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Owner: Robert Rives

Dates: 1846-1863

Business/products:

- transactions of South Warren Estate, Robert Rives' plantation
- purchases of corn, oats, bacon, oak boards, Peruvian Guano, newspaper subscriptions, food, shoes, farm equipment, sheep, oxen, horses, and services
- Sold: fodder, flour, bacon, tobacco, soap, wheat, rails, Chestnut posts (all produced on the Rives' properties in Nelson and Albemarle County)

Historical Information:

- Robert Rives, Jr., (1798-1869) was born in Nelson County, VA, the son of Robert Rives, Sr. (1764-1845) and Margaret Jordan Cabell (1770-1815). Robert, Jr., represented Nelson County, VA, in the House of Delegates from 1823 to 1829. After his service in the House of Delegates, he moved to Albemarle County. His father, Robert, Sr., was a wealthy businessman (Brown, Rives, & Co.) at Warminster, Nelson Co., VA, and also owned extensive tracts of land in Nelson and Albemarle Counties. After the death of Robert Rives, Sr., in 1845, Robert, Jr., became executor of his father's estate. This ledger reflects the continuation of business and expenses at the Rives' South Warren Estate from 1846-1863. This estate bordered canal lock 25 of the James River-Kanawha Canal near present day Warren, VA. Today the unincorporated community of Warren is about 5.7 miles west of Scottsville on the James River Rd. (Co. Rd. 726). Robert Rives, Jr., became one of the wealthiest men in Virginia before the Civil War began, but lost most of his fortune during the Civil War.
- Many of the products needed by the Rives plantation as recorded in this ledger were shipped via the James River & Kanawha Canal. Included among the businesses providing products or services to the Rives plantation are several Scottsville businesses (Miletus B. Harris; Mason & Lewis; John O. Lewis; and Staples, Martin, & Co.).
- Sales of products from the South Warren Estate as listed in the ledger include fodder, flour, bacon, wheat, Chestnut posts, corn, tobacco, rails from his forest land, lard, soap, and tobacco produced on Rives' property located in both Nelson and Albemarle counties.
- One entry of note in the ledger details shoes purchased on the South Warren estate on June 18, 1849, for its 13 Negroes named Cyrus, Ben, Robin, Fehan, Melvin, Daniel, Washington, Lurdan, Nick, Sophy, 'Nicey', Liney, and Bevly (see Rives 008 photo; Ledger page 12)
- Another interesting list written in the ledger details the tools on the South Warren Estate, Nov. 15, 1849, as furnished by James H. Pace, overseer. This list includes both farm equipment as well as well as sheep, horses, and oxen. (Rives 016 photo; Ledger page 28)
- In addition to products bought and sold, the ledger details services provided by the South Warren Estate (hog boarding, timber hauling, plowing a garden, making tobacco hogsheads at 60 cents per hogshead; wages; sowing oats on other colonists' land; etc.).

- Rives also purchased services from other colonists in the area, and the ledger details these costs to include hiring other settlers' Negroes for blacksmith services; wheat cutting and binding; shipping costs; canal tolls; wheelwright services; wheat shocking; house painting; etc.

**Name Index:**

Adkins, Joseph	Browne, General Alexander
Alexander, W. K.	Browning, E. B.
Ambler, Rev. C. E.	Burnett, C. M.
Anderson, W.	Burton, J. M.
Archer, Captain R. P.	Butler, James
Barksdale, J. S.	Button, Charles W.
Barksdale, Joseph E.	Byers, Mary L.
Beal, J. R.	Cabell, J. Grattan
Beal, Thomas O.	Cabell, Mayo
Bell, H. B.	Calloway, Dr. Paul C.
Bibb, W. T.	Caskie, J.
Blackford, William M.	Chalkly, A. D.
Blackley, George	Charles, William
Bouldin, Jane F.	Childress, J. C.
Bouldin, William W.	Clarke, William J.
Brady, B. H.	Clements, David A.
Brady, James L.	Clements, James M.
Brady, W.B.	Cobbs, J. M.
Brockenbrough, Mrs.	Cole, A. C.
Brown, Alexander	Coleman, G. W.
Brown, J. J.	Coleman, H.
Brown, Robert L.	Coleman, John L.

