

W.F. Wilson & Co. business ledgers

Mss Coll. 136

Size:

Biographical Note

Scope and Content

This collection consists of five bound volumes: four account books and an index from W.F. Wilson & Co., Dealers in General Merchandise. They range from 1862 till 1917 and record the names of all the customers for that time, what they purchased, and the prices for each item.

Provenance

St. Lawrence University received this collection from Paul Schaefer of the Massena Public Library.

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Series

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Volume 1, Ledger (1862-1870)

This is the earliest ledger, dating from November of 1862 to November 1870. An index for the names is provided at the beginning of the ledger, however the names ending in A-C are missing from the book. Customers are assigned a page with their purchases and dates of purchase.

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Volume 2, Daybook (1864-1865)

This ledger represents one year of business from May, 1864 to May, 1865. This ledger is organized as a list of customers and their purchases on a daily basis instead of each person being designated their own page.

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Volume 3, Ledger (1900-1913)

The largest ledger, it also has a separate index to identify individuals with page numbers. The years range from 1900 to 1913. Unlike the other ledgers, this one does not list goods purchased or prices, it only lists dates and balances. There are also pages in which the stores bank transactions are recorded.

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Volume 4, Index

Records the names and corresponding page numbers for volume 3.

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Volume 5, Daybook (1908-1917)

This ledger shows business records from June, 1908 to September, 1917. Ledger records transactions with the First National Bank as well as the customers. The organizational system is the same as the second ledger; the transactions are recorded on a daily basis instead of an individual one.