



Cross Brothers records, 1892-1952 (bulk 1915-1940) SCHS 491.00

Description: 5 linear ft.

Creator: Cross Brothers (Cross, S.C.)

Biographical/historical note: General merchandise store located in Upper St. John's, Berkeley Parish, in Berkeley County, S.C. Adam Cross (1844-1906) lived at Moss Grove Plantation, where he operated a cotton gin, grist mill, rice mill, saw mill, and turpentine still. He was the father of Joseph Pressley Cross (1877-1942), Daniel Webster Cross (1873-1944), and John Adam Cross (1869-1911), who was the father of Robert Newton Cross (1897-1965), and Herbert Cross (1899-1982), a notary.

Scope and content: This collection mainly consists of records of a general merchandise business located in Cross (S.C.). On a 1926 mortgage, the names J. P. Cross, D. W. Cross and S. R. Cross are listed as copartners under the firm name of Cross Brothers. Also associated with these records are those of a cotton ginning operation, represented by five copies of a "Cotton Ginner's Record Book," dating 1918 to 1936, as well as numerous cotton tax exemption certificates, dating 1934 to 1936.

Store records include account ledgers (1892-1943), the earliest of which is in the name of "Adam Cross;" records relating to the sales and taxation of tobacco (1920s-1934); miscellaneous printed material, including brochures for farm equipment; business correspondence (1920-1938); records relating to prices and price stabilization (1945-1952); tax records (1930s-1940s), which include some store inventories; receipts (1927-1938); canceled checks (1917-1928); and a few legal and property records. Among miscellaneous items is a calendar (1950) headed "Herbert Cross, General Merchandise, Medicine."

Cross Brothers also made mortgage loans to various individuals, mainly on crops (cotton, corn and other produce), but also on livestock and farm equipment, the details of which are described in the mortgage documents. These mortgages (1917-1938) are arranged chronologically, then alphabetically by name within each year. There are also a few mortgages to other parties including Doyle & Co. (Holly Hill, S.C.), T. L. Connor, and Bennett Brothers (Holly Hill). Related records include arrest warrants (1917-1939), mostly relating to the disposal of mortgaged crops; notices of sale of foreclosed property (1920s); and bills of sale (1919-1941).

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Search terms:

Cross, Adam, 1844-1906.

Cross, Daniel Webster, 1873-1944.
Cross, Herbert, 1899-1982.
Cross, Joseph Pressley, 1877-1942.
Cross Brothers (Cross, S.C.) -- Records and correspondence.
Cotton -- Taxation -- South Carolina.
Cotton farmers -- South Carolina -- Berkeley County.
Cotton gins and ginning -- South Carolina -- Berkeley County.
Farmers -- South Carolina -- Berkeley County -- Economic conditions.
Foreclosure -- South Carolina -- Berkeley County.
General stores -- South Carolina -- Berkeley County.
Mortgages -- South Carolina -- Berkeley County.
Prices -- South Carolina.
Tobacco -- South Carolina -- Berkeley County.
Berkeley County (S.C.) -- Economic conditions -- 19th century.
Berkeley County (S.C.) -- Economic conditions -- 20th century.
Cross (S.C.)
Business records.
Checks.
Receipts.
Warrants.

Container/folder listing:

BOX 1

- 01 Mortgages, 1917-1918
- 02 Mortgages, 1919
- 03 Mortgages, 1920
- 04 Mortgages, 1921: A – K
- 05 Mortgages, 1921: L –Z

BOX 2

- 01 Mortgages, 1922-1923
- 02 Mortgages, 1924
- 03 Mortgages, 1925
- 04 Mortgages, 1926: A – B
- 05 Mortgages, 1926: C – G
- 06 Mortgages, 1926: H – M

BOX 3

- 01 Mortgages, 1926: P - R
- 02 Mortgages, 1926: S – V
- 03 Mortgages, 1926: W
- 04 Mortgages, 1927: A – H
- 05 Mortgages, 1927: S – W

BOX 4

- 01 Mortgages, 1928: A - B
- 02 Mortgages, 1928: C – W
- 03 Mortgages, 1929: A – F
- 04 Mortgages, 1929: G – L
- 05 Mortgages, 1929: M – R
- 06 Mortgages, 1929: S – Y

BOX 5

- 01 Mortgages, 1930-1933
- 02 Mortgages, 1934-1938
- 03 Mortgages, no date
- 04 Mortgages to other parties, 1917-1929
- 05 Arrest warrants, 1917-1920
- 06 Arrest warrants, 1921-1922
- 07 Arrest warrants, 1926
- 08 Arrest warrants, 1927-1939
- 09 Miscellaneous bonds and property records, 1921-1935
- 10 Miscellaneous legal instruments, 1921-1939

BOX 6

- 01 Notebook, 1920s
- 02 Cotton tax exemption certificates, 1934
- 03 Cotton tax exemption certificates, 1935-1936
- 04 Cotton tax exemption certificates, 1935-1936
- 05 Tobacco sales records, 1920s-1934
- 06 Miscellaneous printed material

BOX 7

- 01 Correspondence, 1920-1938; and undated
- 02 Receipts
- 03 Promissory notes, 1917-1933
- 04 Checks, 1917
- 05 Checks, 1919-1920
- 06 Checks, 1922
- 07 Checks, 1924
- 08 Checks, 1925
- 09 Checks, 1928
- 10 Checks, 1929
- 11 Notices of sale, 1920s
- 12 Bills of sale, 1919-1924
- 13 Bills of sale, 1926-1929
- 14 Bills of sale, 1933-1936
- 15 Bills of sale, 1938-1941
- 16 Records relating to prices and price stabilization, 1945-1952

BOX 8

- 01 Store records, 1940s
- 02 Miscellaneous store records
- 03 Tax records, 1930s
- 04 Tax records, 1940s
- 05 Cotton ginning record book, 1918-1922
- 06 Cotton ginning record book, 1922-1925
- 07 Cotton ginning record book, 1932-1935
- 08 Cotton ginning record book, 1934-1935
- 09 Cotton ginning record book, 1936
- 10 Ledger, 1892-1893 (marked "Adam Cross")

BOX 9

- 01 Ledger, 1895-1901
- 02 Ledger, 1911
- 03 Ledger, 1919
- 04 Ledger, 1919-1923
- 05 Ledger, 1922
- 06 Ledger, 1923

BOX 10

- 01 Ledger, 1925
- 02 Ledger, 1930-1931
- 03 Ledger, 1930-1933
- 04 Ledger, 1938
- 05 Ledger, 1939-1940
- 06 Ledger, 1942-1943
- 07 Records relating to Woodmen of the World, ca. 1900-1913
- 08 Miscellaneous items, 1901-1929; and undated
- 09 Calendar, 1950 ("Herbert Cross, General Merchandise, Medicine")

OVERSIZE ITEM: (located next to Box 10)

Bound ledger book, 1903-1905, with entries for numerous individuals and some businesses.