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WAUGH'S FERRY ACCOUNT BOOKS

The collection includes two account books (1848-1849) listing items purchased, probably from a store at WAUGH's Ferry, rather than accounts of the ferry itself, which operated on the James River. The ferry operated between Amherst County and Bedford County, Virginia.

[BOX 1] Account Book (1848-1849) - I

[BOX 2] Account Book (1848-1849) - II

WAUGH'S FERRY

WAUGH's Ferry was established by an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, passed on 6 January 1807. The act stated "that [a] public [ferry] shall be constantly kept at the following [place], and the rates of passing the same as followeth...from the land of James WAUGH, in the county of Amherst, across Fluvanna [James] River, to the land of Tamerlane William Whiting DAVIES on the opposite shore in the county of Bedford, the price for a man six and one quarter cents, and for an horse the same..." According to one local historian, the "WAUGH's Ferry, east of Snowden, was the most generally used crossing of the James in the southwestern migrations." There is record of a post office at WAUGH's Ferry, Bedford County, from 1829 until 1845.

[Samuel Shepherd, *The Statutes at Large of Virginia*, New Series, Vol. III (Richmond: Shepherd, 1836), pp. 333-334; Alfred Percy, *The Amherst County Story* (Madison Heights, VA: Percy Press, 1961), p. 86; Virginius Cornick Hall, Jr., "Virginia Post Offices, 1798-1859," *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. 81, No. 1 (January, 1973), p. 95.]