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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department
Creator:	Eastern Corporation (Bangor, Me.)
Title:	Eastern Corporation Records
ID:	SpC MS 1487
Date [inclusive]:	1891-2001
Physical Description:	4 boxes
Physical Description:	3,000 technical drawings (approximately 3,000 drawings)
Physical Location:	
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The collection contains records of the Eastern Corporation, a paper manufacturer in Brewer, Maine. The records include administrative files, architectural and mechanical drawings, patents and trademarks, company publications, etc. The records were acquired by Special Collections in 2007 and 2008 from the Maine Folklife Center at the University of Maine. The Folklife Center conducted an oral history project with former employees of the company and in conjunction with that project also collected these related documents which were transferred to the Center in 2006 from Arthur Verow, city clerk in Brewer, Maine.

Preferred Citation

Eastern Corporation Records, SpC MS 1487, [Box No.], [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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Historical Note

The Eastern Corporation owned paper mills in Brewer, Orono, and Lincoln, Maine. The company began as an outgrowth of a lumber business in Brewer that had been owned and operated by Palmer

& Johnson. This business was purchased in the 1880s by Bangor capitalist Fred W. Ayer; the site underwent extensive rebuilding and with the addition of more saws, was for a number of years the largest band sawmill in New England.

In 1889, a sulfite pulp mill was built to use waste products from the sawmill. In 1896, the company, now called the Eastern Manufacturing Company, began to make both chemical wood fiber and rag paper at the site. Over time the emphasis changed to the manufacture of fine business papers with trademarked names such as Atlantic, Volume, Manifest and Pilgrim.

In 1915, the company acquired the Katahdin Pulp and Paper Company of Lincoln, Maine, and in 1930 purchased the Orono Pulp and Paper Company. The Orono site operated through World War II before being shut down. During the 1930s, Eastern Manufacturing had serious financial difficulties, leading to its reorganization in 1939 as the Eastern Corporation. The company's executive offices were in Bangor with sales offices in Boston, New York, Chicago and Atlanta. Its Royal Lace Paper Division, making such things as paper doilies and place mats primarily for use by hotels and restaurants, operated in Brooklyn, and its Lincoln Pulpwood Company maintained operations in Bear River, Nova Scotia.

Eastern Corporation became the Eastern Fine Paper and Pulp Division of Standard Packaging Corporation in 1958. All of the mill facilities except the tissue mill in Lincoln ceased operations in 1968 leading to the loss of some 1400 jobs. However, due to the determination of several long-term Eastern employees, financial assistance was arranged and the mill began operation as Eastern Fine Paper, Inc., in October 1968. In 1969 the company became part of the Eddy Paper Company of Ottawa.

Financial difficulties and competitive pressures from mills in other parts of the United States and abroad led the mill to enter bankruptcy protection in the late 1990s. The mill finally closed in January 2004 and the site was acquired for redevelopment by the city of Brewer.

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Scope and Contents Note

The collection contains administrative files, architectural and mechanical drawings, patent agreements and trademark registration documents, company publications, paper samples, etc. Also included is the company's collection of approximately 3000 plans and drawings of its property, buildings and machinery for its sites in Lincoln, Orono and Brewer. Records of the Madagascal Dam Company, a subsidiary of the Eastern Corporation chartered in 1871 to maintain dams and control water flow on Madagascal Stream in an area adjoining some Eastern Company property, are also contained in the collection.

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Organization and Arrangement

The collection is divided into four series: I. Board of Directors and Stockholders Records; II. Legal Records; III. Executive Records; and IV. Records of Subsidiary Companies.

Series I: Board of Directors and Stockholders Records contains a selection of company annual reports to stockholders, 1928-1967.

Series II: Legal Records includes copies of legal documents; union contracts, 1939-2001; patent agreements, 1927-1957; and trademark registration documents from 1916 through the 1950s, most with the United States or with various Latin American companies.

Series III: Executive Records contains a small group of executive records including company publications, paper samples, company brochures, etc. Also included in this series is the company's collection of approximately 3,000 plans and drawings of its property, buildings and machinery for its sites in Lincoln, Orono and Brewer. The plans range in date from 1895 to 1982. A detailed list of these items is available in the Special Collections Department.

Series IV: Records of Subsidiary Companies includes records of the Madagascal Dam Company, a subsidiary of the Eastern Corporation chartered in 1871 to maintain dams and control water flow on Madagascal Stream in an area adjoining some Eastern Company property. Information to stockholders, vouchers, bills, receipts, correspondence, tax forms and bank statements of the company are found in this series.

The researcher should be aware that photographs received as part of this collection were retained by the Maine Folklife Center and can be viewed by contacting the Center. The Center also houses the recordings and transcripts of the interviews conducted with former Eastern Corporation employees.

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Administrative Information

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Access Restrictions

Kept at Fogler Library's offsite storage facility. One week's notice required for retrieval.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Received from the Maine Folklife Center, University of Maine in 2007-2008.

Use Restrictions

Information on literary rights available in the repository.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Paper industry -- Maine -- Brewer -- History
- Paper mills -- Maine -- Brewer -- History
- Papermaking -- Maine -- Brewer -- Patents
- Eastern Corporation (Bangor, Me.)
- Eastern Manufacturing Company -- History
- Eastern Fine Paper, Inc. -- History
- Madagascal Dam Company -- History

Other Finding Aids

Detailed list of plans and drawings available in the Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department.

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General

Photographs received as part of this collection can be found at the Maine Folklife Center, University of Maine, Orono, Maine.

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