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Abstract

Two ledgers likely documenting a sawmill or lumber operation in western Virginia or Pendleton County, West Virginia. The surnames present in the ledgers also indicate a potential connection to Pennsylvania.

source

Green Valley Auctions, Inc.

Extent

0.08 cubic feet 1 folder

Repository

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

Purchased at the Green Valley Auction Barn in November 1998.

Processing Information

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 2090.**

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Scope and Content

The ledgers, dated 1883-1890, likely document a sawmill operation. The exact provenance of the ledgers is unknown, but according to the previous owners the location of the business operation was most likely Shenandoah or Rockingham counties in Virginia or Pendleton County, West Virginia. However, the surnames present in the ledgers, including Royer, Biddle, Schumaker, Detwiler, Brenneman, Solenberger, etc., also indicate a probable connection to Pennsylvania.

The majority of entries, made under individual names, are payments for chopping, hauling, and sawing logs or making boards or planks; some refer to other lumber products such as switch and first and second class ties (presumably for a railroad). Many of the entries document the 1890 tanbark peeling season, beginning on April 28 with notations for "making road," then on April 29 into mid-June for peeling, hauling, sledding, ranking, carrying out, and loading bark in car (again, presumably railroad). Other commodities are also occasionally mentioned, including cabbage, apple butter, potatoes, buckwheat, wheat, tobacco, beef, pork, articles of clothing, and blankets.

Among others, names repeated throughout the ledgers include Andrew Solenberger, Franklin Breniman/Brenneman, George Sailer, Jacob Snively, John Detwiler, Orville Snively, Jacob Fry, Jacob Schumaker, Samuel Fouse, and Andrew Biddle.

Keywords

Account books -- Sources

Business records -- Sources

Sawmills -- Accounting -- Sources

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Logging -- Allegheny Mountains
Log transportation
Bark peeling -- Economic aspects
Railroad ties
Bark -- Utilization -- Costs
Bark -- Transportation -- Costs
Farm supply industries -- Costs
Industries -- Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- Sources
Shenandoah County (Va.) -- History
Rockingham County (Va.) -- History
Pendleton County (W. Va.) -- History
Ledgers (account books)
Business records
Green Valley Auctions, Inc.

Custodial History

The ledgers originated from the estate of Jim and Pam Kiser in Woodstock, Virginia.

Arrangement

The ledgers are housed in one folder.

Description of Subordinate Components

Lumber Ledgers

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Mixed Materials [1000886559] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)