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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains account books, including daybooks and ledgers, maintained by Creed Fulton Flanary, a general store merchant in Wise County, Virginia, during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Extent

1.4 Cubic Feet 4 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

The Creed F. Flanary Account Books were transferred to the University Libraries in 1939 or 1940 and transferred to Special Collections and University Archives in 1955.

Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Creed Fulton Flanary, the son of Elkanah and Nancy Young Flanary, was born in Lee County, Virginia in November 1844. Flanary joined the Confederate Army at Camp Lane (Lee County) in September 1861, enlisting in Company G of the 64th Virginia Mounted Infantry. By February 1863, he had risen to the rank of sergeant. He was taken prisoner at Cumberland Gap in September 1863 and remained a prisoner at Camp Douglas (Chicago) until released in June 1865. Returning to Virginia, Flanary married Sarah "Sally" Caroline Litton in 1870, and the couple would have 13 children. In Wise County, Flanary established a large general mercantile business under the name C. F. Flanary and Company. He also became president of the Norton Wholesale Grocery Company. In 1883, Flanary was elected to the state senate and served one term. In addition to his Wise County businesses, Flanary held business concerns as far away as Roanoke and owned two farms in Lee County. At the time of his death on April 14, 1910, Flanary was said to have been one of the wealthiest men in Southwest Virginia and the wealthiest in Wise County.

Scope and Content

This collection contains account books of Creed Fulton Flanary, a general store merchant in Wise County, Virginia during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The collection includes three daybooks, in which the store's transactions were recorded in chronological order, providing for each transaction the customer's name, date of transaction, goods purchased, and prices. Within the last daybook are entries for a separate millinery account from 1906 to 1908. Also included in the collection are five ledgers, in which the same information was entered, but with the account information recorded under the customers' names. The final volume records only the customer names, references to other ledgers, and account balances.

Keywords

Account books
Local/Regional History and Appalachian South
Wise County (Va.)

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by volume type, then chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Daybooks

Unit Date 1882-1908

box 1

Container 1-3 (folder)

Ledger

Unit Date 1871-1873

box 1

Container 4 (folder)

Ledgers

Unit Date 1873-1878

box 2

Container 1-2 (item)

Ledgers

Unit Date 1877-1889

box 3

Container 1-2 (item)

Ledger

Unit Date 1903

box 4

Container 1 (item)