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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract

The collection includes two ledgers for the New Alexandria Land and River Improvement Company dated from 1892-1906. The ledgers contain documentation of transactions, land sales, commissions, and loans with detailed accounts of revenues and interest.

Creator

New Alexandria Land and River Improvement Company (1888-1928)

Extent

0.5 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

Permission to publish material from Land and River Improvement Company Ledgers must be obtained from Special Collections, Virginia Tech.

Acquisition Information

The New Alexandria Land and River Improvement Company Ledgers were acquired by Special Collections prior to 2009.

Processing Information

The processing, arrangement, and description of the New Alexandria Land and River Improvement Company Ledgers was completed in October 2013.

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Historical Note

The Land and River Improvement Company of New Alexandria was incorporated in 1888 with the main goal of establishing a successful business town. Following the completion of the first electrically powered trolley system in the United States in Richmond, VA, this mode of transportation became very attractive and stood as a symbol of modern technology, causing many other cities to begin construction of their own systems. Throughout the 1890s, the Land and River Improvement Company purchased a variety of properties in "New Alexandria" and the outer-Washington, D.C. area including [Woodlawn](#), [The Dyke Marsh](#), and others.

The founders of the Land and River Improvement Company carefully planned the town of "New Alexandria" with the first industry, the Deis Manufacturing Company, arriving in June of 1892. Over the course of the next two decades, the streetcar line was expanded on, a variety of industries moved to the area, including the Alexandria Woodenware Company, Mount Vernon Construction Company, and others, and the area itself seemed to flourish. However, after the streetcar burned in 1912 and the canal in Alexandria silted up, halting further industry, the Land and River Improvement Company abandoned the project and subsequently sold much of the land to a variety of sources, declaring bankruptcy in 1928. The present-day George Washington Memorial Parkway runs through New Alexandria where the streetcar system had previously been constructed.

Source: [History of New Alexandria](#)

Scope and Content

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Keywords

Virginia -- History

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

New Alexandria Land and River Improvement Company (1888-1928)

Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Ledgers
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