



Guide to the Duff Green Papers, 1818-1909 and undated

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Summary

Collection Title:

Duff Green papers, 1818-1909 and undated

Creator:

Green, Duff, d. ca. 1854

Abstract:

Merchant and manufacturer of Falmouth, Virginia. Correspondence, ledgers, daybooks, account books, and other business records (chiefly 1822-1875) of Green and his various associates, illustrating activities such as retailing, grain milling and merchandising, and cotton cloth manufacturing. The bulk of the collection is in the form of bound manuscript volumes. Firms represented include the Belmont and Eagle flour mills, the Falmouth Manufacturing Company, and the Elm Cotton Factory. The papers also reflect the emergence of Fredericksburg, Va., as a business center, and the decline of Falmouth.

Extent:

1.6 Linear Feet
1,855 Items

Physical Location:

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Language:

English

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Collection ID:

RL.00479

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Background

Scope and Content

Collection includes business records of Duff Green (d. ca. 1854), merchant and manufacturer, of his son, McDuff, and of their partners and successors in a business dealing in various types of produce, including wheat, flour, textile products, general merchandise, etc. The firm operated under various names, including Duff Green, Duff Green and Son, the son apparently being William J. Green (d. ca. 1871), Green and Lane, and Green and Scott.

Unbound papers consist principally of business and a few personal letters. Bound volumes comprise records of the Bellemont and Eagle flour mills and other flour mills, and relate to the inspection of flour; cotton factories, generally branches of the Falmouth Manufacturing Company, owned and operated by the Greens, Scotts, and Lanes; a large general mercantile establishment, and dividends accruing to the various partners. There are full accounts of the operation of the Elm Cotton Factory, where Osnaburg, sail duck, bagging, wagon tents, etc. were manufactured as early as 1842. Mercantile ledgers and daybooks show the sale of various types of farm supplies, such as Osnaburg, ground plaster, flour, clover seed, and sundries. Unbound volumes include daybooks; ledgers; account books; records of cotton purchased, wood hauled, cloth shipped, flour sent by boat, and wheat hauled; cashbooks; memoranda; baling books; wool-carding books; time books; records of production, cash sales, wages, and expenses; letter books; invoices; notes and bills; and receiving and delivery books.

The records equally concern flour milling, general merchandise, and textile manufacture. There are also volumes of George J. Lightner and of John M. O'Bannon, who apparently had business connections with Duff Green. The records reflect the gradual emergence of Fredericksburg as a business center and the consequent decline of Falmouth.

Biographical/Historical

Duff Green (d. ca. 1854) was a merchant and manufacturer of Falmouth, Virginia.

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Acquisition Information

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Names and Subjects

- Business records
- Falmouth (Va.) -- Commerce
- Fredericksburg (Va.) -- Commerce
- Cotton textile industry -- Virginia
- Flour mills -- Virginia
- Merchants -- Virginia -- Falmouth
- Industries -- Virginia
- Elm Cotton Factory (Falmouth, Va.)
- Falmouth Manufacturing Company (Falmouth, Va.)
- Green, Duff, d. ca. 1854

Collection Inventory

Duff Green Papers, 1818-1909 and undated

Physical Description: 4 boxes

Scope and Contents note

Collection includes correspondence, ledgers, daybooks, account books, and other business records. There are many dozens of bound manuscript volumes, chiefly business records, housed separately.

Correspondence, 1825-1845	Box 1
Correspondence, 1846-1909 and undated	Box 2
Bills and Receipts, 1818-1859	Box 3
Bills and Receipts, 1860-1879 and undated	Box 4

Bound Manuscript volumes

Scope and Contents note

Bound manuscript volumes include ledgers, daybooks, account books, and other business records.

Bound manuscript volumes, oversize	Box 5
Bound manuscript volumes, oversize	Box 6
Bound manuscript volume	Volume F:1079
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