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COLHOUN AND COMPANY ACCOUNT BALANCES

The collection includes account balances (1871) for COLHOUN and Company, which operated Allegheny Springs Hotel, near Shawsville, Montgomery County, Virginia. The company was headed by Charles A. COLHOUN.

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CHARLES A. COLHOUN (1822-aft.1900)

Charles A. COLHOUN was born in Virginia in October 1822. He married, at New Market, 12 January 1848 Jane P. WILLS, daughter of Catlett WILLS and Belinda PETERS, of Nelson County. At the time of his marriage, COLHOUN was said to be "of Baltimore."

By 1850, Charles A. COLHOUN had established himself as a merchant in Nelson County. Between 1850 and 1860, he moved with his family to Montgomery County, where he became proprietor of the hotel at Allegheny Springs. In 1860, he had real estate valued at \$60,000 and a personal estate of \$10,000. By 1870, the real estate value had increased to \$100,000 and COLHOUN's personal estate had increased to \$15,000.

Charles A. COLHOUN continued as proprietor of the Allegheny Springs Hotel for a number of years.

Allegheny Springs was a resort located near Shawsville in Montgomery County. Water from the springs contained "nearly 30 elements" and was "famous for its cure... dyspepsia." The resort included a hotel and 150 cottages, and, at one time, could accommodate 1000 people.

[1850 Census, Nelson County, VA, National Archives and Records Service (hereinafter NARS), M-432, Roll 963, p. 256, Dwelling 526, Family 526; 1860 Census, Montgomery County, VA, NARS, M-653, Roll 1363, p. 598, Dwelling 296, Family 281; 1870 Census, Montgomery County, VA, NARS, M-593, Roll 1664, p. 17, Dwelling 226, Family 235; 1880 Census, Montgomery County, VA, NARS, T-9, Roll 1378, p. 449, Dwelling 246, Family 250; 1900 Census, Montgomery County, VA, NARS, T-623, Roll 1718, p. 18, Dwelling 320, Family 322; Lynchburg Virginian, 24 January 1848, p. 3 col. 4; John Vogt, T. William Kethley, Jr., Nelson County Marriages 1808-1850 (Athens, GA: Iberian, 1985), p. 16; Blanche Hamlett Baldrige, My Virginia Kin (Strawberry Point, Iowa: Press-Journal, 1958), pp. 154-155; Stan Cohen, Historic Springs of the Virginias: A Pictorial History (Charleston, WV: Pictorial Histories Publ., 1981), p. 1. There is some indication that the father of Charles A. Colhoun may be Robert H. Colhoun, listed in the census records of 1860 and 1870. In later census records, the father of Charles A. Colhoun is said to have been born in Ireland or Scotland.]