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Descriptive Summary

Language

English

Collector

Goochland County (Va.) Circuit Court

Physical Characteristics

23 volumes; 0.2 cubic feet (1 box).

Location

State Records 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 microfilmed. 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 Goochland County in 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 between 2002 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.

The loose records of William Crutchfield were loosely processed and organized into distinct categories by Jennifer Taylor in 2024.

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Alternative Form Available

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

Ledger of Randolph Wiley, 1835-1882 is available as microfilm Goochland County Reel 84

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Related Material

Additional Goochland 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: [A Guide to the Goochland County \(Va.\) Chancery Causes, 1731-1924 \(bulk 1800-1880](#)

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: Goochland County was named for Sir William Gooch, lieutenant governor of Virginia from 1727 to 1749. It was formed from Henrico County in 1728. The county seat is Goochland.

Scope and Content

Goochland County (Va.) Business Records, 1818-1882, is comprised of various records created by individuals and companies in pursuit of documenting business activities in and around Goochland County (Va.). The business records consist of ledgers, journals, daybooks, account books, and a statement book.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into five series:

- Series I: Business Records of Fleming and Webster, 1818-1827
- Series II: Business Records of the Manakin Iron Works, 1845-1851
- Series III: Business Records of Randolph Wiley and an Unidentified Shoemaking Business, 1835-1882
- Series IV: Business Records of William Crutchfield, 1848-1870
- Series V: Business Records of Woodson, Perkins, and Company, 1843-1850

Contents List

Series I: Business Records of Fleming and Webster 1818-1827

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information: John S. Fleming and Samuel P. Webster were partners in a law firm under the name Fleming and Webster. The firm conducted business in Goochland County in the early nineteenth century.

Scope and Content: The business records of Fleming and Webster consist of a ledger. The ledger recorded charges for services rendered to clients. Information found includes name of client, date of transaction, service rendered, and amount owed.

The ledger was used as an exhibit in the [Goochland County \(Va.\) Chancery Cause, 1878-007: Exx. of John S. Fleming vs. Creditors of John S. Fleming.](#)

Barcode Number 1107279: Ledger of Fleming and Webster, 1818-1827

Series II: Business Records of the Manakin Iron Works, 1845-1851

Extent

5 volumes

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Manakin Iron Works was located in the town of Manakin in Goochland County, Virginia. The iron works began operation in 1844 and was originally owned by Benjamin J. DuVal and Company. The iron works was purchased in 1846 by Stephen O. DuVal after Benjamin J. DuVal and Company went out of business. It produced nails and boiler plate bar iron and conducted business in Richmond, Virginia. In September 1846, the iron works had 24 nail machines capable of producing 150 kegs of nails per day. It ceased operation in 1855.

Scope and Content: The business records of the Manakin Iron Works consists of ledgers, daybooks, and an account book.

Barcode Number 1128739: Daybook of the Manakin Iron Works, 1847-1848

Scope and Content

The daybook of the Manakin Iron Works recorded the business transactions Richmond, Virginia, as they occurred daily. The volume was perhaps maintained by Groves, James, and Company, an agent in Richmond for the iron works. Information found in entries includes name of customer, date of transaction, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, cost of each item, form of payment, expenses paid, and total amount owed or paid. Nails were the main item sold by the iron works. The company's expenses include charcoal, tolls, advertising, hauling goods, and labor. The page numbers found in entries correspond with page numbers found in the Ledger of the Manakin Iron Works, 1847-1848.

Barcode Number 1107295: Ledger of the Manakin Iron Works, 1847-1848

Scope and Content

The ledger recorded the accounts of individual customers and the company's controlling accounts. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, style of transaction, form of payment, and the amount owed and paid. The ledger does not list the names of items purchased, rather it uses general terms such as "Manakin Sales" or "Sundries." The page numbers found in entries correspond with page numbers found in the Daybook of the Manakin Iron Works, 1847-1848. Volume includes an index that lists customers and accounts in alphabetical order.

Barcode Number 1107299: Daybook of the Manakin Iron Works, 1849-1850

Scope and Content

The daybook recorded transactions related to the iron works as they occurred daily. Transactions relate to debts incurred by the iron works, customers of the iron works, and individuals or companies who acted as agents for the iron works. Information found in entries include date of transaction, names of individuals or companies involved in transaction, style of transaction, and amount owed or paid. Transactions involved payment for labor, payment to accounts, and payment of expenses. Page numbers found in entries correspond with page numbers found in Ledger of the Manakin Iron Works, 1849-1850. Numerous pages are missing because they were torn from volume.

Barcode Number 1107297: Ledger of the Manakin Iron Works, 1849-1850

Scope and Content

The ledger recorded the accounts of individual customers and the company's controlling accounts. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, style of transaction, form of payment, and the amount owed and paid. The ledger lists the names of individuals or companies the customer transacted with or a general term such as "Merchandise" or "Sundries." Page numbers found in entries correspond with page numbers found in the Daybook of the Manakin Iron Works, 1849-1850. Volume includes an index that lists customers and accounts in alphabetical order.

