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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title: G.W. Aimar Drug Company Records
Identifier: NMAH.AC.0810
Date: 1864-1972
Extent: 350 Cubic feet
Creator: Aimar, George W.
   Aimar, Harold
   Aimar, G.W., Drug Company
   National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Science, Medicine, and Society
Language: English.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information
Collection donated by Harold and George W. Aimar.

Ownership and Custodial History
Gift of Harold and George W. Aimar. The contents of the store were purchased by the Smithsonian in 1978, and the Aimar brothers donated the archival materials, which were transferred to the Archives Center in 2002.

Processing Information
Collection is unprocessed.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

A pharmacy established in 1852 which operated in Charleston, South Carolina for over 100 years. During the Civil War the store served as an official dispensary for the Confederate States of America, and the top three floors were converted to a hospital. The store remained in the family and in business until 1978.

Scope and Contents

The day-to-day business records of a Charleston, South Carolina pharmacy, including day books, ledger books, cash books, prescription books, invoices, letterpress copybooks, and formula books.

Arrangement

Divided into 8 series.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:
- Drugstores
- Medicine
- Pharmacies

Types of Materials:
- Business records -- 19th century
- Business records -- 20th century
- Cashbooks
- Daybooks
- Formulae, chemical
- Invoices
- Ledgers (account books)
- Letterpress copybooks -- 19th century
- Letterpress copybooks -- 20th century
- Prescriptions
- Prescriptions -- 19th century

Names:
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Science, Medicine, and Society

Geographic Names:
- Charleston (S.C.)
- South Carolina