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Abstract

This Pulaski Iron Company Correspondence contains 43 documents, letters, and receipts dated 1895-1923. The letters are primarily to John N. Gordon, a lawyer and iron company merchant in Richmond, Virginia, from the Pulaski Iron Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There are additional letters from Matthew Addy & Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, and The Low Moor Iron Company of Virginia. Most of the letters discuss prices, customers, and the overall state of the market. There are also several receipts for iron and two reports on the tests of a charcoal pig iron. Three additional letters dated 1901-1923 are seemingly unrelated to Gordon or the iron companies.

Creator

Pulaski Iron Company

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Administrative History

The letters in this collection are mostly from the Pulaski Iron Company to John N. Gordon, a lawyer and iron company merchant from Richmond, Virginia. The Pulaski Iron Company operated out of an office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but the company had many locations in Southwest Virginia. It began operations in the 1880s and closed during the Great Depression in the 1930s. This company constructed the first pig iron blast furnace in Southwest Virginia.

External Sources:

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Scope and Content

This Pulaski Iron Company Correspondence contains 43 documents, letters, and receipts dated 1895-1923. Almost all of the letters dated 1895-1899 are written to John N. Gordon, a lawyer and iron company merchant from Richmond, Virginia. Most of the correspondence is from Abraham Patterson and Horace Haldeman, who were each at separate times the secretary and treasurer of the Pulaski Iron Company operating out of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from the 1880s-1930s. There are a few letters from other iron companies, including Matthew Addy & Company operating out of Cincinnati, Ohio, and The Low Moor Iron Company of Virginia from Frank Lyman, the treasurer. These letters discuss their respective company's prices, their customers, and the overall state of the market. The collection also contains several receipts for iron and two reports on the tests of a charcoal pig iron.

An additional three letters are seemingly unrelated to Gordon or the Pulaski Iron Company. A 1901 letter to Mrs. E. L. Stacy of Richmond, Virginia, from her cousin Henry R. Todd of St. Louis, Missouri, discusses previous correspondence between the two. A 1923 letter to the Virginia Tech Minstrels Manager at Blacksburg, Virginia, from J. Alvin Vaughan of Radford, Virginia, Virginia Tech class of 1918, discusses a performance on campus.

Related Archival Materials

See the Pulaski Iron Company Title Abstracts, Ms1994-025, also at Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives.

Keywords

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Pulaski (Va.)
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Gordon, John N. (Richmond, Va.)

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically with undated materials at the end.

Description of Subordinate Components

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