

REGISTER OF THE HUNTER'S STORE RECORDS, 1850-1922

Mss 130

30 Volumes and 8 Folders in 3 boxes and 5 oversize boxes

4.15 cu. ft.

INTRODUCTION

The records of the Hunter's Store document the operations of a family blacksmith and then general store, 1850's - 1920's, in Pendleton, South Carolina. The records were donated by Gaillard Hunter in 1964. They were formerly cataloged as 64-1. The register was prepared by Nancy Keller in April 1992.

CORPORATE HISTORY

In Pendleton SC James Hunter began a blacksmith shop on Mechanic Street in the 1850s. Mr. Hunter continued the blacksmith shop at that location until 1889. He began the operation of a store with a Mr. Long in 1870. The store known as Hunter and Long was located in a two story brick building which was built about 1850 on Queen Street. The building is still known as Hunter's Store. In 1873 Mr. Hunter bought full interest in the store and it was known as James Hunter - Dealer in General Merchandise. Later he and two of his sons, James T. Hunter and Miles M. Hunter, ran the store as James Hunter and Sons. After his death in 1889 it became James Hunter's Sons - Dealers in General Merchandise. Later Miles M. Hunter bought full interest and ran the store as M. M. Hunter - General Merchandise, Fertilizers and Cotton and about 1916 it became M. M. Hunter - Dealer in General Merchandise and Cotton. In 1929 a new building was built across a side street and the original building was used as a warehouse. After the death of Miles Hunter in 1939 three of his sons, Benjamin Gaillard (B.G.) Hunter, Ralph Hunter and Miles Hunter, operated the store as Hunter's Store, Inc. until 1962 when the assets were liquidated. In 1967 the property of the original Hunter's Store which is located across from the town square in Pendleton was purchased from H. L. Dunlap by the Pendleton District Historical Commission in order to be used as a tourist center, museum and its

headquarters.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection includes business records of the blacksmith and of Hunter's Store from 1851-1922. These records include 19 ledgers (1850-1918); Indices for three of the ledgers: Volume 12 (1893-1896), Volume 16 (1903-1907) and Volume 18 (1907-1910); four cash books (1904-1918); four guano account books; and eight folders of copies of customers invoices and correspondence (1861, 1896-1922) pertaining to the business of the store. There are entries in several ledgers for Ashtabula Farm which list names of people rather than merchandise purchased. Many of the volumes are oversized and are in poor condition. A miscellaneous ledger dated 1850 and entitled C.H. Anderson is in the collection. There are no ledgers for 1857, 1873-1880, 1882-1884, 1887-1892. There is a ledger (volume 5) covering the period from 1858-1889, with only the account of John. B. Sitton.

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CONTAINER LIST

Box Volume

Ledgers

1	1	[C. H. Anderson, 1850]	<i>Court House?</i>
	2	1852-1854	
	3	1854-1856	
	4	1858-1872	
	5	1858-1889	
	6	1859-1860	
	7	1860-1861	
	8	1861-1864	
	9	1861-1865	
	10	1881	
	11	1885-1886	
2 oversized	12	1893-1897	
	13	1894-1907	
3 oversized	14	1899-1903	
	15	1902-1905	
4 oversized	16	1903-1907	
	17	1905-1908	
5 oversized	18	1907-1910	
6 oversized	19	1909-1918	

Indices

20	1893-1896
21	1903-1907
22	1907-1910

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Box Volume

7 Cash Books

23 1904-1909

24 1909-1913

25 1913-1915

26 1916-1918

 Guano Accounts

27 1905-1907

28 1906-1908

29 1911

30 1912-1914

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 Invoices

1 1889-1897

2 1900-1905

3 1906-1908

4 1909-1910

5 1911-1922

6 undated

 Correspondence

7 1861, 1896-1912

 Mrs. E. N. Trecot Miscellaneous

8 1904-1911