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MOFFATT, JAMES STRONG
(1808-1890)
ACCOUNT BOOKS
1848-1928

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INTRODUCTION

The papers of James Strong Moffatt (1808-1890), businessman in Troy, Obion County, Tennessee, for fifty years, were given to the Manuscript Section of the Tennessee State Library and Archives by his descendants.

The materials in this finding aid measure 26.62 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the collection.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the James Strong Moffatt Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The papers of J.S. Moffatt, numbering 166 volumes (1848-1928), contain 1 checkbook, 65 daybooks, 18 journals, 67 ledgers, 7 letter books, and 8 voucher books relating to the business of J.S. Moffatt & Co. in Troy, Obion County, Tennessee. This business was a general merchandise store with dealings also in tobacco, wheat, and cotton. During a period of 6 years (1861-1867), there are no records due to the fact that Mr. Moffatt was aiding the Confederate cause by supplying troops from Troy with guns, clothes, and food. The town of Troy was founded about 1835, and the firm of James S. Moffatt was begun about 1840. It took over much of the business of the original large firm of Polk, Crockett, & Co.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

James Strong Moffatt

- 1808 March 10 – Born on Fishing Creek (Chester County), SC
- 1823 Went to clerk for his uncle, William Moffatt
- 1828 Borrowed \$5,000 to go into business
- 1829 Married his first cousin, Martha (daughter of Uncle Samuel)
- 1833 Repaid loan, had a stock of goods paid for, and a fine credit
- 1840 Left for Tennessee where he bought land and opened a store
- 1852 Served as an alderman when the town of Troy was incorporated
- 1859 Wife died of appendicitis
- 1861 During the war he furnished clothes, shoes, and rifles for Confederates since he was too old to serve
- 1865 Went back into business, aided by Eastern merchants
- 1890 Died and was buried in Troy Cemetery

CONTAINER LIST

Microfilm Roll #1

Volume

1. Checkbook – 1898-1900
2. Daybook – 1850
3. Daybook – 1852

Microfilm Roll #2

Volume

4. Daybook – 1853
5. Daybook – 1854
6. Daybook – 1855 (January – September)
7. Daybook – 1855 (September – December)
8. Daybook – 1856
9. Daybook – 1857 (missing)
10. Daybook – 1858

Microfilm Roll #3

Volume

11. Daybook – 1859
12. Daybook – 1860
13. Daybook – 1861
14. Daybook – 1867-1868 (January – April)
15. Daybook – 1868 (April – December)
16. Daybook – 1869 (January – October)

Microfilm Roll #4

Volume

17. Daybook – 1869 (October – December)
18. Daybook – 1870
19. Daybook – 1871
20. Daybook – 1872 (January – October)
21. Daybook – 1872 (October – December)

Microfilm Roll #5

Volume

22. Daybook – 1873
23. Daybook – 1874 (January – September)
24. Daybook – 1874 (September – December)
25. Daybook – 1875
26. Daybook – 1878

Microfilm Roll #6

Volume

- 27. Daybook – 1879
- 28. Daybook – 1880
- 29. Daybook – 1881
- 30. Daybook – 1882

Microfilm Roll #7

Volume

- 31. Daybook – 1883
- 32. Daybook – 1884
- 33. Daybook – 1885
- 34. Daybook – 1886

Microfilm Roll #8

Volume

- 35. Daybook – 1887
- 36. Daybook – 1888
- 37. Daybook – 1889

Microfilm Roll #9

Volume

- 38. Daybook – 1891
- 39. Daybook – 1892
- 40. Daybook – 1893

Microfilm Roll #10

Volume

- 41. Daybook – 1895
- 42. Daybook – 1896
- 43. Daybook – 1897
- 44. Daybook – 1898

Microfilm Roll #11

Volume

- 45. Daybook – 1899
- 46. Daybook – 1900
- 47. Daybook – 1901
- 48. Daybook – 1902
- 49. Daybook – 1903
- 50. Daybook – 1904

Microfilm Roll #12

Volume

- 51. Daybook – 1905
- 52. Daybook – 1906
- 53. Daybook – 1907
- 54. Daybook – 1908
- 55. Daybook – 1910
- 56. Daybook – 1911

Microfilm Roll #13

Volume

- 57. Daybook – 1912
- 58. Daybook – 1913
- 59. Daybook – 1914
- 60. Daybook – 1916
- 61. Daybook – 1917
- 62. Daybook – 1918

