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**RUTHERFOORD, KING AND COMPANY RECORD BOOKS**

The collection includes an account book of tobacco sales and purchases for Rutherford , King and Company, 1883-1886. Earlier sales and purchases may be from King, Walker and Company, the predecessor of Rutherford, King and Company. Also included is a letter press copying book, 1886, indicating tobacco sales to localities in Virginia and other states.

**WILLIAM KING, JR.**

William King, Jr., son of William King and Annie Leftwich, was born in Lynchburg, Va., 11 November 1861. He was associated with the tobacco industry, beginning his career as a clerk in a tobacco manufacturing concern. In 1883, he partnered with J. Stewart Walker to form King, Walker, and Company specializing in plug and smoking tobacco. In 1885, he partnered with Alexander H. Rutherford of Amelia County to form Rutherford, King and Company, leaf tobacco dealers. After 1887, William King, Jr. continued in the tobacco business for more than fifty years, serving as manager of the Imperial Tobacco Company, Ltd., and as president of the Lynchburg Tobacco Association. Active in social, church, civic and cultural activities in Lynchburg, William King, Jr. died 31 October 1942 in Lynchburg and is buried in Spring Hill Cemetery.

[Obituary, News, Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 1, 1942 p. 8 col. 7]

**ALEXANDER HAWKSLEY RUTHERFOORD**

Alexander Hawksley Rutherford, son of Thomas Rutherford and Sarah Winston, was born 30 August 1807 in Richmond, Virginia. In 1850, he was a merchant in Richmond, and by 1870, he was owner of a large farm in Amelia County, Va. In 1885, he partnered with William King, Jr., of Lynchburg, to form Rutherford, King and Company. In the Lynchburg city directory for 1885-1886, Rutherford's address is given as Baltimore, Maryland. He died 6 July 1886 in Baltimore, Maryland and is buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Va.

[Virginia Census records, 1850, 1870; City directory (Lynchburg, Va.) 1885-1886; findagrave.com.]