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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.
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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

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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

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Inventory

Box 1 Folder 1	Letter copy book, 1890-1895
Box 1 Folder 2	Letter copy book, 1891
Box 2 Folder 1	Letter copy book, 1873-1874
Box 2 Folder 2	"Ledger Balances," account book, 1871-1874
Box 3	Receipt book, 1898-1902
(Oversize)
Box 3	Account ledger, 1861-1874
(Oversize)