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Descriptive Summary

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Unit Date

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The collection includes customer account, invoice, and workman's hours ledgers from the Reed Island Iron Company. Records date from 1880-1896, during most of the known active period of the company (c.1880-c.1906).

Creator

Reed Island Iron Company (Pulaski County, Va.) (1881-1906)

Extent

0.7 Cubic Feet 2 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information

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Administrative History

The Reed Island Iron Furnace, located three miles from Allisonia, Virginia, commenced operation in 1881 and operated until 1908. The furnace produced up to 12 tons of pig iron per day.

The Reed Island Furnace was first operated by the Reed Island Iron Company, in Reed Island, Virginia (near Allisonia), beginning around 1881. The furnace itself was in Pulaski County, while the company was based in Wythe County. By 1898, the furnace and the company appeared to be the property and works of the Virginia Iron, Coal, and Coke Company, who ran the furnace until about 1906. The furnace produced up to 12 tons of pig iron per day and operated until 1908.

External Sources:

Directory to the Iron and Steel Works of the United States and Canada. Philadelphia: The American Iron and Steel Association, 1890. Available online at Google Books.

Supplement to the Directory of Iron and Steel Works of the United States. Philadelphia: The American Iron and Steel Association, 1900. Available online at Google Books.

Scope and Content

The collection includes customer account, invoice, and workman's hours ledgers from the Reed Island Iron Company. Records dates from 1880-1896, during most of the known active period of the company (c.1880-c.1906).

Series I: Customer Account and Invoice Ledgers consists of ledgers dating from 1880 through 1893. The majority records are customer accounts (eight of nine ledgers in this series) and include names and transactions, as well as amounts due and paid. The remaining book is a list of customer invoices. There is some overlap among the ledgers and they do not cover all months for the 13 year period.

Series II: Workman's Hours Ledgers contains small booklets from 1886-1896. These ledger include lists of the names of workers for a given month, tracking their hours. There is no apparent overlap between the ledgers and they do not cover the entire time period between August 1886 and April 1896.

Related Archival Materials

See the Reed Island Iron Company Receipts, Ms2009-040, also at Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives.

Keywords

Account books

Ledgers (account books)

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged into two series, both of which are arranged chronologically, Series I: Customer Account and Invoice Ledgers, 1880-1893, and Series II: Workman's Hours Ledgers, 1886-1896.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Customer Account and Invoice Ledgers

Unit Date 1880-1893

Unit Date November-December 1880

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Unit Date June-August 1881, 1888

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Unit Date 1882, n.d.

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Unit Date November-December 1883

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Unit Date June-October 1887

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Unit Date October 1888-March 1889

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Unit Date December 1888-April 1889

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Unit Date November 1893

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Unit Date 1893

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Series II: Workman's Hours Ledgers

Unit Date 1886-1896

Unit Date August 1886-April 1888

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Unit Date February-April 1889

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Unit Date January-March 1890

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Unit Date June-July 1891

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Unit Date November 1892-January 1898

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Unit Date February 1895-April 1896

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)