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SUMMARY

Size: 4.5 linear ft., 66 manuscript volumes, 1 microfilm reel

Geographic locations: Natchez, Mississippi

Inclusive dates: 1810, 1848-1932

Bulk dates: 1865-1911

Languages: English

Summary: Manuscript volumes, receipts, correspondence, and legal papers pertaining to the business interests of John C. Schwartz, hardware store and property owner and merchant of Natchez.

Related collection: Robert H. Stewart Family Account Books, Mss. 404

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

J. C. (John Conrad) Schwartz immigrated to America from Prussia in 1839, arriving in Baltimore. He made his way to Natchez, Mississippi, where, in 1863, he purchased a hardware business from Armand Perault, though he had apparently been in Natchez before then. Schwartz married Katherine Eisenhart, also an immigrant from Prussia. He operated the store until his retirement in 1890, at which time he left the business to his son John Edward Schwartz and his son-in-law, Robert Percy Schwartz. He was also president of the Rosalie Cotton Mills and vice-president of the NJ&CRR (probably the Natchez-Jackson and Clinton or Columbus Railroad). He also owned land and buildings in Natchez.

After J. C. Schwartz's retirement, the firm's name was changed to Schwartz and Stewart. After John Edward Schwartz's death in 1909, Robert Percy Stewart and his son William Percy Stewart continued to operate the firm under the name Schwartz and Stewart.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists chiefly of manuscript volumes, including two cashbooks (1875-1881), 25 daybooks (1865-1891), twelve invoice books (1867-1895), four ledgers (1871-1890), and ten letter books (1885-1898). Unbound materials include correspondence, printed items, legal papers, financial records, and miscellaneous items. Letters are mainly from suppliers of hardware merchandise regarding selection, orders, quotes, and soliciting business. In addition to standard letters, postcards acknowledging receipt of payment and soliciting business are also present. Printed items include price lists and other advertisements, as well as a section from *The Natchez Democrat* (January 2, 1923) about the history of John C. Schwartz and his businesses. Miscellaneous materials include notes, lists, and orders. Legal papers are comprised of judgments, licenses, deeds of land, and contracts related to Schwartz's acquisitions of land and other businesses. Deeds of Maria Becker and Margaret Postlethwaite (1857-1858) are also included. Financial records include receipts, freight records, and records of cash disbursements (recorded on re-used envelopes). Miscellaneous items within financial records are promissory notes and statements of account. Post-1890 materials within these series are for the firm Schwartz and Stewart.

Note: Volumes 2A, 3A, 30, 39A, and 42 available on microfilm at MSS.MF:S.

LIST OF SERIES

- Series I. Cashbooks, 1875-1881
- Series II. Daybooks, 1865-1891
- Series III. Invoice books, 1867-1895
- Series IV. Ledgers, 1871-1890
- Series V. Letter books, 1885-1898
- Series VI. Correspondence, 1810, 1865-1912, undated
- Series VII. Printed Items, 1872-1932, undated
- Series VIII. Miscellaneous, 1884-1888, undated
- Series IX. Legal papers, 1848, 1852-1888, 1909-1910
- Series X. Financial Records, 1864-1929

Note: Thirteen volumes and approximately 2 linear feet of materials were added in 1998 to the original donation made in 1936. The thirteen volumes were integrated into the existing volume numbering and arrangement. The loose materials from the original donation are filed chronologically and all formats are interfiled. They are located at A:19-21 in boxes 1-3. The loose materials received in 1998 were organized into series (correspondence, printed items, miscellaneous, and financial records) and are located at R:22 and R:26 in boxes 4-6.

INDEX TERMS

Materials relating to these people, places, and things can be found throughout the entire collection.

Stewart, R. H., merchant.
Schwartz, John C.
Hardware stores--Mississippi--Natchez.
Merchants--Mississippi--Natchez.
Stores, Retail--Mississippi--Natchez.
Natchez (Miss.)--History.

