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# Biographical / Historical

Based on current information gathered by Special Collections, there appear to be three possible creators of the ledger: William Tandy Burrus (1766 or 1776-1831), WTB (?-prior to 1836?), or William Stevens (1773-1843).

William Tandy Burrus was born in either 1766 or 1776 in St. Thomas Parish in Orange County, Virginia. He married Martha Slaughter Burrus. "Burrus" is sometimes spelled "Burris" or "Burruss." He was the son of Thomas Burrus and Francis Tandy Burrus and had two brothers (Thomas Burrus and Roger Tandy Burrus) and three sisters. He was a prominent land owner in Orange County, Virginia who also served as a witness for legal documents and as Justice of the Peace. He had five daughters and five sons including Lancelot Burrus. This Lancelot Burrus also had a son named Lancelot Burrus. William Tandy Burrus died in 1831 in Orange County, Virginia.

William Tandy Burrus was the son of Thomas Burrus who was the son of Thomas Burrus and the brother of the William Tandy Burrus discussed previously. His mother was Elizabeth Stevens. He married Philadelphia Burrus and died sometime before the writing of his father's will in 1836 perhaps in Clark County, Kentucky where the Burrus family had landholdings. This branch of the Burrus family also had a number of descendants named Lancelot Burrus, including the son of William Tandy Burrus, one of whom might be the owner of the ledger in 1881.

Elizabeth Stevens, wife of Thomas Burrus, had a brother named William Stevens who is perhaps the William Stevens referred to on the name plate on the inside cover of the ledger. William Stevens was the son of John Stevens, a prominent member of the Orange County community. In his will, John Stevens mentions a store and house occupied by his son William Stevens. William Stevens was born of June 22, 1773 and died in January of 1843. He married Margaret Mill on February 9, 1801. The Stevens and Burrus family appear to be closely connected in terms of both status, marriage, and their participation in the community.

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## Scope and Contents

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The ledger (200 pp., 15 pages are missing in the front, several pages are missing in back, and several halves of pages are missing) records transactions for miscellaneous merchandise, wheat and tobacco. The contra page shows payments were mostly made in cash, but are sometimes recorded as 'sundries' or other goods. He also lists Family Expenses on page 92, Household Stuff on page 108, and Bills Receivable on page 134.

The ledger has additional notations beginning on page 194 written in a different handwriting from the original creator, the entries of which include a range of dates between 1883 and 1895. These entries are consistent with the use of the manuscript as a ledger by the second creator.

A notation on the first page reads "Lancelot Burrus Book, Given to him by his Mother, January 1, 1881." Lancelot Burrus was a common name within the Burrus family serving as the name of both the son and grandson of William Tandy Burrus as well as his nephew and great-nephew.

There is also a bookplate in the front of book for William Stevens. William Stevens was the brother of Elizabeth Stevens who married into the Burrus family.

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Some names included in the ledger are:

Jackson Mills

Charles Mills

William Chiles

Henry Chiles

Jacob Graves

William M. Daniel

Elijah Quesenberry

Joseph Chandler  
Jacob Williams  
Smith Stubblefield  
Moses Quesenberry  
John Pollock  
Miss Salley Atkins  
Miss Betsey Bell  
Robert Terrill  
William Terrill  
Thomas Adams  
John Page  
Lewis Brockman  
Austin Right  
Joseph L. Hawkins  
Nathaniel Middlebrook  
William Quesenberry  
Roger Bell  
Reverend Aaron Bledsoe  
William Wells  
Alexander Homes  
Henry Tandy Jr.  
Colby Smith  
Gentry Atkins  
Thomas Payne  
Joseph Bell  
Mrs. Mary Robertson  
Reverend George Morris  
Mrs. Judith Embree  
James Perry  
Captain Thomas Ellis  
John Pettis  
Joseph Woolfolk  
Thomas Woolfolk  
Miss Suzannah Atkins  
John Payne  
Elizabeth Coleman  
Edmond Burrus  
John Smith  
Roger Burrus  
Thomas Clayton  
James Adams  
Roger Slaughter  
Zachariah Sherby  
Caleb Lindsay  
Peter Montague  
George Scott  
Wisdom Atkins

Roger Mallory  
Clayborn Graves  
Hezekiah Dickenson  
Thomas Oaks  
Mrs. Rebeckah Brockman  
Thomas Goodwin  
Joseph Pleasants  
Elisha Adams  
Miss. Winney Quesenberry  
Henry Clemmons  
Jarrod Banks  
Nicholas Bickers  
Captain Thomas Bell  
Timothy Chandler  
Samuel Grady  
Peter Hoffman and Son  
Dr. Joseph Duke  
Miss. Peggy Daniel  
Colby Cowherd  
Absolom Smith  
James Smith  
John Pendleton  
Benjamin Stephens  
Richard Stephens  
John Stevens  
Benjamin Cave

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