Inventory of the J.N. Robson & Son Records, 1861-1902
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Descriptive Summary

Title: J.N. Robson & Son records
Date(s): 1861-1902
Creator: J.N. Robson and Son (Charleston, S.C.)
Abstract: Account books, ledgers, letterpress copybooks, and receipts for J.N. Robson & Son, who were Charleston, South Carolina commission merchants and wholesale and retail dealers in hay, grain, and groceries.
Extent: 3.0 linear feet
(2 document boxes, 1 oversize box)
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Language of Material: Materials in English

Historical Note

Established in 1839 in Charleston, South Carolina, J.N. Robson & Son served as commission merchants and wholesale and retail dealers in hay, grain, and groceries. Their headquarters were located at 136 East Bay and 1 and 2 Atlantic Wharf, Charleston, South Carolina.

Collection Overview

Records consist of letterpress copybooks, a receipt book, a ledger, and an account book.

Three letterpress copybooks (1873-1874; 1891; and 1893-1898) contain copies of business correspondence, mostly brief letters to various individuals and businesses remitting accounts of sales and payments from those sales. Letters are signed either "J.N. Robson for G.M. Coffin," "J.N. Robson & Son," or simply "J.N. Robson." Loose items in the copybooks include J.N. Robson & Son stationery, letterheads of which have an engraving of the company building.

An account book (1871-1874) is entitled "Ledger Balances," and a ledger (1861-1874) contains accounts with numerous individuals and companies. A receipt book (1898-1902) contains receipts which are affixed to the blank pages. Receipts are from commission merchants, mills, and other businesses in Charleston (S.C.), Chicago (Ill.), Philadelphia (Pa.), and elsewhere.

Collection Arrangement

Each item is arranged chronologically by date, and is in its original order.
Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

Names
J.N. Robson and Son (Charleston, S.C.)--Records and correspondence

Subjects
Commission merchants--South Carolina--Charleston
Grain trade--South Carolina--Charleston
Grocery trade--South Carolina--Charleston
Hay trade--South Carolina--Charleston

Places
Charleston (S.C.)--History

Types of Material
Accounts
Ledgers (account books)
Letterpress copybooks
Receipts (financial records)

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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