

C Big Creek Mill, Records, 1867-1902
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INTRODUCTION

The records of the Big Creek Mill contain transaction ledgers for the Big Creek Mill Company near Wright City, Missouri, owned by Charles A. Schroeder. The mill is sometimes referred to as Schroeder's Lumber and Grist Mill.

DONOR INFORMATION

The recorders were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Thomas Caulley on 15 August 2001 (Accession No. 5941).

INSTITUTIONAL SKETCH

The Big Creek Mill, commonly referred to as Schroeder's Mill, was built in 1866 by Ernst Moritz Schroeder on the fork of Big Creek and Coon Creek in Lincoln County, Missouri. It was the first steam powered mill in eastern Missouri and refined both lumber and grains. Ernst sold the mill to his two sons, Charles A. Schroeder and Robert E. Schroeder, in 1876. Charles purchased the mill outright from his brother in 1886 and ran the business with his sons until its closure in 1914. The building was razed in 1941 by the Schroeder family.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

These records contain transaction ledgers for the Big Creek Mill Company. Most of the records show payments owed for goods and services provided by the mill to local residents. Some of the books have fallen apart and are now unbound.

The records also contain miscellaneous documents from the late nineteenth and early twentieth century including blank checks, letter heads, People's Party and Socialist Labor Party election tickets, scratch calculations, and a photographer's business card.

The records have been arranged chronologically by ledger.

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