

A Guide to the Baker's Store Daybooks, 1861-1878 SC 0403

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1861-1878

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Abstract

Two daybooks documenting the mercantile activities of Baker's Store in Mount Olive, Virginia.

source

Tim Abbott Americana

Creator

Baker's Store (1860-2018) (Mount Olive, Va.)

Extent

0.6 cubic feet 1 box

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Biographical / Historical

Baker's Store, located in Mount Olive, Virginia in Shenandoah County, operated from 1860 until 2018. Baker's Store sold general merchandise including foodstuffs, perishables, dry goods, fabric, notions, alcohol, tobacco, and sundry items. Ephraim Baker (1836-1919) was the original proprietor of the store until his death when his son William Baker (1895-1989) took over ownership.

Scope and Contents

Two daybooks documenting the mercantile activities of Baker's Store in Mount Olive, Virginia from 1861-1878. The daybooks are organized chronologically and include the names of patrons and itemized accounts of their purchases from the store. Common items purchased include fabric, eggs, butter, coffee, tobacco, pins, needles, camphor, paper, whiskey, sugar, clothing, and shoes. Names present in the daybooks include Rosenberger, Funkhouser, Grove, Hockman, Hamman, Edmonson, Coffman, Keller, Pifer, Clem, Hottle, Eberly, Copp, and others.

Related Materials

Baker Store Collection, 2020-0002, Truban Archives, Shenandoah County Library, Edinburg, Virginia, USA
Ephraim Baker Records, 1857-1910. Accession 50152. Business records collection, The Library of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia

Keywords

Daybooks

General stores -- Virginia -- Shenandoah County

Merchants -- Virginia -- Shenandoah County -- Records and correspondence

Account books -- Virginia -- Shenandoah County

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Retail trade -- Virginia -- Shenandoah County -- 19th century

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Description of Subordinate Components

Daybook

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31279

Unit Date 1861-1878

Mixed Materials [1000925011] OV 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Front cover inscribed: "Baker & Eberly Day Book No. 2 Mount Olive, Virginia."

Daybook

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/31280

Unit Date 1874

Mixed Materials [1000925011] OV 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

Front cover inscribed: "Ephraim Baker's Book Mount Olive Va. January 20th 1874 Day Book J"