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Guide to the Hagan Brothers Carriage Works Records

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Hagan Brothers Carriage Works Records
Date:	1882-1903
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1154
Creator:	Hagan, Henry (Creator) Hagan Brothers Carriage and Wagonmakers (Frederick, Md.). Carmen D. Valentino, American Historical Manuscripts. Hagan, Charles (Creator)
Extent:	2.5 Cubic feet (9 boxes, 21 volumes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	In 1882, brothers Charles and Henry Hagan established a carriage, coach, and wagon business in Frederick, Maryland. This collection represents approximately two decades of business transactions through 21 volumes of daybooks and ledgers.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This collection was purchased from Carmen D. Valentino, a Philadelphia, Pennsylvania rare books and manuscripts dealer, by Craig Orr, archivist in April 2009.

Related Materials

One account book covering the period from April 16, 1908 to November 23, 1908 is held at the Historical Society of Frederick County, Maryland. See website at: <http://www.hsfcinfo.org/> .

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

In 1882, brothers Charles and Henry Hagan founded the Hagan Brothers, Carriage & Wagonmakers and Horseshoers Company with Charles A. Hagan as president.

Horse-drawn vehicles were crucial to American transportation before railroads, and the industry that supplied these vehicles was a major factor in the economy. Most of these firms were never vertically integrated, although some later developed into the "accessory industry," or specialized production of components. Major sources of revenue for businesses like the Hagan Brothers included general blacksmithing work, carriage and wagon repair, and manufacturing carriages to the customer's specifications.

The later history of the company is not known. There are no directories for Frederick County between 1911 and 1922, and there is no listing for Hagan Brothers in the 1923 directory.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of twenty-one manuscript account books documenting the company's carriage, wagon and horseshoeing business. Three volumes are ledgers, the rest are daybooks. Volumes often contain overlapping dates or missing periods of time, and ledgers have varying dates for each customer. In some instances, the weather for Christmas Day is recorded.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged into one series.

- Series 1, Account Books, 1882-1903
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Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Carriage and wagon making -- 1880-1910 -- Maryland
Carriage industry -- Maryland
Family-owned business enterprises -- 1880-1910 -- Maryland
Horse-drawn vehicles -- Maryland
Horseshoeing

Types of Materials:

Account books -- 19th century
Daybooks -- 1880-1910
Ledgers (account books) -- 1880-1910

Container Listing

Series 1: Account Books, 1882-1903

Box 7, Volume 18	Ledger, 1882 January 2-1885 January 3
Box 1, Volume 1	Day Book, 1884 December 23-1887 June 22
Box 1, Volume 2	Day Book, 1885 January 6-1885 April 8, 1887 June 22-1888 September 10
Box 2, Volume 4	Day Book, 1885 January 6-1885 January 22, 1889 August 20-1890 January 15
Box 8, Volume 19	Ledger, 1887 July 9-1890 January 30
Box 8, Volume 3	Day Book, 1888 September 10-1889 August 20
Box 2, Volume 5	Day Book, 1890 January 2-1892 June 13
Box 9, Volume 20	Ledger, 1890 January 2-1895 February 22
Box 2, Volume 6	Day Book, 1892 June 13-1896 May 25, 1893 January 2-1894 March 12
Box 3, Volume 7	Day Book, 1894 March 13-1895 July 22
Box 9, Volume 21	Ledger, 1896 January 1-1901 December 28
Box 3, Volume 8	Day Book, 1895 July 23-1896 February 5, 1896 January 2-1896 September 14
Box 4, Volume 9	Day Book, 1896 September 15-1897 September 8
Box 4, Volume 10	Day Book, 1897 September 9-1898 August 31
Box 5, Volume 11	Day Book, 1898 September 1-1899 July 25
Box 5, Volume 12	Day Book, 1899 July 26-1900 June 19
Box 6, Volume 13	Day Book, 1900 June 20-1901 May 21
Box 8, Volume 17	Day Book, 1900 July 3-1901 November 25
Box 6, Volume 14	Day Book, 1901 May 22-1902 April 19
Box 7, Volume 15	Day Book, 1902 April 21-1903 February 28

Box 7, Volume 16

Day Book, 1903 March 2-1903 December 1

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