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BEDFORD ALUM AND IRON SPRINGS COMPANY ACCOUNT BOOK

The account book of the Bedford Alum and Iron Springs Company (1877-1879) includes accounts with the Virginia Savings Bank, including items purchased and the price paid.

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Bedford Alum and Iodine Springs Company was chartered by the General Assembly of Virginia in an act passed 20 March 1877. The purpose of the company was "to purchase and operate the Bedford Alum and Iodine Springs estate in Campbell County, Virginia." With a capital stock of \$100,000, the company planned to acquire lands in Campbell and Bedford counties, not to exceed 500 acres. Plans were also made to "erect buildings for the accommodation and entertainment of visitors." In 1878, the name was changed to the Bedford Alum and Iron Springs Company.

Bedford Alum and Iron Springs operated as a summer resort and was located at New London, on the border between Campbell and Bedford counties, "twelve miles from...Lynchburg...four miles from Forest Depot [Bedford County]...and four miles from Lawyer's Station [Campbell County]."

The waters of the Springs, "known as Aluminous Sulphated Chalybeate," were advertised as having "tonic, alterative, diuretic, astringent, aperient, solvent and anti-periodic properties," and were used in the treatment of "dyspepsia, debility, nervousness, headache, bronchial and cutaneous affections, scrofula, diseases peculiar to women, chronic diarrhea, chills and malaria." "These springs also put up the water in the shape of salts, which [was] sent by mail anywhere."

The property, including hotel buildings, dormitory, billiard hall, ten-pin alley, electric light plant, and a farm of 165.10 acres, with orchards and farm buildings, was auctioned 24 July 1924.

[Acts and Joint Resolutions Passed by the General Assembly of the State of Virginia, 1876-77 (Richmond: F. Walker, 1877), p. 172; Acts and Joint Resolutions Passed by the General Assembly of the State of Virginia, 1877-78 (Richmond: R. F. Walker, 1878), p. 260; "Bedford Alum and Iron Springs, of Virginia, J. W. Younger, Lessee," (N.p.:n.pub, 1885), Mss., PAM1499, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA; "Absolute

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Auction, Bedford Iron and Alum Springs, M. L. Newbill, Proprietor,"
(Lynchburg: Walker, Mosby & Calvert, 1924), Mss., PAM2463, Jones
Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA; "Absolute Auction, Bedford Alum
Springs," Lynchburg News, 22 July 1924, p. 11, col. 6-7; Lynchburg City
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