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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Unit Date

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection consists of account books, including day books and ledgers, maintained by Thomas Shannon Miller, proprietor of a general store at White Gate (Giles County), Virginia, during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Creator

Miller, T. S.

Extent

3 Cubic Feet 8 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

The Thomas S. Miller Account Books were donated to the university in 1940 and transferred to Special Collections and University Archives in 1955.

Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Thomas Shannon Miller, the son of James B. and Eliza Jane Miller, was born in Giles County, Virginia, on June 26, 1860. More familiarly known as Shannon Miller, he was employed as a store clerk by 1880, while continuing to live in the Walkers Creek District home of his parents. On April 7, 1886, Miller married Alice Bane (1863-1958), the daughter of Samuel and Lucy Baker Bane. The Millers had six children. By 1886, Miller was a partner in Miller and Bane, a general mercantile store at White Gate, where Miller also served as postmaster. Records indicate that Miller later changed business partners: a 1912 ledger bears the name "T. S. Miller and Bro." While operating the store, Miller also engaged in farming. The 1920 census lists him as a farmer; the 1930 census as a farm manager. Thomas Shannon Miller died in 1949 and is buried in the Walkers Creek Cemetery in Pearisburg (Giles County).

Scope and Content

This collection contains account books maintained by Thomas Shannon Miller, proprietor of a general store at White Gate (Giles County), Virginia, during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Included is a series of 10 day books spanning the years 1885 to 1912. Accompanying the day books are seven account ledgers, to which credit transactions were copied from the day books. Each ledger entry contains customer name, date of transaction, goods purchased, prices, credits, and account balances.

Keywords

Account books

Giles County (Va.)

Ledgers (account books)

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by material type, then chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Day books

Unit Date 1885-1888

box 1

Container 1-2 (item)

Day books

Unit Date 1888-1892

box 2

Container 1-2 (item)

Day books

Unit Date 1892-1897

box 3

Container 1-2 (item)

Day books

Unit Date 1898-1905

box 4

Container 1-2 (item)

Day books

Unit Date 1905-1914

box 5

Container 1-2 (item)

Ledgers

Unit Date 1890-1901

box 6

Container 1-3 (item)

Ledgers

Unit Date 1901-1905

box 7

Container 1-2 (item)

Ledgers

Unit Date 1905-1912

box 8

Container 1-2 (item)