Account book for a Wilmington, Delaware, dry goods store
1859 September 30-1865

Abstract: Account book by unknown creator for a dry goods store located in Wilmington, Delaware, focused on clothing related items. Book consists of daily transactions with names, items, and additional notes added in.
Descriptive Summary

Identification: MSS 096, Item 001
Creator: Creator Unknown.
Title: Account book for a Wilmington, Delaware, dry goods store
Inclusive Dates: 1859 September 30-1865
Extent: 1 v. (96 p.) ; 20 cm.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Historical Note

This account book was produced by an unknown creator for a dry goods store located in Wilmington, Delaware. The book includes names of customers who may have lived in the area with lists of items they purchased. Customers listed in book include: Mrs. Mary Walker, Mrs. John Truitt, Mrs. Frank Rowand, Jacob English, William Robinson, Francis Anderson, Rachel Stevenson, and Miss Rachel Waggoner.

Sources:

Historical information derived from the collection.
Scope and Content Note

This account book is for a dry goods located in Wilmington, Delaware, with a list of daily transactions mostly in chronological order. The store focused on clothing-related materials, like fabric, but dry goods were also sold.

The store primarily sold items used to create clothing such as fabric, spools of yarn, buttons, and pins. Fabrics frequently appearing in the book are silk, muslin, cotton, linen, flannel, cashmere, and gingham. Finished clothing accessories including shoes, hats, boots, and stockings were also offered. More general dry goods, such as soap, medicine, tobacco, stationary, crackers, and raisins were also sold.

The account book's format is that of a single entry listing of daily transactions with additional notes for payments added later. Most transactions are crossed out after accounts are settled and there are notations to distinguish repeat customer accounts. This looks more like a day book than a ledger because of the blot marks and format of accounting.

The book begins September 30, 1859, and the last possible date of transaction is February 10, 1865.
Selected Search Terms

Topical Terms

Dry goods--Records and correspondence.
Dry goods--Delaware--Wilmington--History--19th century--Sources.

Geographic Names

Wilmington (Del.)--Commerce.

Form/Genre Terms

Account books.

Occupation

Shopkeepers.

Related Materials in this Repository

This item forms part of MSS 096 Account Books and Ledgers collection.
Detailed Description of the Collection

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