Barcode Number 1107307: Account Book of the Manakin Iron Works, 1848-1851

Scope and Content

The account book recorded accounts of companies and individuals that the iron works purchased coal from and the accounts of companies and individuals the iron works sold iron and nails to. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in entries related to coal received includes date of transaction, number of loads, and amount of coal received. Information found in entries related to nails and iron delivered includes date of transaction, to whom sold, to whom delivered, name of person or ship that delivered items, and number of kegs of nails or bars of iron delivered.

The last few pages of the volume included copies of three letters written in 1846 by the owner of the iron works, Stephen O. DuVal. In the first letter, DuVal informs a customer of his purchase of the Manakin Iron Works. In the second, he encourages a prospective partner to inspect the iron works. In the third, DuVal explains to a customer that the amount of debt the customer claimed the previous owners of the iron works owed him was incorrect and that Duval was not liable for it.

Series III: Business Records of Randolph Wiley and an Unidentified Shoemaking Business, 1835-1882

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Scope and Content: The business records of Randolph Wiley and the unidentified shoemaking business consist of a ledger, which was used to record transactions for two separate business. Two-thirds of the ledger contains the transactions of a shoemaking and repair business from 1835 to 1845. The volume records the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, service rendered, form of payment, and the amounts owed or paid. Most transactions do not list type of services rendered. They contain the generic phrase "to work". A few transactions do mention boots or shoes being sold and repaired. Payments were made by cash, credit, or barter, such as leather, wood, and flour.

The last third of the ledger, 1877-1882, contains transactions of a blacksmith shop owned by Randolph Wiley, a Black man. The volume records the accounts of individual customers. Each account lists transactions in chronological order. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, service rendered or merchandise sold, form of payment, and the amounts owed or paid. Services rendered include shoeing horses; making, repairing, or sharpening farm equipment; repairing wagons; and making nails. Payments were made by cash or credit.

Barcode Number 1107310: Ledger of Randolph Wiley and an Unidentified Shoemaking Business, 1835-1882

Series IV: Business Records of William Crutchfield, 1848-1870

Extent

15 volumes; 0.2 cubic feet (1 box)

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information: William Crutchfield was a merchant who, on his own or in partnership with others, owned general stores in the towns of Rocketts, Cedar Point, and Merry Oaks in Goochland County, Virginia, during the mid- nineteenth century. He also perhaps owned a blacksmith shop in Cedar Point that was worked by blacksmith Olonzo C. Cantrell.

Scope and Content: The business records of William Crutchfield consist of six daybooks, four ledgers, three account books, one journal, one statement book and one box of loose records.

Subseries A: Account Books of William Crutchfield, 1848-1868

Barcode Number 1107271: Account Book of William Crutchfield (Rocketts Store and Cedar Point), 1848-1864

Scope and Content

The volume was used by Crutchfield as a ledger and a daybook. The ledger portion of the volume recorded the accounts of individual customers from 1848 to 1856 of Crutchfield's store in Rocketts. Transactions are listed in chronological order and payments made to the store were made by cash, credit, or barter of items such as eggs, butter, and beeswax. Also included in the volume are inventories of the store's goods for December 1849 and October 1854. There is also an inventory of the Cedar Point store's goods for April 1863. It simply lists the item and the total number of said item. The daybook portion of the volume records the transactions of a warehouse or store owned by Crutchfield in Cedar Point from November 1863 to January 1865. The volume has two separate listings of "Negro" accounts. Each entry includes an individual's name and amount owed to the store.

Barcode Number 1107287: Account Book of William Crutchfield, 1849-1856

Scope and Content

The volume was used as a ledger and a daybook at Crutchfield's store in Rocketts. The ledger portion of the volume records the accounts of individual customers. One set of accounts lists transactions in chronological order, with payments made by cash, credit, or barter of items such as eggs and butter. The second set of accounts in volume lists transactions in chronological order, but do not list the names of items purchased; rather, they use the general term "amount of bill." The daybook portion of the volume records the daily transactions of Crutchfield's store in Rocketts from August to October 1855. Information found in entries includes name of customer, date of transaction, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, cost of each item, form of payment, and total amount owed and paid.

Barcode Number 1128736: Account Book of William Crutchfield (Merry Oaks and Cedar Point) 1857-1868

Scope and Content

The account book was used as a ledger and a daybook. The ledger portion of the volume recorded the accounts of individual customers of Crutchfield's store in Merry Oaks in 1857 and 1858. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, cost of each item, and form of payment. Payments were made by cash, credit, or barter of items such as eggs, coonskin, and beef. The daybook portion of the volume recorded the daily transactions of a store or warehouse owned by Crutchfield in Cedar Point from April 1865 to August 1868. Transactions relate to the storage of goods by Crutchfield on behalf of others. Information found in entries includes name of customer, date of transaction, items stored, quantity of items stored, cost of storing item, form of payment, and total amount owed and paid. Items stored include flour, guano, corn, salt, whiskey, safes, various size boxes, sugar, and meat.

