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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

Ms.1986.011

Unit Date

1871-1899

Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains three financial ledgers (daybook, journal, and ledger) of Dillon, Ellett & Company (and its successor, E. Dillon & Company), a lime manufacturer in Botetourt County, Virginia.

Creator

Dillon, Ellett & Company

Creator

Edward Dillon and Co. (Botetourt County, Va.)

Extent

0.8 Cubic Feet 2 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

The Dillon, Ellett & Company Ledgers were purchased by Special Collections in 1986.

Processing Information

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Administrative History

Dillon, Ellett & Company seems to have had its beginnings in 1868, when Edward Dillon, with partners Ellett and Turpin, leased limestone quarries on the James River at Indian Rock (Botetourt County), Virginia. Dillon seems to have taken sole ownership in the company in the late 1870s; an 1880 Virginia business guide lists the company name as E. Dillon & Company. By 1890, the company was producing 65,000 barrels of lime per year (sold under the Indian Rock Lime brand name) for use in building, tanning, and farming. After the death of Edward Dillon in 1897, his sons Edward Jr. and Lucius seem to have assumed management of the company, operating under the name E. Dillon's Sons (or E. Dillon & Sons). A 1906 Chesapeake and Ohio Railway industrial guide called the company the oldest lime plant in Virginia. Today (2013), E. Dillon & Company continues operations at its quarry and manufacturing plants in Russellville, Virginia.

Scope and Content

This collection contains three financial ledgers maintained by Dillon, Ellett & Company, a lime manufacturer at Indian Rock (Botetourt County), Virginia. The collection includes a daybook, a journal, and a ledger detailing the financial transactions of the company and its apparent successor, E. Dillon & Company. The volumes seem to track expenses as well as income, and at least one of the volumes may relate to a store associated with the company, rather than the lime plant. Included in the ledger is an 1886 letter from R. H. Staton of Lynchburg to Edward Dillon.

Related Archival Materials

See also the Edward Dillon Collection, Ms1970-008, at the VT Special Collections and University Archives.

Keywords

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Account books
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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by ledger type.

Description of Subordinate Components

Ledger

Unit Date 1871-1886

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Journal

Unit Date 1892-1897

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Daybook

Unit Date 1896-1898

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)