Number 1127702: Journal of Porterfield, Huffman, and Company, 1896**

## **Series XVIII: Business Records of Ralph M. Stafford and Company, 1861-1874**

### **Extent**

1 volume.

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Historical Information:** Ralph M. Stafford owned a mercantile business at in Giles County, Virginia. He was also a partner in eight additional mercantile businesses located in Giles and Bland counties in Virginia and Mercer and Monroe counties in West Virginia.

**Scope and Content:** Ralph M. Stafford and Company Business Records consists of a ledger which recorded the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists in chronological order transactions between the customer and the store. Transaction entries include the following information: date of transaction, goods purchased or method of payment, quantity of goods purchased, amount owed or amount paid. Merchandise sold include soda, food, matches, cookware, dry goods, shoes, cheese, spices, ink, and soap. Payments made by cash, credit, barter (eggs, butter, cheese, and seeds) and labor.

See also: [Giles County Chancery Cause, 1870-002: James Stafford vs. Admr. of Ralph M. Stafford etc.](#)

**Barcode Number 1127578: Ralph M. Stafford and Company Ledger, 1861-**

**1874**

## **Series XIX: Business Records of Thomas and Robert H. Brotherton, 1857-1862**

### **Extent**

2 volumes

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:**The business records of Thomas and Robert H. Brotherton consist of a daybook and a ledger.

**Historical Information:**Thomas and R. H. Brotherton was a blacksmith and wheelwright shop that conducted business during the mid-nineteenth century in the town of Pearisburg, Virginia. Thomas W. Brotherton and Robert H. Brotherton were partners in the business. Thomas was the blacksmith and Robert was the wheelwright.

**Barcode Number 1127587: Ledger of Thomas and Robert Brotherton, 1857-1862**

**Barcode Number 1127583: Daybook of Thomas and Robert Brotherton, 1858-1860**

## **Series XX: Business Records of an Unidentified Bank, 1853-1864**

### **Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:**The business records of an unknown bank in Pearisburg, perhaps the Branch Bank of Old Dominion at Pearisburg, consist of a ledger. It recorded the individual accounts of customers. Each account lists financial transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes the daybook volume in which the transaction was originally listed, page number of daybook, and amount paid or received. The purpose of the transactions is unknown. The daybooks related to ledger were not found.

Reports having to do with financial transactions the bank had with the treasury of the Confederate States of America were included at the end of ledger. One report is a copy of a depository report listing deposits made with the CSA treasury dated 1864. It lists in chronological order the name of depositor, date of deposit, and amount deposited. A second report has to with the exchange of old Confederate Treasury notes for new ones. It lists in chronological order the date of exchange, name of party, number of notes, denomination of notes, date old notes were issued, and total amount of notes.

**Barcode Number 1127725: Ledger A of an Unidentified Bank, 1853-1864**

## **Series XXI: Business Records of an Unidentified Blacksmith, 1836-1838**

### **Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:**The business records of the unidentified blacksmith shop consists of an account book which recorded the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes the date of transaction, type of transaction, item purchased or service rendered, quantity of items purchased or services rendered, and amount owed or paid.

**Barcode Number 1207261: Unidentified Blacksmith Account Book, 1836-1838**

## **Series XXII: Business Records of an Unidentified Blacksmith Shop, 1869**

### **Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:**The business records of the unidentified blacksmith shop consist of an account book. The volume recorded the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, type of transaction, item purchased or service rendered, amount owed or paid. Items sold include nails, screws, and spikes. Services rendered include adding or removing horseshoes, sharpening tools, mending axles, and cutting screws. Payments made by cash, credit, labor, or barter (wheat, iron, and corn). Volume is in poor condition due to water damage.

**Barcode Number 1127749: Account Book of an Unidentified Blacksmith Shop, 1869**

## **Series XXIII: Business Records of an Unidentified Blacksmith Shop, 1870-1871**

### **Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:**The business records of the unidentified blacksmith shop, perhaps Brotherton and Hale, consists of a journal. It recorded the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, type of transaction, item purchased or service rendered, quantity of items purchased or services rendered, amount owed or paid. Items sold include boots, screws, and bolts. Services rendered include adding or removing horseshoes, welding, sharpening tools, and cutting screws. Payments made by cash, credit, or barter (potatoes, oats, and corn).

**Barcode Number 1127743: Journal of an Unidentified Blacksmith, 1870-1871**

## **Series XXIV: Business Records of an Unidentified Business, 1847-1850**

### **Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:**The business records of an unidentified business consists of a ledger. It recorded the individual accounts of customers. Each account records in chronological order the customer's debts and payments. The ledger includes miscellaneous information at the end of the volume.

**Barcode Number 1127756: Ledger of an Unidentified Business, 1847-1850**

## **Series XXV: Business Records of an Unidentified General Store, 1868-1875**

### **Extent**

2 volumes

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:**The business records of the unidentified general store consist of a ledger and a

**Scope and Content:** The business records of the unidentified general store consist of a ledger and a daybook.

### **Barcode Number 1127595: Daybook of an Unidentified General Store, 1868-1875**

#### **Scope and Content**

The daybook recorded customer transactions in chronological order on an almost daily basis from December 1868 to December 1869 and then more sporadically from January 1870 to August 1875. Information found in each entry includes name of customer or store controlling account, name and quantity of goods purchased, form of payment, and amount owed. Items sold include shears, pitchers, dry goods, clothing, knives, food, and nails. Each entry includes the page number of the customer's individual account found in corresponding ledger.

