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Descriptive Summary

Collection Number

38-16

Language

English

Collector

W.M.E. Rachal

Extent

ca. 4500 items

Repository

University of Virginia. Library. Special Collections Dept.

Alderman Library
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903
USA

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open to research.

Use Restrictions

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Scope and Content

The records of Sweet Chalybeate Springs, a summer resort in Alleghany County, Virginia, managed by B.F. Eakle, Jr., consist of ca. 4500 items (5 Hollinger boxes, 2 linear shelf feet), 1892-1916, and chiefly comprises ledgers and business correspondence pertaining to the resort.

The correspondence file of B.F. Eakle, Jr., 1895-1913, contains business letters and a few personal letters to Eakle. The correspondence of 1914-1915, also largely business, includes numerous letters to his children and friends.

The nine volumes of ledgers include check books issued by the Bank of Union, an inventory of goods with a record of miscellaneous charges, and day books showing petty disbursements, orders for horses, saddles, and buggies, and sales of candy, tobacco, and other small items. Another day book, a fragment of a single page evidently kept by B.O. Blackford, assistant manager, and George K. Anderson, Jr., clerk, shows miscellaneous charges for eggs, potatoes, plaster, and a spigot.

The collection also contains about 700 accounts and bills, 1900-1915, and undated, and some printed matter, including brochures advertising the Springs.