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Donor: J. A. Thomas family of Duluth, Minnesota, and Mrs. P. A. Reed and Miss Laura Thomas of Maben, Mississippi.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of 10 ledgers, the business records of the general store belonging to J. A. Thomas of Webster County, Mississippi.

Biographical Data

Full name of person about whom biographical data is needed:

John A. Thomas

Date and place of birth:

1853 Lowndes County, Mississippi

Date and place of death:

1923 Webster County, Mississippi (?)

Names of parents, wife or husband, children, or other family relationships:

Father: Dr. A.H. Thomas

Mother: Martha E. Walker of Nashville, Tenn. & Lowndes County, Miss.

Brothers: A.H., J.W., and Sylvester Thomas

Sisters: Mary (Mrs. F.N. Arnold of Walthall, Miss.); Sallie (Mrs. D.T. Hartley of Cumberland, Miss.); Laura E. (Mrs. J.E. Clark of Walthall); Catherine (Mrs. A.W. Dominick of Houston, Miss.)

Sons: J.W. Thomas, J.A. Thomas

Daughters: Mrs. R.A. Reed, Miss Laura Thomas

His occupation, activities, and place or places where he flourished:

Became a merchant in 1870 in Webster County (old Cumberland). Formed partnership with brother, J. K. Thomas, 1888. Operated as J. A. Thomas and Brother until death of J. W. Thomas in 1895. Operated as J. A. Thomas, 1895-1909, and as J. A. Thomas and Son, 1909-1961. Had large farming interests.

Titles of books or other sources where further information can be found:

Goodspeed, Biographical Memoirs of Mississippi

Name and address of person supplying data (and relation to biographee):

Date _____

Inventory

Ledgers, 1888-1913:

Volume 1, 1888-1899. Business records of J. A. Thomas and Brother. Also partnership agreement between J. A. Thomas and J. W. Thomas and listing of tax land bought by J. A. Thomas and Brother for taxes at March sale, 1889.

Volume 2, 1889. Business records of J. A. Thomas and Brother. Also contains records of estate of J.E. and L.E. Clark, deceased, and the accounts of Estelle and Erline Clark, 1895-1912.

Volume 3, 1889-1891. Business records of J. A. Thomas and Brother.

Volume 4, 1892-1895. Business records of J. A. Thomas and Brother.

Volume 5, 1896-1897. Business records of J. A. Thomas and Brother.

Volume 6, 1898-1899. Business records of J. A. Thomas.

Volume 7, 1899-1901. Business records of J. A. Thomas.

Volume 8, 1901. Business records of J. A. Thomas.

Volume 9, 1905-1907. Business records of J. A. Thomas.

Volume 10, 1912-1913. Business records of J. A. Thomas and Son.