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Coles, Isaac	Farrar, Charles S.
Coles, John S.	Farrar, Francis N.
Collins, Z.	Farrar, James S.
Cox, Thomas M.	Farrar, Shelton
Davis, William D.	Fitzpatrick, Thomas P.
Dennis, Benjamin	Forbes, Dr. J. T.
Dickson, J. J.	Ford, John P.
Dickson, Madison	Gantt, Henry
Dickinson, H.B.	Gantt, Price P.
Dillard, G.W.	Garnett, Reuben H.
Dobbs, William J.	Gibson, Harris V.
Dornins, J. G.	Gibson, William D.
Douen, John	Giles, A. P.
Drinkaid, D.S.	Giles, George R.
Drumheller, Hiram B.	Gillespie, D. S. (possibly Gilaspie)
Drumheller, William L.	Gilmer, John E.
Ellis, T. H.	Gilmore, John E.
Elsom, M. D.	Goodman, Thomas D.
Ewers, Joseph E.	Goolsby, N.D.
Ewers, Perkins H.	Grady, S.
Ewers, Robert Y.	Graham, Cornelia
Ewers, William M.	Graham, Judie
Fallwell, Benjamin J.	Graham, William P.
Fallwell, William W.	Grant, W. H.
Faris, A. W.	Griffin, Ed J.
Faris, James	Griffin, J.

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Griffin, T. G.	Johnson, Thomas J.
Hancock, G. A.	Johnson, William S.
Hargrove, A. R.	Johnston, Captain George
Hargrove, H. R.	Jones, Calhoun
Harris, Alfred T.	Jones, Jno.
Harris, Elias	Jones, Mayo C.
Harris, Frances	Jones, Thomas L.
Harris, John O.	Jones, William S.
Harris, M.C.	Lancaster, William L.
Harris, Miletus B.	Landown, John J.
Harris, Randolph F.	Lebebvre, H. P.
Harris, T.C.	Lewellen, Richard
Harrison, Charles C.	Lewis, John O.
Hart, W.D.	Lewis, Zachariah R.
Harvey, James	Little, C. E.
Harwood, G.D.	Little, T. W.
Hickok, H. M.	Lucado, L. F
Hix, John F.	Luger, Augusta
Hopkins, J. J.	Luis, John O.
Horsley, Dr. W. A.	McCaw, Dr. J. M.
Hudson, E. J.	McClelland, J. B.
Hudson, F.	McEwen, William S.
Jefferies, Dr. J. M.	McFarland, William H.
Jenkins, A. E.	Marshall, James T.
Johnson, James P.	Marshall, Scheuyler
Johnson, Sarah A.	Martin, A. D.

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Martons, Mr.	Pamplin, James M.
Mason, James W.	Pamplin, W. H.
Mason, J. Y.	Payne, W. A.
Martin, John S.	Penn, James S.
Merrill, William	Perkins, R. A.
Michie, D.	Perkins, Solomon
Moon, Richard H.	Peters, F. G.
Morgan, Robert J.	Phelps, Samuel
Morris, John S.	Phillips, Moses H.
Morris, Marcellus M.	Pitts, Jonathan
Morris, Major Charles	Powell, D. Lee
Morris, W. S.	Ragland, Charles M.
Morton, G. E.	Randolph, Major T. J., Jr.
Mosley, J. O.	Ridout, Samuel
Munford, William P.	Rittenhouse, J. B.
Nelson, Rev. W. M.	Rives, Alexander
Nicholas, John S.	Rives, Cornelia
Nicholas, W. C.	Rives, George C.
Nolting, E.	Rives, George Tucker
Norman, William	Rives, J. Henry
Nowlin, Samuel	Rives, Robert
Pace, James H.	Rives, William C.
Page, J. M.	Robinson, P.
Page, William C.	Robertson, H. D.
Paleske, Captain Nathan L.	Rutherford, W.
Palman, C.	Schief, J.

