

Scope and content/Abstract

These records are chiefly receipts, bills and statements. Also some minutes, tax returns, correspondence, sight drafts and checks. Includes bills and statements relating to dyeing in the northern states, 1888-1889, and for purchases of textile machinery from the Whitin Machine Works, Whitinsville, Massachusetts, 1891-1919. Also notable are illustrated sight drafts and checks for cotton purchases from the southern states, 1880-1926.

There is one folder of papers of Jefferson Choice Evins, the Company's third president; it includes some correspondence relating to his duties as president of the Cotton Manufacturers Association of South Carolina.

There are some documents relating to labor, chiefly receipts for wages paid out, receipts for grocery purchases made by workers at the Clifton Manufacturing Company Store, and receipts for medical expenses.

Organization and arrangement

Organized in the following record groups: I.Organization and administration. II.Executive. III.Financial. IV.Purchasing. V.Sales. VI.Labor. VII.Production.

Arrangement: Chronological within each record group.

Immediate source of acquisition

Purchased in 1991. The accession number is: 1991.

Provenance

The Museum of American Textile History acquired a portion of the records by purchase in 1991.

Clemson University, Special Collections, the Robert Muldrow Cooper Library, owns the bulk of the records of the records of the Clifton Manufacturing Company.

Cumulative index/finding aids.

Finding aid in the library, with series descriptions and folder level control.

Preferred citation of described materials:

Cite as: Clifton Manufacturing Company Records, 1880-1930, the Library, Museum of American Textile History.

Clifton Manufacturing Company
Series Outline and Description Notes

I. Organization and administration.

1. Minutes of annual meetings, 1887-1892 (6 folders).
2. Stocks, 1898. (1 folder).
3. Southern Mill Rules of 1925. (1 folder).

II. Executive.

1. Insurance policies, 1890-1897. (3 folders).
2. Tax returns, 1881-1894. (11 folders).
3. Converse, D[exter] E[dgar], President. (1 folder).
 - a. Correspondence (outgoing), 1883 (1 item).
4. J[efferson] Choice Evins, President and Treasurer. (1 folder).

He was also President of the Cotton Manufacturers Association of South Carolina.

 - a. Correspondence (outgoing), 1918-1930.

The correspondence is chiefly about the Cotton Manufacturers of South Carolina, including topics: sanitation, holiday shut-downs, operating plants at night.
5. A[lbert] H. Twichell, Treasurer and Secretary. (1 folder).
 - a. Correspondence (outgoing), 1883-1904.
6. S[tanley] W. Converse, Treasurer and Secretary. (1 item).
 - a. Correspondence (outgoing), 1927.
7. Plant maintenance and construction. (1 folder).
 - a. Proposal and specification from Erie City Iron Works, PA, 1909, for a boiler.

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III. Financial.

1. Receipts for miscellaneous expenses, and for interest on notes, 1883-1921. (18 folders).
N.B. Payment to teachers and other wages were removed and added to Labor.

These receipts are printed "Received of A. H. Twichell, Treasurer."

The bulk of the receipts are for cash paid for purchases of two hundred dollars or less, for bricks, lumber, and for wood deliveries, also, for hauling, hiring horses, travel expenses and surveying. Many of the receipts are marked credited to the Bridge acc[oun]t or the House contract.

Also, includes receipts for larger sums, six hundred dollars or more, paid out for six months of interest on notes.

2. Billheads, invoices and statements, 1880's-1890's.
For miscellaneous purchases.
Arranged alphabetically in two folders, A-K and L-Z.
See also: Purchasing.
3. Treasurer A. H. Twichell's correspondence, 1887-1897.
(1 folder)
Outgoing correspondence about the orders and the bills in the series above, Billheads, invoices and statements, 1880's-1890's.

The Records of the Clifton Manufacturing Company**III. Financial continues**

4. Account with Wheelwright, Eldredge and Co., Dry Goods Commission Merchants, Boston and New York.
 - a. Statements, 1888-1889. (1 folder)
 - b. Duplicate bills, 1888-1897. (5 folders)

Wheelwright, Eldredge and Co. had bleaching, dyeing and other finishing work done for Clifton by: Dempsey Bleachery and Dye Works, Pawtucket, Rhode Island; Reid and Barry Dundee Dye and Print Works, Passaic, New Jersey; James Martin Co. Richmond Dyeing and Finishing Works, Philadelphia; Silver Spring Bleaching and Dyeing Co., Providence, Rhode Island; Farwell Bleachery; and the Fall River Bleachery, Fall River, Massachusetts.

