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).


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

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**OVERSIZE ITEM: (located next to Box 10)**

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