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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections
Creator:	Webber family
Title:	Webber Family Papers
ID:	SpC MS 0619
Date [inclusive]:	1895-1976
Date [bulk]:	1909-1960 (bulk)
Physical Description:	4.2 linear feet (ledgers)
Physical Description:	41 folio items (maps)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Ledgers and maps of the timberland business owned by several generations of the Webber family of Bangor, Maine.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

John Prescott Webber, born in 1832 in New Portland, Maine, began the Webber family business interests. After establishing general stores in Ripley, Exeter, and East Corinth, Mr. Webber moved to Bangor in 1864 and established a land ownership and lumbering business. He eventually owned land in Somerset, Piscataquis, Penobscot, Aroostook, Hancock and Washington Counties and operated mills in Lincoln and Alton.

John Webber's two sons, Charles Prescott and Franklin R., continued in the land and lumbering business, also owning the firm of C.P. and F.R. Webber, mill owners and dealers in short lumber and lumbering supplies. Charles P. Webber was born in 1853 in Ripley, Maine, and

Franklin R. Webber was born in East Corinth, Maine, in 1854. Charles P. Webber studied at Hebron Academy and a Minneapolis business college. When he returned to Maine, he went into business with his brother in Oakfield, Maine, until the 1870s when they moved to Lincoln to operate a sawmill and conduct their lumbering operations. They also owned a general store there. Franklin R. moved to Minnesota after being in business with his brother for a few years. There he successfully invested in timberlands, moving to Boston only a few years before his death in 1949.

About 1880, Charles P. Webber moved to Bangor and opened a wholesale grocery store; he operated this store until about 1892 when he began to work full-time in his timberland and lumbering operations. In 1909 he moved to Brookline, Massachusetts, to manage the family's business interests in Boston. He died in 1940.

His son, Charles J. Webber, born in 1881, was the third generation to manage the family's timberlands, entering the business in 1905 and remaining there until his death in 1961. His son, G. Peirce Webber, began management of the Webber Timberlands in 1933, becoming the fourth generation of the family in the land and lumbering business.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains ledgers and maps of the timberland business owned by several generations of the Webber family. The ledgers include primarily correspondence and financial information. The maps provide information about the family's land holdings in northern Maine.

The ledgers are arranged by the company function they represent: executive, financial and production. The collection begins with copies of outgoing correspondence, 1955-1960, from G. Peirce Webber; much of it concerns acknowledgments of rent received for campsites on Webber land. Copies of deeds, permits, etc., follow, along with a scrapbook of newspaper clippings, 1903-1907, concerning land and lumbering.

The journals, 1928-1965, which make up a large part of the collection often list C.J. Webber as agent, presumably acting for other members of the Webber family in the management of their land holdings. C.P. Webber, Franklin R. Webber, R.B. Webber, M.P. Heald, C.J. Webber, T. Roscoe Webber, Anne W. Chase and Lucy R. Webber are all mentioned in various volumes. One of the journals records information about the estate of Charles P. Webber.

The maps are arranged chronologically with a section of undated maps at the end. Some of the maps were compiled by Charles P. Webber.

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Conservation Note

The maps have been flattened and rehoused in acid-free folders.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Forest landowners -- Maine
- Lumbering -- Maine
- Ledgers (Account books)
- Maps
- Correspondence
- Financial records
- Clippings
- Cashbooks

- Journals (accounts)
- Webber, Charles J., 1881-1961
- Webber, Franklin R., 1854-1949
- Webber, Charles P. (Charles Prescott), 1853-1940

Collection Inventory

Ledgers

Title/Description	Instances
Correspondence, outgoing, 1955-1960 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	volume 1
Correspondence, outgoing, 1960 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	volume 2
[Land] abstract book <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	volume 3
Copies of deeds, Charles P. Webber <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	volume 4
C.P. Webber, January 1, 1897, Kingman record <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	volume 5
Town orders, meadows, permits, 1928-1939 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	volume 6
Stacyville, undated <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	volume 7
Scrapbook of newspaper clippings concerning land and lumbering, 1903-1907 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	volume 8
Cashbook, 1909-1928 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	volume 9-11
Journals, 1928-1965 [18 volumes] <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	volume 12-29
Journal, trustees for Lucy R. Webber, 1929-1950 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	volume 30
Journal, MPH [M.P. Heald?], CJW as joint tenants, 1928-1946 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	volume 31
Journal MPH, CJW as joint tenants, 1946-1954	volume 32

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Language of the Material: English.

Journal, estate of Charles P. Webber, 1940-1953 volume 33

Language of the Material: English.

Journal, Ralph B. Webber, Jr., and G. Peirce Webber as joint tenants, 1959-1963 volume 34

Language of the Material: English.

Journal, Ralph B. Webber, Jr. and C.J. Webber, 1954-1959 volume 35

Language of the Material: English.

