



**Walker, Evans & Cogswell records, 1859-1980  
SCHS #1310.00**

**Description:** Ca. 200 v. (earliest records denoted by \*\*\*\*\*)

**Biog./Historical Note:** Charleston (S.C.) printing company. In 1821 John C. Walker (d. 1860) succeeded Schenck & Turner in a stationery and book binding business on Broad Street in Charleston, S.C. His brother Joseph Walker later joined him and in 1837 the business was moved to a location on East Bay Street. In 1852 a limited partnership was formed with Benjamin F. Evans (1831-1873), and in 1855 Harvey Cogswell (1831-1902), brother-in-law of Evans, became a member of the firm, now called Walker, Evans & Company, its operations having expanded as a stationery establishment, a printing office, and a blank book manufactory. During the Civil War the business was temporarily located in Columbia, S.C. and took the name of Evans & Cogswell, Confederate Government Printers and Lithographers. The printing facilities in Columbia were destroyed when the city burned in 1865. After the war C. Irvine Walker joined the firm, and in 1887 the business was incorporated under the name of Walker, Evans & Cogswell Company.

**Scope and content:** Records consist of company memo books (1859-1921) containing comparative financial statements, cost allocation and sales information, printing and publication notes, salary data, notes on overhead allocations, profit and loss statements, and other information; journals (1887-1951) containing daily entries of debits and credits; ledgers (1874-1980) which contain accounts for "Country Customers" (including accounts in North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Virginia, Illinois, Missouri, and elsewhere), "City Customers," and "South Carolina Customers," and are accompanied by indexes (late 19th century to early 20th century); trial balance books (1940-1946); cash books (1901-1921); collection registers (1920-1961) summarizing cash collections of customer accounts; sales records (1913-1941); work order books (1870-1961); volumes (1917-1950) containing inventory records for merchandise and paper products and records of supplies received; company expense records (1916-1928) including a car expense book (1916-1919); and employee payroll records (1909-1959) including a register (1910) listing all company employees.

In addition, there are nine large volumes containing printing samples of billheads, letterheads, checks, and miscellaneous business and government documents used throughout the Southeast but especially South Carolina and Charleston.

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Business records.

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- 28/749/9 Job files: Peoples Premium Plan, 1970.
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- 28/749/11 Job files: Lloyd E. Sineath (a Charleston attorney), 1970.
- 28/749/12 Job files: Marion National Bank (Marion, SC), 1970.
- 28/749/13 Job files: Williamson & Fox (Aiken attorneys), 1970.
- 28/749/14 Job files: Marion National Bank, 1970.
- 28/749/15 Job files: Charleston Receipts, 1970 (cookbook published by the Junior League of Charleston).

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- 28/750/4 Printing samples: brochures, leaflets, ads, etc., for businesses, organizations, events.
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- 28/750/6 Printing samples: material pertaining to government agencies.
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- 28/751/3 Photographs: football players, ca. 1920.
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- 28/753/1 Blank book produced by WECCO: "Mortgage Record."
- 28/753/2 Blank account book: "Bills Payable."