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Abstract

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Creator

Tate, J. W. (John William), 1858-1915

source

Tim Abbott Americana

Extent

0.2 cubic feet 5 folders

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Loose materials not otherwise related to Tate's blacksmith business were removed from the ledgers and foldered separately.

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Bio/Historical Note

John William Tate (1858-1915), son of John Henry Tate (1833-1898) and Sarah A. Tate (1822-1898), was a life-long resident of the Amberly/Greenmount area of Rockingham County, Virginia. He was a blacksmith by trade and also served as the postmaster of the Amberly post office, established in 1891. He married Sarah Fulk (1867-1950) with whom he had three children - Edward Carl Tate (1888-1966), Luna C. Tate (1891-1918), and William Newtown Tate (1894-1979). According to Luna Tate's autobiographical sketch, included in this collection, Edward and William Tate oversaw the 55-acre family farm while their dad ran the blacksmith shop.

Scope and Content

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The ledgers include the names of Tate's customers, services or materials provided, and their respective cost.

In her autobiographical sketch, Luna Tate describes her family's farm, her father's blacksmith shop, schooling, and travels. A five-page biography of Christopher Columbus written by Luna Tate, likely for a school assignment, is included. Correspondence is from family in Ohio (Dayton and Clayton) and friends in Waynesboro, Virginia.

Keywords

Ledgers (account books)

Printed Ephemera
Letters (correspondence)
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Account books
Rockingham County (Va.) -- History
Shenandoah River Valley (Va. and W. Va.) -- History
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Bibliography

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Container 1 (folder)

Ledger

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Unit Date 1895-1897

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Container 2 (folder)

Ledger

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Unit Date 1897-1898

Mixed Materials [1000898621] 1 (box)

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Ledger

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Unit Date 1899-1900

Mixed Materials [1000898621] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Loose papers, ephemera, and correspondence

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Unit Date 1893-1905

Mixed Materials [1000898621] 1 (box)

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