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Scott, J. A.	Tompkins, Alexander
Scott, John	Tompkins, J. M.
Scott, W. J.	Turner, Henry
Scruggs, W. L.	Tyler, J. W.
Seay, Joseph H.	Vaden, Thomas
Shelton, Joseph H.	Vaughn, Thomas J.
Shields, Terry	Vaughn, William S.
Shipman, John	Von Groning, D.
Shumate, J. W.	Wade, Dr. James M.
Simpson, James S.	Wade, William M.
Slaughter, Albert	Walker, L.
Smiley, G. W.	Walker, Thomas L.
Smith, William R.	Walker, William P.
Sowers, J. N.	Watson, G. F.
Spears, Lewis	West, William N.
Staples, Beverly	White, Peter
Staples, John T.	Wilbourne, R. L.
Staples, John Channing	Winfree, S.
Stratton, A. M.	Wingfield, Dr. Charles L.
Sturdivant, G. A.	Winn, J.
Taliaferro, Alexander G.	Wood, William D.
Taylor, Joseph	Woods, Richard P.
Thomas, Cornelius	Woody, Mr.
Thomas, Lewis R.	Yago, A. G.
Thompson, J. N.	Yeatman, Captain
Timaners, E.	Zink, A. J.

**Business Names listed in this Rives' Ledger for the South Warren Estate:**

Allen & Preston	Locust Grove Farm
Brown & Cabell	Ludlam & Watson
Cabell, Hargrove, and Shipman	Mason & Lewis
Cabell & McClelland	Mason, Martin, & Co.
Caskie, Reeve, & Co.	Martin & Shepherd
Charles Creek Farm	Oak Lane Farm
C.W. Purcell & Co.	Penn & Brown
Dill & Muchakey	Penn & Conner
Dunlop, Moncure, & Co.	Perkins & Wingfield
E. W. DeVoss & Co.	Ragland & Bro.
Farrar & Profit	Ragland & Hill
Faulconer & Farrar	Read & Peters
Harris & Gibson of Richmond, VA	Read & Smith
Hartman & Bro.	Richardson & Co.
Haxall & Crenshaw	Robert L. Brown & Co.
Haxall & Bro.	Schuer, Kohler, & Co.
Hooker Osborn & Co.	Staples, Martin, & Co.
Horsley & Hargrove	Stockton Joe's Creek Plantation, Nelson Co.
H. R. Hargrove & Co.	T. W. Farley and Co.
James Gray & Sons	Tyler & Davis
James River & Kanawha Co.	Warwick & Barksdale
J. W. Mason & Co.	William A. Turner & Co.
Knight & Fallwell	William T. Staples & Co.

## Negro names listed as working at the South Warren estate or associated with it:

- Anthony
- Beverly
- Cyrus
- Ezekiel
- Isham
- James
- Jordan
- Nick
- Washington
- Rachelle

## Additional Research Sources:

--1850 U.S. Census, Albemarle Co., VA; Microfilm Roll: M432\_932; Image 578. Household 1902 lists Robert Rives, age 50, farmer with real estate valued at \$2500; Elizabeth Rives, age 35; and Cornelia Rives, age 7.

--1860 U.S. Census, Albemarle Co., VA; Microfilm Roll: M653-1331; page 570; Image 220. Household lists Robert Rives, age 62, with land valued at \$100,000 and personal value at \$180,000; Elizabeth Rives, age 45; Corneila E. C. Rives, age 15; Lily J. Wimbish, age 18; Ella Wimbish, age 14.

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--*History of Albemarle County, Virginia* by Edgar Woods (Jarman's Incorporated, Charlottesville, VA, 1932), pp. 304-306.

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--*Rives Family Papers, 1841-1865*. Accession Number 24065, The Library of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia.