Information Sheet

Moark Land and Timber Company.
68 Business records, 1898-1903.
Four volumes.

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These are financial records of a timber exploitation and lumber business in the Bootheel section of Missouri. Franklin Johnson Cunningham managed the firm and its headquarters were at Caruthersville in Pemiscot County, Missouri.

These records include the standard accounting books of the period: a ledger (1899-1902), a cash book (1900-1903), a daybook (1900-1902), and a journal (1898-1903). Combined they present a detailed day-to-day and customer-by-customer view of the company’s operations. The firm was a venture of Franklin Johnson Cunningham (b. 1867), a noted entrepreneur in the Bootheel. His other enterprises included a railroad, mercantile trade, and real estate. Moark’s financial affairs appear to have been unorganized until C. F. Bloker was hired as bookkeeper on 9 July 1900.

At the conclusion of the journal volume are ticket sales and other financial records of the Caruthersville Lecture Course Association (1906-1907).

Volume 1: Journal, 22 June 1898--1 April 1903; 250 pages.

This is a chronological listing of transactions, with an occasional explanation for a particular listing. Page references are given to ledger entries. The entry for 9 July 1900 noted that “The Moark Land & Timber Co. employed C. F. Bloker as bookkeeper for their firm at a salary of $50.00 per month, commencing on this day.” Pages 450 through 457 of this volume give the financial records of the Caruthersville Lecture Course Association for 1906-1907.

Volume 2: Ledger, 1899-1902.

In this volume transactions are listed under the name of the vendor or customer, preceded by an alphabetical index.

Volume 3: Cash Book, 16 January 1900--2 March 1903; 61 pages.

This volume lists debits and credits in chronological order, as incurred, with accounts balanced periodically. Debtors and creditors are listed by name and type of goods or services bought or sold.

Volume 4: Daybook, 9 July 1900--17 September 1902; 151 pages.

This volume lists and describes transactions chronologically. The end leaf reads, “Moark Land & Timber Co., F. J. Cunningham Mgr.”
Index Cards

Caruthersville (Mo.)
Caruthersville Lecture Course Association (Caruthersville, Mo.)
Cunningham, Franklin Johnson, b. 1867
Lumber trade—Missouri
Moark Land and Timber Company
Pemiscot County (Mo.)