Also Wheelwright, Eldredge and Co. worked with Hurbert Van Wagenen, New York, an examiner and packer of auction dry goods, refolder and baler of dry goods, and maker of sample cards.
5. Account with Whitin Machine Works, Cotton Machinery Manufacturers, Whitinsville, Massachusetts, 1891-1919.
 - a. Bills, 1891-1908. (9 folders)
 - b. Statements, 1907-1908. (1 folder)
 - c. Correspondence about statements, 1892-1895. (1 folder)
 - d. Credit memorandum, 1899. (1 folder)
 - e. Canceled checks, 1906-1919. (1 folder)
6. Account with O. H. Sampson, Boston, Dry Goods Commission merchants.
 - a. Statements, 1888-1889 (+). 20 items.
In oversized (+) manuscript drawer number 2.
7. Canceled checks, 1904. 2 items only.

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IV. Purchasing.

See also related records in **Financial** and in **Sales**.

1. Cotton purchases, 1880-1926. (1 folder)
Illustrated sight drafts and checks from cotton purchases made from factors and other cotton buyers in the southern states of: Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

2. Grocery purchases, wholesale, B. F. Schockley, 1901-1902.
(1 folder)

3. Bank envelopes, 1924-1926. (1 folder)
The (empty) envelopes were labelled for: J. M. Williams Agency, Cotton merchants; Mason Smith and Co. (Cotton); and the Southeastern Cotton Oil Co.

V. Sales.

1. Freight bills, 1889-1890. (6 folders)

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VI. Labor.

1. Payrolls, 1888; 1900; 1902-1905; 1912; and 1921.
(1 folder)
Miscellaneous printed forms, hw completed. Includes piping room payrolls, also mill number 2 and mill number 3.
In oversized (+) manuscript drawer number 2.
2. Wages. Receipts. 1887; 1894; 1901; 1905; 1912; and 1927.
(1 folder)
Includes wages of school teachers.
3. First aid receipts. [19--]; 1913-1916.
(1 folder)
Receipts for cash paid out for medical services.

N.B. The records in the series 1-3 above were probably once filed with the receipts in: **Financial. 1. Receipts for miscellaneous expenses, and for interest on notes, 1883-1921.** The receipts were removed to **Labor** because they are about labor-related activities.

VII. Production.

1. Mill #9, Printed form on production: spinning, weaving, stock account-goods, and supplies, March 31, 1900 (1 item).

Clifton Manufacturing Company LC Subjects

Billheads

Commission merchants

Cotton finishing

Cotton machinery

Cotton textile industry-South Carolina

Cotton Textile industry-Southern States

Dye industry

Industry and Education-South Carolina

Teachers-South Carolina

Textile workers-Health and hygiene

Textile workers-Nutrition

Textile workers-South Carolina

Wages-Textile workers-South Carolina

Clifton Manufacturing Company Added entries

American Cotton Manufacturers Association

Clifton (South Carolina)

Converse, Dexter Edgar, d.1899.

Cotton Manufacturers Association of South Carolina

Evins, J. Choice (Jefferson Choice), 1869-1945.

O.H. Sampson Company

Wheelwright Eldredge and Company

Whitin Machine Works

Clifton Manufacturing Company**Box and folder list****Box 1**

folder 1 Annual meeting, 1887.
folder 2 Annual meeting, 1888.
folder 3 Annual meeting, 1889.
folder 4 Annual meeting, 1890.
folder 5 Annual meeting, 1891.
folder 6 Annual meeting, 1892.
folder 7 Stock shares (2), n.d.; May 2, 1898.
folder 8 Southern Mill Rules of 1925.

Box 2

folder 1 Insurance policies, 1890-1893.
folder 2 Insurance policies, 1894; 1896 (no 1895).
folder 3 Insurance policies, 1897.
folder 4 Tax returns, 1881.
folder 5 Tax returns, 1882.
folder 6 Tax returns, 1883.
folder 7 Tax returns, 1884.
folder 8 Tax returns, 1885.
folder 9 Tax returns, 1886.
folder 10 Tax returns, 1887.
folder 11 Tax returns, 1888.
folder 12 Tax returns, 1891 (no 1889-1890).
folder 13 Tax returns, 1892.
folder 14 Tax returns, 1894 (no 1893).

