This is a daybook from the mercantile operation of A. Buford & Son at Ellington in Reynolds County, Missouri, and an addition to records previously microfilmed as WHMC-Rolla collection R688. Entries begin on 20 April 1908 and continue through 29 January 1909. They show purchases of groceries, hardware, and sundries, and payments on account.

Abraham Buford and his son, William C. Buford, were the principals in the firm known as A. Buford & Son. Another son, James H. Buford, was also involved in the family mercantile business that included retail and wholesale operations in Reynolds, Shannon, and Carter counties in southeastern Missouri. Groceries formed the largest part of Buford & Son’s business, but the firm also sold dry goods, clothing, housewares, furniture, tools, and harness.

Entries in the daybook are chronological, beginning on 20 April 1908 and continuing through 29 January 1909. The dates indicate that the daybook was once part of the Buford & Son records microfilmed as WHMC-Rolla collection R688. The entries also bear the same type of numerical references to account books that are no longer extant.