

ASHER S. WILCOX LEDGERS, 1895-1905

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	2 bound volumes
COLLECTION DATES:	1895-1905
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Asher S. Wilcox (1843-1907) and Thalus M. Wilcox (d. 1900) were born in Washington County, Indiana. Their parents were both natives of Vermont. The brothers were first partners in farming and stock-raising in Bono Township, Lawrence County. In 1887 they moved to Tunnelton, opened a general store, and ran a mill. Both were Democrats. Asher was a Knight of Pythias and a member of the Order of Red Men. He married Ellen Speake and they had three daughters. Thalus first married Susie Huddleston, then Virginia Clark; he had six children.

Sources: *History of Lawrence County*, 1884, p. 342
History of Lawrence and Monroe Counties, 1914, pp. 528-530, 607

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of two ledgers. The first is the contract book of Wilcox Brothers for the years 1895-1905. Contracts are for rent (land and livestock), labor, and timber. Even for the years before Thalus Wilcox's death in 1900, Asher is the only brother mentioned by name.

The second ledger is the daily ledger, 1899-1900, of the partnership of Asher S. Wilcox and A. L. Freed. The accounts are clearly those of a general store, selling groceries, clothing, dry goods, tableware, and tobacco. A note on page 593 states that the partnership, apparently entered into during the last illness of Thalus Wilcox, was terminated on 22 November 1900, with Wilcox buying out Freed for \$40.

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