

# Petersburg Savings Insurance Cashbook, 1894

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**Owner:** Petersburg Savings Insurance

**Type of ledger:** Cashbook

**Dates:** 1894

**Documents found within cashbook:**

Found within the pages of this ledger are various checks written to the Petersburg Insurance Company by individuals living in Esmont and Scottsville, Virginia. Also found within is a page from the C.R. Dorrier and Company ledger (1909) of Scottsville, recording merchant purchases.

**Historical Information:**

This ledger is an 1894 cash book for the Petersburg Savings Insurance Company of Petersburg, Virginia. The city of Petersburg is located south of Richmond, Virginia, along the railway line that connects northwest to Scottsville. The city is also located at the crossroads of the Appomattox and James Rivers, and was thus a hub for business transactions with nearby cities such as Richmond and Scottsville.

This ledger documents business transactions with monumental companies such as the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. This railroad evolved out of the merging of two railroad companies, the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Companies. Rail was an essential means of transportation between cities or hubs of development that crossed the fall line. This railroad served as a system of connection for major cities across the eastern coast and later carried Confederate supplies and soldiers to Richmond, Virginia.<sup>1</sup> Additional significant businesses included in this ledger are the William H. Talley Insurance Company, that is in operation to this date in Petersburg. The Appomattox Iron Works and Supply Company is another noteworthy company listed in this ledger. The company was founded in Petersburg, Virginia, in 1872 by Esek Steere and E.J. Armstrong and provided machinery and supplies across the south-eastern region.<sup>2</sup> The head of the company was John Kerr Branch, a native of Danville, Virginia, was also “partner in the investment firm Thomas Branch and Company, president of the Merchants National Bank, and director of both the Petersburg Savings Insurance and Continental Insurance companies).<sup>3</sup> Kerr was the wealthy owner of the Branch House in Richmond, Virginia who was particularly “interested in Southern cotton mills and railroads”.<sup>4</sup>

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## Photographs:

### 1. Map of Branch House with respect to Richmond, Virginia<sup>4</sup>



## Name Index:

Agir, T.	Baptist, S.
Allen, James	Barnitt, Joe
Allen, William	Batistie, Gasper
Alvin, William	Beal, Harry
Archer, Everett	Belcher, John T.
Atkins, D.O.	Bird, O.H.
	Booker, Joe
Banks, Ed.	Brady, J.B.
Banister, T.P.	Brint, G.W.

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Brown, Bill	Ferrell, Amos
Brown, Lewis	Ferrell, George
Brown, Walker	Ferry, Edward
Brown, Walter	Fitzgerald, Frank
Brown, William	Foil, Nat
Bullion, W.B.	Ford, John
Burdon, John	Franklin, Joe
Butler, Ben	
Butler, Joe	Gains, George B.
Butler, John	Gale, Howard
	Gallagher, William
Cale, James	Garner, L.F.
Campbell, W.J.	Garrett, Robert
Carter, Buck	Glendon, Tom
Carter, E.L.	Goafry, James
Carter, Henry	Goans, John
Carter, Robert	Gordon, A.J.
Chatwood, Joe	Gordon, Alex
Clark, W.D.	Greer, Emit
Clemons	Gwyn, George
Cobble, William	Gwyn, York
Cole, James D.	
Cooper, Joe	Hailiss, J.R.
Condon, Alex	Hamney, Henry
Cosby, Peter	Hampton, Bud
Crawford, Wesley	Hanch, William
Crowder, J.H.	Hankin, Ed
Crumpler, Miles	Hardy, Joe
	Harrison, W.H.
Dangir, William	Hembrook, Ed
Davidson, Frank	Hendricks, John
Davis, Jessie	Hippord, John
Davis, John	Hobs, Ned
Debery, Rofield	Honeycut, J.D.
Deihr, George	Howell, J.M.
Dickey, Edward	Hubbard, Isaac
Doekans, John	Hudson, Pleasant
Drinkwater, E.W.	Hurt, Henry
Edwards, Ben	Jackson, John
Edwards, Charles	Jefferson, Alex
Elliott, S.S.	Jenkins, C.C.
Ellis, Joe	Johnson, Charles
Elmore, S.E.	Johnson, Henry
Epps, Sam	Johnson, Henry (2)
Everett, Archer	Johnson, John
	Johnson, John (2)
Farmer, Henry	Johnson, Frank