Ledger, C.P. Webber, January 5, 1897 - 1912 volume 36

Language of the Material: English.

Ledger, C.J. Webber, January 17, 1912 - 1920 volume 37

Language of the Material: English.

Stumpage, 1896-1937 volume

Language of the Material: English.

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Maps

Title/Description	Instances
This plan represents township numbered four in the eighth range of townships west from the east line of the state of Maine ... Zebulon Bradley (vellum copy of original map), November 19, 1839 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	map 1
Plan of part of lot 72 in N 1/2 of Stacyville (marked "Return to C.P. Webber"), 1895 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	map 2
Plan of a part of Waterville College Township; plan given to C.P. Webber by Jas. Milliken in summer, 1903 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	map 3
T4, R7, W.E.L.S., Penobscot Co., R.M. Nason, timberland engineer, 1905 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	map 4
S.E. part, Woodville Plt., West Indian Township, survey of Noah Barker, AD 1835 [map copied July 1908] <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	map 5
Hersey, Moro Plantation, T6, R5, W.E.L.S., December 19, 1910	map 6

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<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Alton, compiled by C.P. Webber, 1899, 1920	map 7
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Map of I.R. 7, A.R. 7, East Hopkins, January, 1935 (copied CWP)	map 8
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Map 8 R 4, Danforth, 8 R 3, Kossuth (7 R 2), copied, February 1935, CWP	map 9
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Map of Alton, Hudson, LaGrange, February 1935, CWP	map 10
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Plan of Hersey, Crystal, Sherman, Benedicta, Silver Ridge, February 1935, CWP	map 11
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Town of Prentiss, February 1935, CWP	map 12
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Map of Argyle, March 1935, CWP	map 13
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Map of 4 R 8, March, 1935, CWP	map 14
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Plan of 5 R 7, 4 R 7, Patten, March 1935, CWP	map 15
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Great Northern Paper Company Woodlands Department. Township 3, Range 12, Piscataquis County, Survey W.E.L.S., March 3, 1955	map 16
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
T 6 ND, Eastern Pulp Wood Company Forestry Dept., Washington County, drawn by D. Clinch, January 9, 1956	map 17
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Grand Lake Stream, Eastern Pulp Wood Company Forestry Dept., Washington County, drawn by D. Clinch, January 24, 1956	map 18
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Maine minor civil divisions, towns and townships, land ownership map legend and key, 1958	map 19
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Maine minor civil divisions, towns and cities, land ownership map key, 1962	map 20

Language of the Material: English.

Penobscot Development Company, Great Works, Maine, Bradley and Clifton, Penobscot County, Webber lands as mapped and estimated during, August 1965

map 21

Language of the Material: English.

LaGrange, east part of Webber land, Nov. 1965; Edinburg, area west of Hemlock St., Penobscot Development Co., November 1965

map 22

Language of the Material: English.

Webber timberlands, Cyr Plantation, Aroostook County, October 1972

map 23

Language of the Material: English.

Section 1 of plan showing portion of upper Cold Stream Ponds for Webber Timberlands, Lincoln, Penobscot County, Maine, September 7, 1974

map 24

Language of the Material: English.

Proposed 1976 spruce budworm spray area, state of Maine, 1976

map 25

Language of the Material: English.

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Undated maps

Language of the Material: English.

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Map of Aroostook County, Maine, published by J.H. Stuart and Co. <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	map 26
Map of Franklin County, Maine, published by J.H. Stuart and Co. <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	map 27
Map of Oxford County, Maine, published by J.H. Stuart and Co. <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	map 28
Map of Penobscot County, Maine published by J.H. Stuart and Co. <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	map 29
Map of Piscataquis County, Maine, published by J.H. Stuart and Co.	map 30

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Language of the Material: English.

Map of Somerset County, Maine, published by J.H. Stuart and Co. map 31

Language of the Material: English.

Map of Washington County, Maine, published by J.H. Stuart and Co. map 32

Language of the Material: English.

Amity, G.P. Webber et al. and St. Croix Pulpwood Co. map 33

Language of the Material: English.

Bradford, Tp. No. 1, R. 5, N.W.P. map 34

Language of the Material: English.

Clifton, Webber land, Penobscot Development Co. map 35

Language of the Material: English.

Haynesville, G.P. Webber et al. map 36

Language of the Material: English.

Lincoln, Maine, Webber et. al., CWP map 37

Language of the Material: English.

Map of Webber land map 38

Language of the Material: English.

N.W. 1/4 Amherst, Webber, Penobscot Development Co. map 39

Language of the Material: English.

G.P. Webber et al. and St. Croix Pulpwood Co. map 40

Language of the Material: English.

Plan of part of town of Chester by Frank Babcock map 41

Language of the Material: English.

Index of land ownerships, January 1962, plantations and organized towns map 42

Language of the Material: English.

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