

# Inventory of the Railroad Account Book and Diary 1860-1860

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## History

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## Overview of the Collection

### Identification:

01/Mss. Acc. 2008.145

### Language of Materials

The papers are in: English

### Abstract:

An account book and diary of a man from Goodman, Virginia which later became Bristol, Virginia. He appears to work for the railroad, possibly as a track repairman. Writer notes payments for work he has done, giving amounts, short description of work, and for whom the work was done. He gives prices for items that he purchases. He mentions a mail train accident that left him crippled. He travels to different towns via the railroad, such as Lynchburg, Bedford and Wytheville. At the end of the book, he records train accidents and problems, by date, from March to August. There is a description of two 1857 deeds involving Elizabeth Peck, Joseph Peck and William Moore.

### Creator:

Buford, James M. arrangement

**Quantity:**

0.05

**Alternate Extent Statement:**

1 vol.

**Repository:**

Special Collections Research Center

## Administrative Information

**Conditions Governing Access**

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**Acquisition Information**

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## Additional Information

### Biographical Note

Possibly author of 1860 railroad diary, Mss. Acc. 2008.145. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki: [http://scrc.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/James M. Buford](http://scrc.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/James_M. Buford).

## Scope and Contents

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## Index Terms

This Collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

**Genre/Form of Material:**

Diaries

**Topical Term:**

Account books.

Railroad accidents--Virginia.

Railroads--Virginia--History.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Virginia--Railroads

