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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections
<b>Creator:</b>	European and North American Railway Company
<b>Title:</b>	European and North American Railway Company Records
<b>ID:</b>	SpC MS 0776
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1868-1893
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1881-1882 (bulk)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 cubic foot (1 box)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The records consist primarily of correspondence and legal documents of the European and North American Railway Company from 1878 to -1882.

### Preferred Citation

European and North American Railway Company Records, SpC MS 0776, [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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## Historical Note

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The collection contains records of the European and North American Railway Company, organized in Bangor, Maine, with track from Bangor to Vanceboro, Maine.

The European and North American Railway Company was chartered by the Maine legislature in 1850 to construct a railroad to an ice free harbor in New Brunswick or Nova Scotia in order to shorten ocean voyages between North America and Europe. The company was incorporated in 1853 with John A. Poor as president. Building plans languished for years but were revived in 1864 when funding was secured. The company received credit of \$1,000,000 from the city of

Bangor to build the line and was also granted rights to timber and land owned by the state of Maine on the Penobscot and St. John Rivers.

In 1864 the European and North American also acquired the rights, roadbed, right of way and all other property of the Penobscot Railroad Company. This railroad had been chartered in 1847 to build a railroad from Bangor to Milford but work had ceased by about 1858. The European and North American continued this work, and the line opened in 1871 in Maine. In 1872 the Maine and New Brunswick divisions were consolidated under one management with a mortgage created to cover all of the property. Financial difficulties led to a default on this mortgage in 1875, with dissolution of the legal association between the Maine and New Brunswick companies in 1876. In that year, the trustees of the Maine division took over its operation, with Hannibal Hamlin and William B. Hayford operating it for several years. In 1880, bondholders organized a new company with the same name, receiving stock in exchange for bonds and coupons in the amount of \$2,000,000. In 1882 the line was leased to the Maine Central Railroad for 999 years; the Maine Central acquired it in 1955.

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## Scope and Contents

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The records consist primarily of correspondence and legal documents of the company, 1878-1882. The correspondence is mainly between Charles Stetson, a Bangor attorney and one of the directors of the company, and William L. Putnam, a Portland attorney prominent as counsel for various railroads. It concerns difficulties encountered in the finances of the company and concentrates on several suits against it, especially those brought by John Greenough, Foster Edwards and Lysander Stone, and Marcus P. Norton. Correspondence with the Boston law firm of Warren & Brandeis involving these cases is also found in the collection.

Also present in the collection are summaries of land holdings and copies of deeds for the company's wood and property which were deeded to major landowners such as Ebenezer S. Coe, David Pingree, William H. McCrillis, and Thomas Egery. A small group of documents concerning the financial state of the company, 1882-1883, ends the collection.

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## Conservation Note

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The collection has been re-housed in acid-free folders and boxes.

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## Administrative Information

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### Use Restrictions

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Railroads -- Maine
- Maine
- Correspondence
- Legal documents
- Stetson, Charles, 1801-1883
- Putnam, William L. (William LeBaron), 1835-1918
- Coe, Eben S., 1814-1899
- McCrillis, William H., 1813-1889
- Pingree, David, 1841-
- Egery, Thomas

## Collection Inventory

<b>Contents of Box</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Documents, correspondence, etc. from Greenough case, January 1878-1882, undated <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 1-4
Documents from Simon G Jerrard case, 1879 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 5
Documents, 1880 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 6
Correspondence, January 1881-June 1884 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 7-9
Documents, correspondence, etc. from Norton case (Warren and Brandeis), 1884-1888 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 9a-11b
Newspaper clippings re Marcus Norton, 1884-1885 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 11c
Documents, correspondence, etc. concerning railroad bonds, 1889 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 12
Correspondence, etc. with Maine Central Railroad, 1887-1919 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 13-14
Listing of land transfers, 1868-1882 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 15
Summary of properties, 1882 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 16
Abstract of records, Somerset County Registry of Deeds, December 13, 1883 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 17
Notice: Auction sale of timber lands, May 1, 1882 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 18
Copies of deeds, 1879-January 1884	Box 1	Folder 19-20

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Copies of deeds, June 1893

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Memos about bonds, 1882-1883

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Folder 22

Language of the Material: English.

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Statements of earnings and expenses, 1880-1882

Box 1

Folder 23

Language of the Material: English.

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Inventory of property, October 1, 1882

Box 1

Folder 24

Language of the Material: English.

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Account of supplies received, December 12, 1882

Box 1

Folder 25

Language of the Material: English.

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Bills and accounts, 1872, 1882, undated

Box 1

Folder 26

Language of the Material: English.

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