Box 3

folder 1 Converse, D.E. Correspondence, 1883.
folder 2 Evins, J. Choice Correspondence, 1918-1930.
folder 3 Twichell, A.H. Correspondence, 1883-1904.
folder 4 Converse, S.W. Correspondence, 1927.
folder 5 Plant maintenance and construction. Proposal & specification from Erie City Iron Works, 1909.

Clifton Manufacturing Company**Box and folder list continues****Box 4**

- folder 1 Receipts, 1883 (1 item only).
- folder 2 Receipts, June 1887.
- folder 3 Receipts, July-August 1887.
- folder 4 Receipts, September-October 1887.
- folder 5 Receipts, November-December 1887.
- folder 6 Receipts, 1888.
- folder 7 Receipts, 1889.
- folder 8 Receipts, 189-.
- folder 9 Receipts, 1893.
- folder 10 Receipts, January 1894.
- folder 11 Receipts, February-March 1894 (end of 1894).
- folder 12 Receipts, 1896-1897.
- folder 13 Receipts, 1900.
- folder 14 Receipts, 1901-1902.
- folder 15 Receipts, 1904-1905 (no 1903).
- folder 16 Receipts, 1906-1907.
- folder 17 Receipts, 1908; 1912 (no 1909-1911).
- folder 18 Receipts, 1921 (2 items only; no 1913-1920).

Clifton Manufacturing Company**Box and folder list continues****Box 5**

- folder 1 Bills, invoices, statements, A-K, 1880's-1890's
- folder 2 Bills, invoices, statements, L-Z, 1880's-1890's
- folder 3 Treasurer A. H. Twichell's correspondence, 1887-1897

- folder 4 Account with Wheelwright, Eldredge & Co.
Statements, 1888-1889.

- folder 5 Account with Wheelwright, Eldredge & Co.
Duplicate bills, 1888.

- folder 6 Account with Wheelwright, Eldredge & Co.
Duplicate bills, 1889.

- folder 7 Account with Wheelwright, Eldredge & Co.
Duplicate bills, 1890.

- folder 8 Account with Wheelwright, Eldredge & Co.
Duplicate bills, 1893 (no 1891-1892).

- folder 9 Account with Wheelwright, Eldredge & Co.
Duplicate bills, 1897 (no 1893-1896).

- folder 10 Account with Whitin Machine Works. Bills, 1891.
- folder 11 Account with Whitin Machine Works. Bills, 1892.
- folder 12 Account with Whitin Machine Works. Bills, 1893.
- folder 13 Account with Whitin Machine Works. Bills, 1894.
- folder 14 Account with Whitin Machine Works. Bills, 1897
(no 1895-1896).
- folder 15 Account with Whitin Machine Works. Bills, 1898.
- folder 16 Account with Whitin Machine Works. Bills, 1899.
- folder 17 Account with Whitin Machine Works. Bills, 1907.
- folder 18 Account with Whitin Machine Works. Bills, 1908.
- folder 19 Account with Whitin Machine Works.
Statements, 1907-1908.
- folder 20 Account with Whitin Machine Works.
Correspondence, 1892-1895.
- folder 21 Account with Whitin Machine Works. Credit memorandum,
1899 (1 item only).
- folder 22 Account with Whitin Machine Works. Canceled checks,
1906-1919.

- folder 23 Canceled checks, 1904 (2 items only).

Clifton Manufacturing Company**Box and folder list continues****Box 6**

- folder 1 Purchasing. Cotton purchases, 1880-1926.
- folder 2 Purchasing. Grocery purchases, B.F. Schockley, 1901-1902.
- folder 3 Purchasing. Bank envelopes, 1924 & 1926 (6 items).

- folder 4 Sales. Freight bills, October-November 1887.
- folder 5 Sales. Freight bills, January 1888.
- folder 6 Sales. Freight bills, April-July 1889.
- folder 7 Sales. Freight bills, August-September 1889.
- folder 8 Sales. Freight bills, October-November 1889.
- folder 9 Sales. Freight bills, January-March 1890.

- folder 10 Labor. Wages, receipts, 1887; 1894; 1901; 1905; 1912; 1927.
- folder 11 Labor. First aid receipts, [19--]; 1913-1916.
- folder 12 Production. Mill #9 March 31, 1900 (1 item).

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Records of the Clifton Manufacturing Company, 1881-1927**Size**

6 boxes : 3 l.f.

Location

3rd floor, range 20.

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