Cashbooks.
Daybooks.
Invoices.
Ledgers.
Bills of lading.
Postcards.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box/Volume</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Description</u>
A:19	Box 1	1-19	Loose items: letters, receipts, orders, price lists, freight receipts, bills of lading and hardware advertisements, 1859-1877.
A:20	Box 2	20-37	Same as above, 1878-1888.
A:21	Box 3	38-44	Same as above, 1888-1897.
Series I. Cashbooks, 1863-1881			
J:23	Vol. 1A	--	"Receipts in business of J.C. Schwartz." Details of a stock buyout of A. Perrault, Marc 31, 1863 and subsequent purchases of cemeteries; list of cash receipts, March 31, 1863 to October 6, 1898; final entry made in red: "Yellow Fever in Natchez," 1863-1898 (Formerly Schwartz & Stewart, Mss. 4732, ledger 15).
J:23	Vol. 1B	--	Includes daily sales, cash receipts, and price lists, 1864-1875 (Formerly Schwartz & Stewart, Mss. 4732, ledger 4).
J:20	Vol. 1	--	Cash paid out for expenses, including insurance, labor and journeyman, 1875-1877.
J:20	Vol. 2	--	Cash collections and sales; also store building expenses, 1876-1881.
Series II. Daybooks, 1859-1891			
J:23	Vol. 2A	--	Includes list of costs and selling prices of plows and accounts payable; daily sales of candy store (1859-1860); lists division and sale by customer name of hogsheads of sugar, tobacco, and coffee (1862-1863); accounts of merchandise bought from suppliers and manufacturers (1864-1865); full date range is 1859-1868 (Formerly Schwartz & Stewart, Mss. 4732, ledger 17).
J:23	Vol. 1B	--	Includes daily sales, cash receipts, and price lists, 1864-1875 (Formerly Schwartz & Stewart, Mss. 4732, ledger 4).
J:20	Vol. 3	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1865-1866.
J:23	Vol. 3A	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1867-1868 (Formerly Schwartz & Stewart, Mss. 4732, ledger 7).
J:20	Vol. 4	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1868-1869.
J:23	Vol. 4A	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1869-1870 (Formerly Schwartz & Stewart, Mss. 4732, ledger 6).

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J:23	Vol. 4B	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1870 (Formerly Schwartz & Stewart, Mss. 4732, ledger 9).
J:20	Vol. 5	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1875-1876.
J:23	Vol. 5A	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1875-1876 (Formerly Schwartz & Stewart, Mss. 4732, ledger 16).
J:20	Vol. 6	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1876-1877.
J:20	Vol. 7	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1879-1880.
J:20	Vol. 8	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1880.
J:20	Vol. 9	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1880-1881.
J:20	Vol. 10	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1881-1882.
J:20	Vol. 11	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1882.
J:20	Vol. 12	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1882.
J:20	Vol. 13	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1882-1883.
J:20	Vol. 14	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1883.
J:20	Vol. 15	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1883-1884.
J:20	Vol. 16	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1884.
J:20	Vol. 17	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1884-1885.
J:20	Vol. 18	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1881.
J:20	Vol. 19	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1887.
J:20	Vol. 20	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1887-1888.
J:20	Vol. 21	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1888.
J:20	Vol. 22	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1889.
J:20	Vol. 23	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1889-1890.
J:20	Vol. 24	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1890.
J:20	Vol. 25	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1890.
J:20	Vol. 26	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1890-1891.
J:21	Vol. 27	--	Daily sales and cash receipts, 1891.
			Series III. Invoice books, 1867-1895
J:21	Vol. 28	--	Invoices for store merchandise from suppliers., 1867-1875.
J:21	Vol. 29	--	Invoices for store merchandise from suppliers, 1880-1882.
J:23	Vol. 29A	--	Shipping receipts pasted into a ledger book, 1884-1885 (Formerly Schwartz & Stewart, Mss. 4732, ledger 5).
J:21	Vol. 30	--	Receipts for goods received by Schwartz. Includes notation of vessel shipped on, description of goods, for which customer, and where they lived, 1885-1886.
J:23	Vol. 30A	--	Shipping receipts pasted into a ledger book, 1886 (Formerly Schwartz & Stewart, Mss. 4732, ledger 1).
J:21	Vol. 31	--	Invoices for store merchandise from suppliers, 1887-1888.

