

## **MS-20: Strayer General Store Records**

**Collection Number:** MS-20

**Title:** Strayer General Store Records

**Dates:** 1855-1915

**Creator:** W. M. Strayer Company

**Summary/Abstract:**

The collection consists of financial records of the W. M. Strayer Company in De Graff, a village in Logan County, Ohio.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 4.0 linear feet (19 volumes)

**Language(s):** English

**Repository:**

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**Acquisition:**

The collection was donated to Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University Libraries, by Robert E. Strayer from De Graff, Ohio, in October 1975.

**Other Finding Aid:**

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at <https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms20.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

**Related Material:**

MS-21 Logan County Business Records

**Processing Information:**

Finding aid revised to DAC and reformatted. Volumes cleaned by Karis Raeburn, June, 2014. Rehoused, July 2014.

**Revisions:**

Finding aid revised by Lisa Rickey, April 2020.

**Processed by:**

Patricia Burnett, April 1978

**Arrangement:**

Arranged chronologically.

**Biographical/Historical Note:**

The W. M. Strayer Company was founded in 1869 by William M. Strayer. According to one of the ledgers, the store sold; “Staple and fancy dry goods, cloths, cassimeres, books, shoes, and ladies furnishing goods and notions of all kinds”. The company also operated a tannery.

William Monroe Strayer, the founder of the store, was born in 1831 to Daniel and Elizabeth (Small) Strayer. He married Mary Jane Henderson in 1854, and they had several children: Emma, Charles, Alice, Sue, and Daniel. William served 5 months with the 132<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Company F, from May to September 1864. He died February 11, 1884. His wife and children continued to operate the store in De Graff through the early 1900s.

**Scope and Content Note:**

Financial records for the W. M. Strayer Company include sales journals, a cashbook, customer ledger and general journals of a small general store in De Graff, Ohio, dating 1855-1915.

**Subject Terms****Persons/Families**

Strayer family

Strayer, William Monroe, 1831-1884

**Organizations/Corporate Names**

W. M. Strayer Company

**Places**

De Graff (Ohio)

**Subjects (General)**

Business records – Ohio – Logan County – 19<sup>th</sup> century

General stores – Ohio – Logan County

**Material Types**  
Ledgers (account books)  
Cashbooks

## Collection Inventory

<b>Volume</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
1		Hayes & Brown Ledger	1855-1856
2		Cash Journal for Strayer Tannery	1865-1868
3		Creditors and Invoices	1865-1891
3	1	Creditor Ledger for Strayer Tannery	1865-1868
3	2	Invoice Lists for Dry Goods	1886-1891
4		Sales Journal	1869-1870
5		Sales Journal	1870
6		Sales Journal	1870-1871
7		Sales Journal	1871-1879
8		Customer Ledger	1869-1871
9		Customer Ledger	1871-1879
10		General Journal	1879-1886
11		General Journal	1886-1891
12		General Journal	1891-1895
13		General Journal	1895-1904
14		General Journal	1904-1915
15		Combination Ledger	1879-1886
16		Combination Ledger	1886-1891
17		Combination Ledger	1886-1895
18		Combination Ledger	1895-1904
19		Cash Book	1895-1902