Microfilm Roll #14

Volume

- 63. Daybook – 1919
- 64. Daybook – 1921-1922
- 65. Daybook – 1928

Microfilm Roll #15

Volume

- 66. Journals – 1852
- 67. Journals – 1853
- 68. Journals – 1854
- 69. Journals – 1857
- 70. Journals – 1866 (tobacco)
- 71. Journals – 1866
- 72. Journals – 1866-1869
- 73. Journals – 1869-1871
- 74. Journals – 1872 (tobacco)

Microfilm Roll #16

Volume

- 75. Journals – 1876
- 76. Journals – 1876-1878 (tobacco)
- 77. Journals – 1877
- 78. Journals – 1879-1880 (cotton)
- 79. Journals – 1880-1881

- 80. Journals – 1881-1885 (wheat)
- 81. Journals – 1884-1885 (cotton)
- 82. Journals – 1891-1892
- 83. Journals – 1894
- 84. Journals – 1900-1901

Microfilm Roll #17

Volume

- 85. Ledger – 1847-1849
- 86. Ledger – 1849 (not indexed)
- 87. Ledger – 1850
- 88. Ledger – 1852
- 89. Ledger – 1853
- 90. Ledger – 1854

Microfilm Roll #18

Volume

- 91. Ledger – 1855
- 92. Ledger – 1856
- 93. Ledger – 1857
- 94. Ledger – 1858
- 95. Ledger – 1859

Microfilm Roll #19

Volume

- 96. Ledger – 1860
- 97. Ledger – 1861
- 98. Ledger – 1868
- 99. Ledger – 1870
- 100. Ledger – 1871
- 101. Ledger – 1872

Microfilm Roll #20

Volume

- 102. Ledger – 1873
- 103. Ledger – 1874
- 104. Ledger – 1875
- 105. Ledger – 1876
- 106. Ledger – 1877
- 107. Ledger – 1878

Microfilm Roll #21

Volume

- 108. Ledger – 1879
- 109. Ledger – 1880
- 110. Ledger – 1881
- 111. Ledger – 1882
- 112. Ledger – 1883

Microfilm Roll #22

Volume

- 113. Ledger – 1884
- 114. Ledger – 1885 (January – July)
- 115. Ledger – 1885 (August – December)
- 116. Ledger – 1886 (January – August)
- 117. Ledger – 1886 (September – December)
- 118. Ledger – 1887

Microfilm Roll #23

Volume

- 119. Ledger – 1888
- 120. Ledger – 1889
- 121. Ledger – 1891
- 122. Ledger – 1892
- 123. Ledger – 1893

Microfilm Roll #24

Volume

- 124. Ledger – 1894
- 125. Ledger – 1895
- 126. Ledger – 1896
- 127. Ledger – 1897
- 128. Ledger – 1898

Microfilm Roll #25

Volume

- 129. Ledger – 1899
- 130. Ledger – 1900
- 131. Ledger – 1901
- 132. Ledger – 1902
- 133. Ledger – 1903
- 134. Ledger – 1904
- 135. Ledger – 1905

Microfilm Roll #26

Volume

- 136. Ledger – 1906
- 137. Ledger – 1907
- 138. Ledger – 1908
- 139. Ledger – 1909
- 140. Ledger – 1910
- 141. Ledger – 1911
- 142. Ledger – 1912
- 143. Ledger – 1913

Microfilm Roll #27

Volume

- 144. Ledger – 1914
- 145. Ledger – 1915
- 146. Ledger – 1916
- 147. Ledger – 1917
- 148. Ledger – 1918
- 149. Ledger – 1919
- 150. Ledger – 1920
- 151. Ledger – 1921

Microfilm Roll #28

Volume

- 152. Letter books – 1881 (January – July)
- 153. Letter books – 1883 (January – June)
- 154. Letter books – 1883 (July – December)
- 155. Letter books – 1884 (January – August)
- 156. Letter books – 1884 (September – December) – 1885 (January – April)
- 157. Letter books – 1887 (April – December) – 1888 (January – April)
- 158. Letter books – 1888 (April – December)

Microfilm Roll #29

Volume

- 159. Vouchers – 1876-1877
- 160. Vouchers – 1878-1879
- 161. Vouchers – 1881-1882
- 162. Vouchers – 1881-1883
- 163. Vouchers – 1882-1883
- 164. Vouchers – 1884-1885
- 165. Vouchers – 1884-1885
- 166. Vouchers – 1909-1919