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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract

This collection consists of ten business ledgers from 1894-1900 for L. M. Hisey & Co. and Wightman, Hisey & Co., stores in Edinburg and Woodstock, Virginia, that list accounts and document business transactions for farm related products and implements.

Creator

Myers, Virginia Josephine Hisey, 1914-2015

Extent

0.4 cubic feet 2 boxes, 10 ledgers

Repository

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Mrs. Virginia Hisey Myers, through Mr. Douglas Dellinger, in November 1989.

Processing Information

In May 2017, this collection was renamed Virginia Hisey Myers Collection of Shenandoah County Ledgers, a change from Virginia Hisey Myers Collection. In order to streamline the process of applying collection numbers, Special Collections staff completed a large-scale renumbering campaign in the spring of 2017.

This collection was previously cataloged as SC 2068.

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Biographical/Historical Information

Wightman, Hisey & Co., later called L. M. Hisey & Co., was a hardware store for farm related products and implements that operated in two locations in Edinburg and Woodstock Virginia in the 1890s. In an 1892 edition of the Shenandoah Herald, partners trading as Wightman, Hisey & Co. were listed as James Staunton, C. P. Wightman, Lemuel Hisey, and M. H. Hottel. Beginning around 1898, in local newspapers as well as in the business ledgers, the store is referred to as L. M. Hisey & Co. Advertisements for the two stores published in local Shenandoah Valley newspapers from 1891 - 1900 market a variety of goods, including corn and oat phosphate, coal and coal oil, wagons, plows, and various seed, among other goods.

Lemuel. M. Hisey, proprietor of L. M. Hisey & Co., was born in 1844 and died in 1900. He served as a Confederate soldier in Captain H. H. Riddleberger's company of the 23rd Va. Calvary, Imboden's Brigade. In his obituaries, he is noted as a prominent and successful businessman, and the firm of L. M. Hisey & Co. is described as "among the leading and best known business establishments in the county."

Scope and Content

This collection consists of ten business ledgers from L. M Hisey & Co. and Wightman, Hisey & Co. from 1894 - 1900. The ledgers document sales of and orders for agricultural and forestry items, especially phosphate, coal, wheat, bark, and lumber, as well as corn and various tools. Some ledgers also contain financial information about the companies, such as lists of notes due and bank deposit slips. Receipts and bills, inserted in a few of the ledgers, further document the businesses.

Keywords

Ledgers (account books)

Farm supply industries
Farm supplies
Farm equipment
Agricultural implements
Selling -- Phosphate
Coal trade -- Virginia -- Shenandoah County
Wheat trade -- Virginia -- Shenandoah County
Selling -- Bark
Lumber trade -- Virginia -- Shenandoah County
Selling -- Corn
Selling -- Farm equipment
Selling -- Farm supplies
Selling -- Agricultural implements
Selling -- Agricultural machinery
Industries -- Virginia -- Shenandoah County -- Sources
Shenandoah County (Va.) -- Economic conditions -- Sources
Shenandoah County (Va.) -- History
L. M. Hisey & Co. (Edinburg, Va.)
Merchants & Farmers Bank (Woodstock, Va.)
Wightman & Hisey Co. (Edinburg, Va.)

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged in 2 boxes of 10 folders.

Description of Subordinate Components

Phosphate Book

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1010

Unit Date 1894

Mixed Materials [1000886556] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Phosphate Book

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1011

Unit Date 1895

Mixed Materials [1000886556] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Phosphate Book

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1012

Unit Date 1896

Mixed Materials [1000886556] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Coal Book

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1013

Unit Date 1894

Mixed Materials [1000886556] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Order Book

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1014

Unit Date 1898

Mixed Materials [1000886556] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Invoice of Wightman Hisey

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1015

Unit Date 1896

Mixed Materials [1000886557] 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

General Account Ledger

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1016

Unit Date 1898-1899

Mixed Materials [1000886557] 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

General Account Ledger

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1017

Unit Date 1899-1900

Mixed Materials [1000886557] 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Wheat Book

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1018

Unit Date 1899-1900

Mixed Materials [1000886557] 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Merchant and Farmers Bank Book

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/2607

Unit Date 1897-1900

Mixed Materials [1000886557] 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)