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**M. D. RAY & SON DAY BOOK NO. 10**

The collection includes the daily account record of M. D. RAY & Son, merchants at Pedlar Mills, Amherst County, Virginia, for the period 1857-1858 and 1898-1900.

**MARTIN D. RAY (ca.1831-1910)**

Martin D. RAY, son of George W. and Clara RAY, was born September 1831 in Amherst County, Virginia. He married 29 April 1857 Louisa A. CHILES, daughter of Toulton and Eurania CHILES, of Bedford County. At the time of his marriage, he was a miller. He was also a merchant at Pedlar Mills for a number of years. He died 14 November 1910 and was buried in the St. Luke's Episcopal Church cemetery at Pedlar Mills.

[Marriage Records, Amherst County, VA, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, Virginia, Reel No. 3, p. 13, Microfilmed records, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA; 1900 Census, Amherst County, VA, National Archives and Records Service, T-623, Roll 1699, p. 137, Dwelling 513, Family 518; Mary Frances Boxley, *Gravestone Inscriptions of Amherst County, Virginia* (Amherst: Author, 1986), p. 52.]

**WILLIAM RICHARD RAY (1858-1931)**

William Richard RAY, son of Martin D. RAY and Louisa A. CHILES, was born July 1858, in Amherst County, Virginia. He married 19 June 1895, in Amherst County, Laura Morton JONES, daughter of John and Jamsie JONES, of Botetourt County, Virginia. He worked as a merchant at Pedlar Mills for a number of years. He died ca. 1931 and was buried in the St. Luke's Episcopal Church cemetery at Pedlar Mills.

[Marriage Records, Amherst County, VA, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, Virginia, Reel No. 3, p. 26, Microfilmed records, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA; 1900 Census, Amherst County, VA, National Archives and Records Service, T-623, Roll 1699, p. 137, Dwelling 514, Family 519; Mary Frances Boxley, *Gravestone Inscriptions of Amherst County, Virginia* (Amherst: Author, 1986), p. 52.]