



Von Oven Brothers records, 1877-1888
SCHS 1200.00
Containers 23/303-338

Creator: Von Oven Brothers

Description: 5 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical Note: Charleston, S.C. grocery business owned by Ferdinand and Theodore Von Oven. In the 1882 Charleston City Directory Ferdinand Von Oven was listed as a grocer doing business at Market and Meeting streets. As early as 1884 the Von Oven Brothers grocery was located at 276 King Street, and continued in that location under the same name until 1892. In 1893 Ferdinand Von Oven was selling groceries and liquor at 237 King Street. In 1894 he is listed in the Charleston City Directory as a staple and fancy grocer, and from 1896 to 1909 he advertises as a fancy grocer. His name and business do not appear in the 1911 City Directory.

Scope and Content: Records consist of financial records and correspondence. Financial records consist of daybooks, cashbooks, sales records, an invoice book, stock book, and receipts for grocery purchases, advertising, and other expenses and transactions. Included are lists of clientele in Charleston (S.C.) and surrounding areas and their orders. Correspondence consists of business letters mainly concerning orders for groceries and sundry items bought and sold by the company. Firms from which purchases were made include F.A. Ferris & Co., Myers, Edel & Co., Rothlisbertger & Gerber, and Young, Adams, & Co., all of New York (N.Y.). Firms and individuals in Charleston (S.C.) include A. Bequest, Henry Bischoff & Co., Boyd Brothers, J.C.H. Claussen & Co., George H. Hecker & Co., Eagle Candy Manufacturing Co., F.J. Lilienthal & Son, D. Rohde & Co., Sheppard & Porcher, George W. Steffens, Otto Tiedeman & Sons, F.W. Wagener & Co., and Wayne & Von Kolnitz.

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Bookkeeping records.
Financial records.
Letters (correspondence).
Sales records.

Container list:

22/303-338 Von Oven, F., fl. 1877

Business records, 1877-1888. 5 ft.

Charleston grocer. Cash books, day books, sales books, a stock book, invoice book, correspondence and receipts regarding orders of groceries and other sundry items. Included are daily listings of local clientele and order for groceries from throughout the Lowcountry and elsewhere. Firms purchased from include FA Ferris & Co., Myers, Edel & Co., Rothlisberger & Gerber and Young, Adams, & JCH Claussen & Co., George V. Hecker & Co., Eagle Candy Manufacturing Co., FJ Lilienthal & Sons, D. Rhode & Co., Shepard & Porcher, George W. Steffens, Otto Teideman & Sons, Van Oven Brothers, FW Wagener & Co., and Wayne & Vonkolnite. Correspondence arranged alphabetically within 2-5 month periods.