Subseries B: Daybooks of William Crutchfield, 1851-1870

Scope and Content

Three daybooks, from between the years 1851-1859, recorded the daily transactions of Crutchfield's store in Rocketts. Information found in entries includes name of customer, date of transaction, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, cost of each item, form of payment, and total amount owed and paid. Entries correspond to similar entries from an account book, a journal, and a ledger which fall in

those same years.

Another three daybooks, from between the years 1866-1870, recorded the daily transactions of Crutchfield's store in Cedar Point. Information found in entries includes name of customer, date of transaction, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, cost of each item, form of payment, and total amount owed and paid. Payments made by cash, credit, labor, and barter of items such as corn, eggs, and meal. Entries from the daybooks correspond to entries from the ledgers dated for the same time period.

Barcode Number 1107270: Daybook of William Crutchfield (Rocketts Store) 1851-1853

Barcode Number 1107282: Daybook of William Crutchfield, 1853-1855

Barcode Number 1107276: Daybook of William Crutchfield (Rocketts Store) 1857-1859

Barcode Number 1107291: Daybook of William Crutchfield (Cedar Point), 1866-1867

Barcode Number 1107280: Daybook of William Crutchfield (Cedar Point), 1867-1869

Barcode Number 1128738: Daybook of William Crutchfield, 1869-1870

Subseries C: Journals of William Crutchfield, 1851-1857

Scope and Content

The journal recorded the accounts of individual customers of Crutchfield's store in Rocketts. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, cost of each item, and form of payment. Payments were made by cash, credit, or barter of items such as eggs and leather. Entries in the journal correspond with entries found in daybooks dated between 1849 and 1859.

Barcode Number 1128725: Journal of William Crutchfield, 1851-1857

Subseries D: Ledgers of William Crutchfield, 1853-1870

Scope and Content

The ledger dated 1853-1858 recorded the accounts of individual customers of Crutchfield's store in Rocketts. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, cost of each item, and form of payment. Payments were made by cash, credit, or barter of items such as eggs and leather. Entries in the journal and ledger correspond with entries found in daybooks from the same years.

The ledger dated 1861-1868 was used as a freight record book and a blacksmith account book. The freight record portion recorded the expenses and cash received from transportation of merchandise via the river for January-July 1861. The expenses include labor costs, tolls, and quantity of merchandise transported. The cash received accounts record payments received from customers to cover transportation costs of merchandise incurred by store. The blacksmith portion of the volume recorded the accounts of individual customers of a blacksmith shop from 1862 to 1868, perhaps located in Cedar Point. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, items purchased or services rendered, quantity of items purchased, cost of item or service, form of payment, and total amount owed and paid. Services rendered include shoeing horses and mules, sharpening farm tools, repairing saddles and wagons, and drilling holes in saws. Items sold include horseshoes, keys for yokes, chain links, bolts, and screws.

Two ledgers, from 1865-1870, recorded the accounts of individual customers of Crutchfield's store in Cedar Point. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, cost of each item, and form of payment. Payments were made by cash, credit, or barter of items such as oats, onion cloves, butter, and bacon. Entries in ledgers correspond with entries found in daybooks from the same years.

Barcode Number 1107288: Ledger of William Crutchfield (Rocketts Store), 1853-1858

Barcode Number 1128735: Ledger of William Crutchfield, 1861-1868

Barcode Number 1128737: Ledger of William Crutchfield, 1865-1869

Barcode Number 1107304: Ledger of William Crutchfield, 1869-1870

Subseries E: Statement Book of William Crutchfield, 1855-1858

Scope and Content

The volume recorded varying accounts of Crutchfield's store in Rocketts. One set of accounts include bond accounts of customers. It lists the name of individual, amount of bond, and whether individual paid or not. A separate listing for "Negro" accounts is included with an additional category for how well or how poorly the individual was in repaying his or her bond. A second set of accounts recorded the accounts of individual customers. Information found in each entry includes date of transaction, items purchased, quantity of items purchased, cost of each item, and form of payment. Payments made by cash, credit, or barter of items such as eggs and hogs. Entries for the years 1853-1855 correspond to entries found in the daybook from the same time period.

Barcode Number 1107284: Statement Book of William Crutchfield (Rocketts Store), 1855-1858

Subseries F: Loose Records of William Crutchfield, circa 1840s-1870s

Scope and Content

The loose records include accounts, notes, receipts, correspondence, official business documents, and advertisements for local businesses.

Barcode Number 1176513: Loose Records of William Crutchfield, circa 1840s to 1870s

Series V: Business Records of Woodson, Perkins, and Company, 1843-1850

Extent

1 volume

Physical Location State Records Center

Scope and Content

Historical Information: Woodson, Perkins, and Company was a coal company located in Goochland County, Virginia, that conducted business during the mid-nineteenth century. It consisted of John S. Woodson, Thomas J. Perkins, D.W.K. Bowles, and Stephen P. Hughes.

Scope and Content: The business records of Woodson, Perkins and Company, consist of a journal.

The journal was used as an exhibit in the [Goochland County \(Va.\) Chancery Cause, 1878-007: Exx. of John S. Fleming vs. Creditors of John S. Fleming.](#)

Barcode Number 1107308: Journal of Woodson, Perkins and Company, 1843-1850