

Buena Vista General Store (MC 222)

Biographical Note

The Buena Vista General Store was owned by the Charles M. Clements Sr. (April 24, 1876-January, 1952) and later by his son, Charles M. Clements Jr. (October 7, 1913-1972). The store was one of several properties and businesses run by the family, which included farmland, the funeral home in Buena Vista, Georgia and investment property in Florida and elsewhere, as well as involvement by both father and son with the Buena Vista Loan and Savings Bank and the First Baptist Church. The store was sold in 1991 by Charles Clement III, according to Rena S. Cobb's **A History of Marion County, Georgia**.

Scope and Content

These records give a very detailed account of the daily activities of a rural general store from the turn of the century through World War I, the Roaring Twenties, the Great Depression, World War II and the peace-time boom that followed. In addition to the store records, there are documents relating to the effects of the rationing system during World War II, both for retail establishments and private farming activities.

1906-1977 104 vols, 53 boxes (69 l.f.)

Permission to Publish

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Provenance

These records were accessioned by the CSU archives in September, 2006.

Note to Researchers

The receipts and other boxed materials are not completely processed.

Box and Contents List

Series 1: Daybooks, Ledgers and Inventories Day Books - Daily logs of business transactions

- Book 1: 1906
- Book 2: 1916-1917
- Book 3: 1918
- Book 4: 1919
- Book 5: 1920
- Book 6: 1921
- Book 7: 1922
- Book 8: 1923
- Book 9: 1924 (Nov.-Dec.)
- Book 10: 1925
- Book 11: 1926
- Book 12: 1927

- Book 13: 1928
- Book 14: 1929
- Book 15: 1930
- Book 16: 1931
- Book 17: 1934
- Book 18: 1936
- Book 19: 1941
- Book 20: 1942
- Book 21: 1946
- Book 22: 1947
- Book 23: 1948
- Book 24: 1949
- Book 25: 1950
- Book 26: 1951
- Book 27: 1952
- Book 28: 1953
- Book 29: 1954
- Book 30: 1955
- Book 31: 1956
- Book 32: 1957
- Book 33: 1958
- Book 34: 1959
- Book 35: 1960
- Book 36: 1961
- Book 37: 1962
- Book 38: 1963
- Book 39: 1964
- Book 40: 1965
- Book 41: 1966
- Book 42: 1967
- Book 43: 1969
- Book 44: 1970
- Book 45: 1971
- Book 46: 1972
- Book 47: 1973 Ledgers—Logs with Yearly Accounting
- Book 1: 1937
- Book 2: 1939
- Book 3: 1940
- Book 4: 1942
- Book 5: 1943
- Book 6: 1944
- Book 7: 1945
- Book 8: 1946
- Book 9: 1947
- Book 10: 1948
- Book 11: 1951
- Book 12: 1952
- Book 13: 1953
- Book 14: 1954
- Book 15: 1955
- Book 16: 1956
- Book 17: 1957
- Book 18: 1958
- Book 19: 1959

- Book 20: 1960
- Book 21: 1963
- Book 22: 1970
- Book 23: 1970 (Cont.)
- Book 24: Mules, 1935-1944

Inventory

- Book 1: 1924
- Book 2: 1925
- Book 3: 1926
- Book 4: 1927
- Book 5: 1928
- Book 6: 1929
- Book 7: 1930
- Book 8: 1931
- Book 9: 1932
- Book 10: 1933
- Book 11: 1934
- Book 12: 1935
- Book 13: 1936
- Book 14: 1937
- Book 15: 1938
- Book 16: 1939
- Book 17: 1940
- Book 18: 1941
- Book 19: 1942
- Book 20: 1943
- Book 21: 1944
- Book 22: 1945
- Book 23: 1946
- Book 24: 1947
- Book 25: 1948
- Book 26: 1949
- Book 27: 1950
- Book 28: 1951
- Book 29: 1952
- Book 30: 1953
- Book 31: 1954
- Book 32: 1955
- Book 33: 1956
- Book 34: 1957
- Book 35: 1958
- Book 36: 1959
- Book 37: 1960
- Book 38: 1961
- Book 39: 1962
- Book 40: 1963
- Book 41: 1964
- Book 42: 1965
- Book 43: 1966

Series 2: Receipts

- Box 1 - 1 913-1918
- Box 2 - 1919-1921
- Box 3 - 1922-1925
- Box 4 - 1926-1927
- Box 5 - 1928-1931
- Box 6 - 1932-1938
- Box 7 - 1939-1940
- Box 8 - 1941
- Box 9 - 1942-1943
- Box 10 - 1944-June, 1946
- Box 11 - July, 1946-August, 1947
- Box 12 - September, 1947-October, 1948
- Box 13 - November, 1948-1949
- Box 14 - 1950-June, 1951
- Box 15 - July, 1951-1952
- Box 16 - 1953-June 1954
- Box 17 - July 1954-1955
- Box 18 - 1956-June 1957
- Box 19 - July 1957-1958
- Box 20 - 1959-Sept 1960
- Box 21 - Oct 1960-1961
- Box 22 - 1962-Sept 1963
- Box 23 - Oct 1963-1964
- Box 24 - 1965-Sept 1966
- Box 25 - Oct 1966-1968
- Box 26 - 1969-Feb 1973
- Box 27 - Mar 1973-1977

Series 3: Bank Deposit and Check Books

- Box 1: Bank Deposit Books, 1949-1956 and 1963-1967, checks and check receipts 1963-1964, 1968 and miscellaneous documents
- Box 2: Checks and check receipts 1961-1966, 1968

Series 4: Miscellaneous Documents

- Box 1: Correspondence
- Box 2: Funeral Home Documents
- Box 3: Income Taxes
- Box 4: Advertisements
- Box 5: Miscellaneous