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J:23	Vol. 31A	--	Includes alphabetical list of suppliers, 1888-1889 (Formerly Schwartz & Stewart, Mss. 4732, ledger 18).
J:21	Vol. 32	--	Invoices for store merchandise from suppliers, 1889-1890.
J:21	Vol. 33	--	Invoices for store merchandise from suppliers, 1890.
J:21	Vol. 34	--	Invoices for store merchandise from suppliers, 1890-1891.
J:21	Vol. 35	--	Invoices for store merchandise from suppliers, 1891-1892.
J:22	Vol. 36	--	Invoices for store merchandise from suppliers, 1892-1893.
J:22	Vol. 37	--	Invoices for store merchandise from suppliers, 1893-1894.
J:22	Vol. 38	--	Invoices for store merchandise from suppliers, 1894.
J:22	Vol. 39	--	Invoices for store merchandise from suppliers, 1894-1895.
			Series IV. Ledgers, 1871-1890
J:23	Vol. 39A	--	“Account Book of J. C. Schwartz 1860.” Alphabetical list of accounts receivable, 1852-1891 (Formerly Schwartz & Stewart, Mss. 4732, ledger 13).
J:22	Vol. 40	--	Daily sales, 1871-1872.
J:22	Vol. 41	--	Daily sales, 1871-1891.
J:22	Vol. 42	--	Customer accounts and daily sales; includes index, 1880.
J:22	Vol. 43	--	Customer accounts and daily sales, 1881-1890.
			Series V. Letter books, 1885-1898
J:23	Vol. 43A	--	Accounts and copies of letters to merchandise suppliers, 1875-1877 (Formerly Schwartz & Stewart, Mss. 4732, ledger 14).
J:22	Vol. 44	--	Copies of letters to merchandise suppliers, 1885-1886.
J:22	Vol. 45	--	Copies of letters to merchandise suppliers, 1886-1887.
J:22	Vol. 46	--	Copies of letters to merchandise suppliers, 1887-1888.
J:22	Vol. 47	--	Copies of letters to merchandise suppliers, 1891-1892.
J:22	Vol. 48	--	Copies of letters to merchandise suppliers, 1891-1892.

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J:22	Vol. 49	--	Copies of letters to merchandise suppliers, 1892-1893.
J:22	Vol. 50	--	Copies of letters to merchandise suppliers, 1894.
J:22	Vol. 51	--	Copies of letters to merchandise suppliers, 1894-1895.
J:22	Vol. 52	--	Copies of letters to merchandise suppliers, 1895.
J:22	Vol. 53	--	Copies of letters to merchandise suppliers, 1897-1898.
Series VI. Correspondence, 1810, 1865-1912, undated			
R:26	Box 4	1-21	Letters from suppliers and buyers, 1810, 1865-1912, undated.
R:22	Box 6	--	Postcards, 1870-1911.
Series VII. Printed Items, 1872-1932, undated			
R:26	Box 4	22-23	Advertisements and price lists, 1871-1932, undated.
OS:S	--	1	<i>Natchez Democrat</i> , January 2, 1923. The Assistant Buyer advertisement, undated.
Series VIII. Miscellaneous, 1884-1888, undated			
R:26	Box 4	24	Notes, lists, requests for orders.
Series IX. Legal papers, 1848, 1852-1888, 1909-1910			
R:26	Box 4	25	Includes judgments, licenses, deeds, contracts regarding Schwartz's acquisition of land and businesses, 1848, 1852-1888, 1909-1910.
OS:S	--	2	Deeds of Maria Becker and Margaret Postlethwaite, 1857-1858.
Series X. Financial Records, 1864-1929, undated			
R:26	Box 4	26-35	Receipts, statements, and invoices for merchandise purchased for the store, 1864-1874.
R:26	Box 5	1-18	Receipts, statements, and invoices for merchandise purchased for the store, 1875-1929, undated.
R:26	Box 5	19-45	Freight records, 1866-1888.
R:26	Box 5	46	Financial records – Miscellaneous, 1848, 1857-1886, undated.
R:26	Box 5	47-48	Cash disbursement notes, 1890-1903.
OS:S	--	3	Freight records, 1881-1886.
J:23	Vol. 54	--	Freight records volume, 1881, 1883-1885

LIST OF MICROFILMED VOLUMES

Location: MSS.MF:S

Reel 1 Volumes 2A, 3A, 30, 39A, and 42