### **Barcode Number 1127754: Ledger of an Unidentified General Store, 1868-1875**

#### **Scope and Content**

The ledger recorded the accounts of individual customers and the general store's controlling accounts. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, amount owed, form of payment, and amount paid. Ledger does not list items purchased, rather it uses the general term "merchandise." Each entry includes the page number found in corresponding daybook where the customer's specific transactions can be found. Payments made by cash, credit, and barter. The general store's controlling accounts include bills receivable, cash account, expense account, and bills negotiable.

## **Series XXVI: Business Records of an Unidentified General Store, 1886**

#### **Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

#### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:** The business records of the unidentified general store consist of a ledger. The volume recorded the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, style of transaction (merchandise purchased, form of payment, etc.), quantity of item purchased, and amount owed or paid. Merchandise sold includes nails, lamp chimneys, boots, clothing, ax handles, soap, tin buckets, dry goods, and spices. Payments made by cash, credit, labor (hauling goods), and barter (berries, corn, feathers, hog, and wild turkey).

### **Barcode Number 1127827: Ledger of an Unidentified General Store, 1886**

## **Series XXVII: Business Records of an Unidentified General Store, 1886-1887**

#### **Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

#### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:** The business records of the unidentified general store consist of a ledger. The ledger recorded the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, style of transaction (merchandise purchased, form of payment, etc.), quantity of item purchased, and amount owed or paid. Merchandise sold includes dry goods, shoes, flour, scissors, hats, cigars, and bacon. Payments made by cash, credit, labor (hauling goods), and barter (salt, hog, butter, wheat, and chicken).

### **Barcode Number 1127581: Ledger of an Unidentified General Store, 1886-1887**

## **Series XXVIII: Business Records of an Unidentified General Store, 1887**

### **Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:**The business records of the unidentified general store consist of a ledger. The volume recorded the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, style of transaction (merchandise purchased, form of payment, etc.), quantity of item purchased, and amount owed or paid. Merchandise sold includes saw files, paper, brooms, clothing, chalk, soda, crackers, dry goods, and slippers. Payments made by cash, credit, and barter (cheese, butter, evergreen seeds, eggs, and hogs).

**Barcode Number 1127797: Ledger of an Unidentified General Store, 1887**

## **Series XXIX: Business Records of an Unidentified General Store, 1904**

### **Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:**The business records of the unidentified general store consist of a ledger. The volume recorded the accounts of individual customers from May to August 1904. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, style of transaction (merchandise purchased, form of payment, etc.), price of each item, and amount owed or paid. Merchandise sold includes slippers, starch, butter, shoes, soap, peanuts, and fruit. Payments made primarily by cash.

**Barcode Number 1127798: Ledger of an Unidentified General Store, 1904**

## **Series XXX: Business Records of an Unidentified Hotel and Livery, 1890-1892**

### **Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:**The business records of the unidentified hotel and livery consist of a ledger. The volume recorded the individual accounts of customers and the hotel's controlling accounts. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, items purchased or services rendered, and total amount owed or paid. Items purchased include stamps, and travel fares. Services rendered include horse rentals, board, laundry, meals, and board and care of horses. Payments made by cash and check. Volume also records an inventory of the hotel's assets for October 1892.

**Barcode Number 1127733: Ledger of an Unidentified Hotel and Livery, 1890-1892**

## **Series XXXI: Business Records of an Unidentified Sawmill, 1866-1872**

### **Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Scope and Content:**The business records of the unidentified sawmill consist of a ledger. It recorded the

**Scope and Content:** The business records of the unidentified sawmill consist of a ledger. It recorded the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, style of transaction, services rendered or items purchased, amount of service rendered or quantity of item purchased, amount owed, form of payment, and amount paid. Services rendered include sawing lumber and hauling logs. The mill mainly sold lumber. Payments made by labor and cash.

**Barcode Number 1127698: Ledger of an Unidentified Sawmill, 1866-1872**

## **Series XXXII: Business Records of William F. Martin, 1853-1863**

### **Extent**

1 volume

**Physical Location** State Records Center

### **Scope and Content**

**Historical Information:** William F. Martin was a physician who lived and conducted business in the town of Princeton, in present-day Mercer County, West Virginia, during the mid-nineteenth century.

**Scope and Content:** The business records of William F. Martin consist of a ledger. The ledger recorded the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists in chronological order the date of transaction, medical service rendered, style of payment, and amount owed and paid. Services rendered include visits to patients, including enslaved people; medication; and consultation. Entries contain detailed accounts of services rendered which include extracting teeth, bleeding, and writing prescriptions (opium, quinine, ointments) for various ailments. Payments to Dr. Martin were made with cash, credit, and barter (oats, mutton, sugar, coffee).

The volume also recorded additional information concerning William F. Martin unrelated to his medical career. The information includes the hiring out of the people Martin enslaved, particularly a man named Jim; the renting out of his home to boarders; and accounts related to the purchase and sale of farm goods.

**Barcode Number 1127696: Ledger of William F. Martin, 1853-1863**