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Descriptive Summary

Collection number

SC 0133

Language

English

Abstract

The collection is composed of two pamphlets used as passbooks (also known as day books). Both are small bound forty page pocket-notebooks.

Collector

Unknown

Extent

Less than 0.33 cubic feet, 2 items.

Repository

Thomas Balch Library

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection open for research.

Use Restrictions

No physical characteristics affect use of this material.

Acquisition Information

Unknown

Processing Information

Shane Keenan, 28 August 2018

Preferred Citation

Store Passbooks (SC 0133), Thomas Balch Library, Leesburg, VA.

Biographical Information

The author of these documents is unknown, as is the location of the store that used them. However, Charles French (1846-1928), James Merchant (January 31, 1836-November 3, 1888), Charles Butler (1850-1909), Jonathan Boyd (1831-February 11, 1899), and other Loudoun County residents are frequently listed as customers. The store shares many customers with George W. Janney's (1821-1873) store in Hamilton.

The surnames of other Loudoun County customers include Darr, Fox, French, Lovenberry, Lucas, and Murry. There are also several regular customers from Winchester and other areas surrounding Loudoun County.

Scope and Content

The collection is composed of two pamphlets used as passbooks (also known as day books). Both are small bound forty page pocket-notebooks. The two passbooks were used from May 1874 to January 1875 and from January to October of 1875 respectively. They record sales chronologically, listing the name of the customer, the items purchased, and the total sum owed, which was later crossed out or marked as paid. All transactions listed in these passbooks were paid for with cash.

Although the exact provenance of these passbooks is unknown, they likely come from a business in Loudoun County as many of the customers listed lived in Loudoun or neighboring counties. The store also shares many customers with George Janney's store in Hamilton.

Accruals

2005.0024X

Alternative Form Available

None

Arrangement

Chronological

Adjunct Descriptive Data

Related Material

George W. Janney Collection, 1804-1884 (M 093)

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Passbook 1875

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