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Abstract

Contains the personal, business, and legal correspondence, business records, newspapers, and other ephemera of Joseph H. Chumbley and the ledger book of business accounts of Chumbley and Harper Company of Radford, VA, dry goods and general merchant. The full [collection](#) is available.

Creator

Chumbley, Ellen Hanna Shell and Chumbley, Joseph H

Extent

3.0 Linear feet 1 - 16" X 20" flat archives box 1 - Letter size 6" archival storage box.

Location

Locked in compact shelving, level 1, shelf 15C.

Repository

University Archives, McConnell Library, Radford University

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

An appointment for research is required. Collection is open for research. No interlibrary loan.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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Additional accruals are not expected.

Biographical Information

Joseph Harper Chumbley (November 7, 1844-July 24, 1917) was a merchant, bank president, notary public, and magistrate who ran a general merchandise store in the town of New River and a woolen mill in Radford. The store was originally called Chumbley and Einstein, and co-owned by Chumbley's partner Henry Thomas Einstein. He later partnered with J.T. Harper who ran a branch store in Morristown, TN. Chumbley was a native of Pulaski County and served in the 39th VA Cavalry Battalion as a courier for Generals James Longstreet, Gabriel C. Wharton, and Robert E. Lee. Chumbley was married to Ella Hanna Shell (June 22, 1846-October 24, 1930) and had four children: Eula, Anna C., Ella J., and Robert Edward Lee Chumbley. Chumbley was a Presbyterian and a member of the Masons.

Scope and Content

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Arrangement

Box 1: Ledger Book

Box 2: Documents and other materials