

# Drygoods Ledger, 1914-1915

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**Name:** Dry-goods Store Ledger

**Type of ledger:** Daybook, inventory sales

**Date:** September 11, 1914-January 1915

**Items listed as sold:**

- Food and spice items such as vanilla, pepper, clover, allspice, bacon, tobacco, chives, coffee, sugar, macaroni, nuts, cheese, oat meal, lard, potatoes.
- Supplies and hardware such as gallons of oil, paint, leather, broom, paint brushes, buckets, rope, roofing, blades, hay, cotton, bike straps, hay.
- General items such as books, Gillette razor, shoes, envelopes, candles.

Also records tasks paid for by customers such as “repairs to stove”, “janitors services”

Gives yearly balance of 1914 as \$31,120.55.

**Historical Information:**

This ledger most likely belonged to a Scottsville business given the familiar Scottsville clients and the listed businesses such as the Scottsville Flour Mill, which was owned by Captain John Pitts, and the Dickinson Drug Company. Two of the most well-known dry goods stores in Scottsville circa 1914/1915 were J.B. Tindall’s Groceries and a dry goods store run by Etta Harris, daughter of Martha (Minor) Harris <sup>1</sup>.

Listed within this ledger is the American Furniture and Fixture Company of Richmond, Virginia. This company has a particularly interesting history in terms of the development of architectural and design companies during the early 20th century. The company was founded by Harold Warren Billings of Brooklyn, New York and Charles Gillette of Richmond, Virginia. Billings was a prominent artist and designer and Gillette practiced landscape architecture. The company was based in Richmond and was commissioned by Virginia businesses for design projects across Virginia, including murals, furniture design, and interior design for ocean liners<sup>2</sup>.

**Name Index:**

Armorer, J.A.	Bishop, Mrs. William M.
Baber, J.E.	Boyd, Mrs. L.R.
Baird, B.O.	Bradley, E.L. Jr.
Ballowe, John	Branch, Miss O.N.
Beal, J.B.	Bransom, Ray
Beal, Mrs. Mamie	Briggs, Mrs.
Bishop, J.H.	Brockenborough, B.
	Bruce, C.L.

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Bryant, E.N.	Flynn, M.J.
Bryant, W.A.	Forsyth, Mrs. H.D.
Bryant, W.R.	Fox, E.L.
Bugg, L.W.	
Burgess, G.	Gault, S.R.
Burrell, Emma	Goode, G.E.
Burrell, Mary	Goodman, Tom
Burton, Marshall	Goodwin, G.T.
Butler, Phillip	
	Irving, Bill
Childress, G.	
Childress, Will	Johnson, Charles
Childress, Wyatt	Johnson, Henry
Clements, J.F.	Johnson, Jacob
Click, A.A.	Johnson, S.H.
Coleman, L.	
Cotterell, V.C.	Kidd, A.
	Kidd, B.T.
Davis, Alfred	
Davis, L.	Lane, J.E.
Davis, Miss L.K.	Lane, J.F.
Davis, Mrs. M.G.	Langhorne, W.D.
Davis, Mrs. Sara	Langhorne, W.H.
Dillard, Dr. B.L.	Lewis, Armstead
Dorrier, B.E.	Lewis, Cora
Dorrier, C.A.	Lewis, Mary J.
Dorrier, D.R.	Lewis, Mr. M.M.
Dorrier, J.F.	Lewis, Sam
Dorrier, Mr. C.P.	Llewellyn, Carrington
Dorrier, Mrs. Sara	
Dorrier, W.S.	Mallory, W.E.
	Marshall, C.H.
Earl, E. Jr.	May, Lee
	McDaniel, Dick
Hamner, G.T.	Meredith, E.B.
Hamner, J.E.	Moon, E.H.
Harding, J.R.	Moon, John D.
Harding, W.L.	Moon, Mrs. E.H.
Harris, E.C.	Moore, C.J.
Harris, J.N.	Moore, Henry
Harris, Miss Etta	Moore, Mrs. C.J.
Hickock, W.E.	Moore, O.J.
Hill, Mrs. J.C.	Morgan, J.M.
Hill, S.P.	Morris, Lacy
Farrar, Miss Ella W.	Nicholas, H.R.
Flanagan, A.D.	Nicholas, R.J.

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Norwell, J.H.	Sellars, T.E.
Pace, J.P.	Shepherd, Mrs. B. M.
Parkinson, Mrs. F.	Slater, James L.
Parr, W.H.	Smith, Mrs. W.D.
Patterson, Susan	Smith, W.D.
Paulett, W.F.	Smith, W.H.
Payne, R.C.	Spencer, R.A.
Phillips, G.C.	Spradling, John
Phillips, J.H.	Spradling, W.D.
Phillips, S.V.	Steger, C.L.
Pitts, A.L. Jr.	Steger, Mrs. J.M.
Pitts, D.H.	Stevens, H.W.
Pitts, J.	Stevens, W.G.
Pitts, J.L.	Stinson, W.G.
Pitts, Mrs. H.	Taggart, Mrs.
Poe, T.A.	Terrell, Charles
Proffitt, C.G.	Thacker, A. L.
Quick, Miss Fannie	Thomas, J.G.
Randolph, Hudson	Thomas, Miss Emma
Randolph, V.P.	Thomas, P.E.
Rhodes, C.W.	Tompkins, John C.
Rhodes, Wood	Trice, W.D.
Roberts, Mrs. W.S.	Waymouth, W.T.
Robinson, Howard	White, A.H.
Robinson, T.F.	White, Mrs.
Ryon, John	White, Mrs. L.G.
Sclater, Mrs.	Williams, T.D.
	Wren, Dick
	Wren, R.J.

## **Business/ Organization/ Estate Name Index:**

Belle Haven  
Dickinson Drug Company  
Dorrier Brothers  
American Furniture & Fixture Co. (Richmond, Virginia)  
Geyer & Childress  
Horse Shoe Bend Council  
Pitts, D.H. & Brothers  
Sclater Hardware Company  
Scottsville District School Board  
Scottsville Flour Mills  
Scottsville High School  
Scottsville Meat Market

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Scottsville National Bank  
Valmont Farm

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2. Kidd, Margaret Turman, "A Guide to the Papers of H. Warren Billings, 1892-1979." *Virginia Historical Society*. 2010. Web. 29 July 2013.