

Ohler and Buchanan Livery Stable Records (MS-9) Guide

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Summary Information

Repository:	Wright State University Libraries, Special Collections and Archives
Creator:	Ohler and Buchanan Livery Stable
Title:	Ohler and Buchanan Livery Stable Records (MS-9)
ID:	MS-9
Date [inclusive]:	1834-1901
Physical Description:	0.21 linear feet
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Ohler & Buchanan Livery Stable Records document daily transactions including sales, expenses, services and customers of a Wapakoneta- St. Mary's, Ohio, livery business in the 19th century.

Preferred Citation

[Description of item, Box number, Folder number], MS-9, Ohler & Buchanan Livery Stable Records, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio.

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History of Ohler & Buchanan Livery Stable

The Ohler and Buchanan Livery Stable operated in the Wapakoneta community as early as 1834 and into the Twentieth Century. On April 12, 1888, the business moved to the owner's farm. The enterprise assumed a new organizational entity as Ohler and Elliott on October 13, 1896. The stable saw two additional locations; St. Mary's in November, 1896, and back to the farm on April 6, 1899, before returning to Wapakoneta on May 4, 1916.

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Scope and Content

The three record books of the Ohler & Buchanan Livery Stable, (1834-1901), reflects the sales, expenses, services, and customers of the local Wapakoneta - St. Mary's business. The oldest records begin with a February 8, 1834 entry detailing debts incurred and noting their payment. The narrative entries are sparse until August, 1837, when the consecutive daily reports increase for longer periods of time, until 1852, providing a typical view of daily transactions for this period. The back of the book includes several recipes for varnishes.

Two additional account books recall a later era in the livery's history including the change of the title and ownership to Ohler and Elliott in 1893. Account books typically provide an alphabetical listing of regular customers and indexes their purchases and use of credit. This record covers the period from May 16, 1893 to August, 1901.

The Team Book records the lease of work teams beginning at the Stable's relocation in St. Mary's in November, 1896, until February, 1900. This document is perhaps the most comprehensible, providing a clearer view of the primary clientele, scope of services delivered, locations serviced, and incomes generated.

In addition to the limited data available to support a study of contrasting periods of the livery business, the records do include lists of local residents and contemporary businesses in Auglaize County which may be helpful to the researcher.

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Statement of Arrangement

Arranged by record type, and chronologically thereunder.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Business records -- Ohio -- Auglaize County -- 19th century
- Wapakoneta (Ohio) -- History -- 19th century
- St. Mary's (Ohio) -- History -- 19th century
- Ohler and Buchanan Livery Stable

Other Finding Aid

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection_guides/guide_files/ms9.pdf. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Day Book - narrative account of intermittent operating Expense and service provided, 1834-1852	Box 1	Folder 1
Account Book - Ledger of accounts receivable for boarding of horses, renting of horse and buggies, etc. Alphabetical index of client accounts., 1893-1901	Box 1	Folder 2
Team Book - accounting of leased and fees generated, 1896-1900	Box 1	Folder 3