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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Unit Date

1910-1939

Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The collection contains ledgers detailing expenses and customer accounts of general store, saw mill, and lime kiln in Montgomery County, Virginia during the early 20th century.

Creator

Dudley, Harry C. (Harry Cleveland), 1885-1955

Extent

0.9 Cubic Feet 3 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

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Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Harry Cleveland Dudley, son of Virginia L. Dudley, was born in the Fagg community of Montgomery County, Virginia on June 23, 1885. He married Pearl Alice Haley (1888-1965), and the couple had seven children. The 1910 census describes Dudley's occupation as farmer, and he continues to be described as a farmer through the 1930 census. Harry C. Dudley died on November 28, 1955 and is buried in Montgomery County's Dudley Cemetery.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains account books maintained by Harry Cleveland Dudley, who operated a farm, general store, saw mill and lime kiln in Montgomery County, Virginia during the early 20th century. Included in the collection is a ledger detailing the expenses of a lime kiln, listing names and wages of workers. The volume also includes notes on a few other expenses and a few sales. A similar ledger relates to labor and other expenses at Dudley's sawmill but also includes lumber sales accounts and farm labor accounts. The greater part of the collection, however, is comprised of three large ledgers detailing the customer transactions at a general mercantile store from 1910 to 1924. Evidence within the ledgers indicates that the store operated was by John L. Dudley (likely the uncle of Harry C. Dudley) under the name J. L. Dudley and Bros. The ledgers provide customer names, transaction dates, lists of goods purchased, and prices paid.

Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South
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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by item type, then chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Lime kiln ledger

Unit Date 1939

box 1

Container 1 (item)

Sawmill ledger**Unit Date** 1936-1937**box** 1**Container** 2 (item)**General store ledger****Unit Date** 1910-1915**box** 1**Container** 3 (item)**General store ledger****Unit Date** 1917-1920**box** 2**Container** 1 (item)**General store ledger****Unit Date** 1920-1924**box** 3**Container** 1 (item)