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BURFORD FAMILY ACCOUNT BOOKS

The collection includes the account books of Petticus D. BURFORD and of his son, William D. BURFORD, who were undertakers in Amherst County, Virginia. The accounts are records of payments for coffins and burials.

FOLDER 1 Account Book, including Burial Records, Petticus D. Burford, Amherst County (1893-1904, 1906)

FOLDER 2 Account Book, including Burial Records, William D. Burford, Amherst County (1907-1952)

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PETTICUS D. BURFORD (ca.1844/1848-1903)

Petticus D. BURFORD, son of William BURFORD and Elizabeth BOWLING, was born ca. 1844-1848 in Amherst County, Virginia. He married 20 October 1885 Alice T. CARTER, daughter of Richard CARTER and Mary DAWSON of Amherst County. According to his tombstone, BURFORD served in Shoemaker's Company, Virginia Horse Artillery, during the Civil War. He began his undertaking business ca. 1893. He died in 1903 in Amherst County. In his will, he asked that his executor, A. H. TURNER, continue the undertaking business at Monitor in Amherst County, with BURFORD's son, William D. BURFORD, as manager. Petticus D. BURFORD was buried in the BURFORD family cemetery.

["Marriage of William Burford and Elizabeth Bowling," Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst County, Virginia, Court House Miniatures: Marriage Bonds and Returns 1801-1854 (Amherst: Compiler, 1965), p. B-17; 1850 Census, Amherst County, VA, National Archives and Records Service, M-432, Roll 933, p. 104. Petticus D. Burford age 6 years (born ca. 1844); 1900 Census, Amherst County, VA, National Archives and Records Service, T-623, Roll 1699, p. 49. Petticus D. Burford, age 42, born "Jan. 1848"; Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, Virginia, Marriages 1853-1935, Amherst County, VA, Reel No. 3. The marriage record lists Petticus D. Burford as "widowed" but no previous marriage has been located; Mary Frances Boxley, comp., Gravestone Inscriptions of Amherst County, Virginia (Amherst: Compiler, 1985), p. 79; "Will of Petticus D. Burford," Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst County, Virginia, Courthouse Miniatures...Will Books 1761-1919...B Section (Amherst: Compiler, 1962), p. 55, Will Book 24, p. 34, written 15 October 1903, probated 21 December 1903.]

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WILLIAM DUVAL BURFORD (1887-1965)

William Duval BURFORD, son of Petticus D. BURFORD and Alice T. CARTER, was born 17 January 1887, in Amherst County, Virginia. Following his father's death in 1903, he became manager of the undertaking business established by his father in ca. 1893. He married 12 April 1905 in Amherst County Emma C. HUDSON, daughter of Benjamin Franklin HUDSON and Mary A. SCURRY. BURFORD served as a supervisor for the Courthouse District in Amherst County for thirty years and was chairman of the Welfare Board in Amherst for twenty-two years. He died 12 November 1965 and was buried in the Amherst Cemetery.

[Obituary, Amherst New-Era Progress, 11 November 1965, p. 1 col. 5; "Will of Petticus D. Burford," Bailey Fulton Davis, Amherst County, Virginia, Courthouse Miniatures...Will Books 1761-1919...B Section (Amherst: Compiler, 1962), p. 55, Will Book 24, p. 34, written 15 October 1903, probated 21 December 1903; Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, Virginia, Marriages 1853-1935, Reel No. 3; "Marriage of Benjamin Franklin Hudson and Mary A. Scurry," Lynchburg, VA, Marriage Register No. 3, 14 November 1883, p. 23; 1900 Census, Amherst County, VA, National Archives and Records Service, T-623, Roll 1699, p. 199, Connie Hudson, born Nov. 1886, daughter of Frank and Mary A. Hudson; Mary Frances Boxley, comp., Gravestone Inscriptions of Amherst County, Virginia (Amherst: Compiler, 1985), p. 234.]