

Guide to the Malachi Lamar Stabler Business Records

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: Doy Leale McCall Sr., 1896-1971

Title: The Doy Leale McCall Sr. Papers, Stabler Business Records Series

Dates: 1885-1949 [Bulk 1895-1925]

Quantity: 5.5 linear Feet

Abstract: This series contains the Business Records of Malachi Lamar Stabler & Son mercantile merchants located in Lower Peach Tree, Alabama. The records consist of Bank Records, Business Receipts, Business Correspondence, Steamer Bills of Lading, Cotton Sale Receipts, and Ephemera.

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Biographical Note:

M. L. Stabler (1843-1925) was born in Monroe County, Alabama, near Finchburg in 1843. He died at Lower Peach Tree, Alabama in 1925. He was the Son of Malachi Stabler and Theresa Jane Haynes Stabler and brother of Ellen Jane Stabler, Jane Ann Stabler, Catherine A. Stabler, Samuel J. Stabler, and Coralie Elizabeth Stabler.

He married his first wife, Lucy Ann Portis (1844-1886) in 1868, and then Margaret Elizabeth Carstarphen (b.1850) in 1899. He was father of Samuel Portis Stabler, Julia Mary Stabler, Martha Irene Stabler, Benjamin David Stabler, Malachi Lamar Stabler Jr., Lucy Adele Stabler, and Janie Hope Stabler

Malachi Lamar Stabler served the Confederate Military in Holtzclaus' Brigade, Maurice's Division as a private in Company G of the 21st Alabama Regiment during the Civil War. He was captured at Fort Gaines on August 8, 1864 and sent first as a POW to New Orleans and then to Ship Island on Oct. 25, 1864 where he was later exchanged on January 4, 1865. After a 30 day furlough he rejoined his unit. He was surrendered at Citronelle, Alabama, by Lt. General Richard Taylor on May 4, 1865, and paroled at Meridian, Mississippi, on May 13, 1865.

Malachi Lamar Stabler ran a successful mercantile business in the South, known as Stabler & Sons. The business was located in Lower Peach Tree, Alabama, from before the Civil War and into the 20th century.

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Provenance:

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Arrangement:

Stabler Business Records are arranged as a single sub-series grouped by type:

- Bank statements, 1903-1949
 - Business Correspondence, 1894-1930
 - Cotton Sales Receipts, 1883-1927 (bulk 1890-1904)
 - Ephemera, 1898-1923
 - Ledgers, 1885-1926
 - Business Receipts, 1883-1930 (bulk 1900-1919)
 - Steamer Receipts, 1889-1918.
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Related Content:

Content List:

ML Stabler & Sons Business Records, 1885-1949. 5.5 linear feet (8 containers).

Box #1 Bank Statements for ML Stabler from 1903-1949

1. The Banking House of Minthorne Woolsey in Selma, Alabama (1903-1904).
2. The Selma National Bank (1904-1905, 1909)
3. Citizens National Bank, Thomasville, Alabama (1906-1907)
4. Farmers Bank & Trust, Thomasville, Alabama (1910, 1933)
5. Clay Sheffield Banker (1913-1917)
6. Planters State Bank (1917)
7. Thomasville Bank & Trust, Thomasville, Alabama (1941-1949)

Box # 2 Business Correspondence

1. Miscellaneous Correspondence, undated (30)
2. Correspondence, 1894-1899 (55)
3. Correspondence, 1900-1901 (20)
4. Correspondence, 1902-1903 (30)
5. Correspondence, 1904-1905 (75)
6. Correspondence, 1906-1907 (75)
7. Correspondence, 1908-1913 (75)
8. Correspondence, 1915-1930 (50)

Box #3 Cotton Sales Receipts

1. Cotton Sales Receipts, 1883-1885 (70)
G.E. Crawford & Co.
2. Cotton Sales Receipts, 1890-1892 (250)
W. J. Hearin & Co., J.C. Bush & Co., Wm. M. Gaillard & Co.
3. Cotton Sales Receipts 1893-1897 (270)
JC Bush & Co., WJ Hearin & Co., Alabama Cotton Oil
4. Cotton Sales Receipts 1898-1899 (260)
W. J. Hearin & Co., J.C. Bush & Co.
5. Cotton Sales Receipts 1900-1904 (427)

Hearin, Morris & Co., Wm. M. Gaillard & Co. JC Bush & Co.

6. Cotton Sales Receipts 1912-1927 (44)

Davis-Wilson-Gaillard Com., Winston Jones Co. CW Hooper & Co., Hooper Adams & Co.

Box #4 Ephemera

Approximately 276 Marketing Mailers, Postcards and Envelopes, 1900-1946

Box #5 Ephemera

Approximately 500 Post Cards, 1898-1923

Box #6 Ephemera

Greeting Cards and Photos

Box #7 Ledgers

ML Stabler & Sons Daily Ledgers 1885-1926, non-continuous

Box # 8 Business Receipts and Ledger

Approximately 1100 Receipts for goods purchased in mercantile business. The receipts are from a vast array of mercantile businesses primarily located in Selma and Mobile, Alabama. There are many different business referenced in the receipts, however the bulk are from the following:

1890-1897: James McPhillips; W.J. Hearin, & Co. Cotton Factor; T.G. Bush, Wholesale Grocery; Cunningham Hardware Co., Standard Oil

1900-1909: C. Bush & Co., Wholesale Grocery; Pollock & Bernheimer; H. Piser & Co.; Eugene Thoss; B. Loch Bros.,; W L Ward & Sons,; M. Leva; Eliasburk & Bros.; McMillan & Harrison; Alabama Corn Meal; Forbles, Liddell, & Co.; Cunningham Hardware Co.; Ladenberg, Reiss & Co.

1910-1919: M. Forcheimer & Co. Wholesale Grocers, Dixie Grain Co., Wholesale Grain Dealers; J. Zimmern's Company; Bedsole-Colvin Drug Company; Ogburn-Griffin Grocery Co.; Morris & Company Supreme Foods; The Toomey Notions Co.; M. Forcheimer Grocery Co.

1920-1931: The Burke Packet Company; Ogburn-Griffin Grocery Co.; J. Zimmerns Company; Coca-Cola Bottling Company

1. Business Receipts, 1883 - 1897
2. Business Receipts, 1898 - 1899
3. Business Receipts, 1900 - 1901

4. Business Receipts, 1902 - 1903
5. Business Receipts, 1904 - 1909
6. Business Receipts, 1910 - 1912
7. Business Receipts, 1913
8. Business Receipts, 1914 - 1919
9. Business Receipts, 1920 - 1923
10. Business Receipts, 1924
11. Business Receipts, 1925 - 1931
12. Steamer Receipts, 1889-1918 (1300)

Steamers: Nettie Quill, Peoples Line of Steamers, LT Armstrong, Tinsie Moore, Carrier, American, Alabama Packet, Warrior & Bigbee River Packet, Southern Railway Co.

13. Long Ledger of Accounts, 1898-1931