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Johnson, Lewis	McMan, James
Johnson, Oston	McPhalon, E.
Johnson, Peter	McPyles, George M.
Johnson, William	Merick, William
Joiner, Charles E.	Miller, Ashley
Jones, Burdon	Miller, Charles
Jones, Charles	Miller, Robert
Jones, Charles E.	Minetree, G.H.
Jones, E.M.	Monday, William
Jones, George	Moore, Wesley
Jones, M.F.	Morison, J.W.
Jones, R.H.	Morris, George
Jones, Saul	Morton, Tom
Jones, Thomas	
Jones, William	Nelson, Tom
	Newton, Lawrence
Kadden, A.	
Keeton, Peter	O'Grasso, Mike
Kelley, John	
King, Thomas	Pacto, Peter
	Pankey, A.
Lane, C.W.	Parham, E.
Lane, H.L.	Parham, Green
Lane, John E.	Parham, Lewis
Lee, William	Parham, Nelson
Lee, Woodson	Parham Wagner
Leonard, Charles	Parker, Dick
Lewis, John	Patterson, Charles
Logan, James	Peters, H.
Love, James	Phebus, V.
Lunsford, R.E.	Pickard, Bob
	Pickern, John
Madagan, Pat	Pillis, George
Malicolha, Jerome	Pitts, D.H.
Malicolha, Joe	Pitts, George
Mankin, Robert	Pitts, John L.
Manning, Robert	Pitts, W.P.
Marine, John	Polard, Henry
Marshal, Columbus	Putney, Stephen C.
Marshal, Walter	Pyle, George M.
Martina, E.	
Massey, Dick	Rawley, James
Massey, Tim	Reice, James
Matteson, R.J.	Reid, George
McCray, Walter C.	Rid, Lee
McDonald, Ryan	Ricketts, W.W.
McGaffock, John	Robinson, William
McGhee, W.J.	Robir, Theo

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Rochester, Henry	Thompson, George
Rodgen, Henry	Thompson, R.E.
Rook, Thomas	Thompson, W.G.
Ross, Charles	Thornton, William
Ross, Henry	Titus, E.E.
Ross, R.B.	Todero, T.
Rowley R.	Torn, E.W.
Ruffin, George	Traly, Albert
Ruffin, William	Traylor, W.J.
Ryan, Patty	Trevillian, Dock
	Trevillian, J.L.
Saal, M.R.	
Sanders, William	Vaughn, Spencer
Shan, Cliff	
Shelburn, R.B.	Walker, Elijah
Seay, W.H.	Walker, William
Senil, Thomas	Watkins, James
Sills, John	Watson, Pleasant
Silvers, Roof	Webb, Nim
Simons, Hielard	Wesley, John
Simons, Phillip	White, Berry
Sims, Fred	White, Charles
Slack, Ed	White, Dave
Smith, James	White, John
Smith, R.R.	Wilkinson, W.J.
Smith, Richard	Wilkinson, William
Smith, Thomas	Williams, George
Smith, William	Williams, Henry
Sofield, Joe	Williams, Oliver
Spalona, Charles	Wilson, Clay
Stegar, E.M.	Wilson, John
Stevinson, Harrison	Wilson, Robert
Steward, George	Winternity, S.G.
Stiff, Moses	Wright, A.
Strouf, James	Wright, Henry
Strouf, Joe	Wyley, George
Strouf, John	
Swinger, Esther	Yates, John
Swinger, Man	Young, James
	Young, Peter
Tatman, J.E.	Young, Phillip
Taylor, Wirt E.	Young, R.B.
Thomas, William	Young, Thomas
Thompson, B.T.	
Thompson, Eses	Zoro, John

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## Business Name Index:

Appomattox Iron Works Company	Orr & Holt
Atlantic Coast Line Railroad	Petersburg Furniture
Bar, Aligo	Pitts & Dorrier
Barker, Bill & Jennings	Plummer & Wheeler
Batlester, Calten Mill	Pool, John W. & Sons
Cottrell's & Sons S.S.	Putney, Stephen Shoe Company
Cabiness & Lunsford	Pyle & DeHaveer
City of Petersburg	Reynolds Brothers
Dominion Power Company	Riddle & Jackson
Drewry Hughes Company	Ridgemont Manufacturing Company
Dugan & Company	Romain & Borharer Company
Fenn & Owen	Roper & Company
Gains, George B. Company	So. Railway Supply Company
Gill, John A. & Brothers	Smith & Courtney Company
Halifax Road	Sutton & Company
Hechler, V. Jr. & Brothers	The Boston Clothing House
Heath & Jarrett	Talley, William H. Insurance Company
Kelly & Jennings	Taylor, W. E. & Company
The Kilbourne & Jacobs Manufacturing Company	Thaxton, George D & Company
Lane Brothers	Virginia Brick & Stone Company
Lucado & Sons	The Vandergrift Manufacturing Company
C & Lunsford	Watkins Hardware Company
Mark & Friend	Watkins & Hardaway
Matteson, R.J. & Brothers	The Watt Plow Company

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