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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department
Creator:	Engel, William, 1850-1909
Title:	William Engel Papers
ID:	SpC MS 0168
Date [inclusive]:	1902-1914
Date [bulk]:	1904-1912 (bulk)
Physical Description:	17 boxes (17 cubic feet)
Physical Location:	
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The collection contains records of William Engel's timberlands business and of the firm of Lowell & Engel.

Preferred Citation

William Engel Papers, SpC MS 0168, [Box No.], [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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Biographical Note

The collection contains the business records of William Engel and his partner and successor, Waldo P. Lowell.

William Engel was born in Germany in 1850 and came to Bangor, Maine, at age sixteen. He began work as a dealer in dry goods and notions, traveling throughout the eastern part of Maine. He soon attracted the attention of the dry goods firm of S. and J. Adams and was hired by them as a traveling salesman. Engel worked for this firm for eighteen years, traveling through towns in Penobscot, Piscataquis and Aroostook Counties. Following that, he worked for three years for Wheelwright and Clark. All during this time, Engel also invested in timberlands, foreseeing the economic opportunity that the Maine woods would later provide. By 1887, he had formed the firm of Stratton, Gilman & Engel, with I.F. Stratton and Frank Gilman as partners. Gradually the demands of this increasingly successful business led to Engel's

devoting full time to his logging and land interests. Mr. Stratton died in 1891 and Mr. Gilman in 1893; Engel then assumed the operation of the entire business. Later the firm name was changed to William Engel & Co.

The firm became very successful and began to manufacture lumber as well. This operation was kept completely separate from the timberlands business, a policy that Mr. Engel followed throughout his business life. The first mill operated by the firm was at Webster, properties being acquired there in 1887. In 1895, Mr. Engel formed a stock company and built a shoo and planing mill at Great Works under the name Wing & Engel Co. In 1898 he formed a partnership with Waldo P. Lowell of Bangor under the name Lowell & Engel. A mill was leased at Great Works and later the Hodgkins and Hall mill in East Hampden was purchased and remodeled. Waldo Lowell had general supervision and management of this mill and was regarded as an expert in his field. For a while the Lowell & Engel mills and lumbering operations employed over 1,000 men.

William Engel was also active in politics, serving as a member of the Bangor City Council in 1886 and in the Maine House of Representatives in 1887 and 1889. He was a member of the Maine Senate in 1895 and 1897, and in 1902 was elected mayor of Bangor. In 1896, he campaigned extensively in Maine and Michigan for William McKinley in his first run for the presidency.

William Engel died in 1909. The firm of Lowell & Engel was dissolved in 1912. After the dissolution of the firm, Waldo Lowell organized a lumber mill near Fredericton, New Brunswick, and in 1915 became general manager of the Martinon Lumber Company, a position he kept until his death in 1923.

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Scope and Contents of the Records

The collection contains records of William Engel's timberlands business and of the firm of Lowell and Engel. The records are mainly from the logging and lumbering operations carried on by Lowell and Engel in the years after William Engel's death in 1909.

The major part of the collection contains bills and receipts to Engel's companies. Those from 1902-1908 are primarily bills for insurance, taxes, etc., on Engel's many land holdings. The bills and receipts from 1909 on are from the logging and lumbering side of the business and focus on supplies and equipment needed for the various logging camps.

The remainder of the papers contains information about the company's logging operations, including permits and agreements, 1904-1908; stumpage and survey reports, 1902-1911; and tallies of lumber surveyed and rafted, 1910-1911. A small amount of sales information is included in the collection, as well as accounts of Lowell and Engel payroll, 1911-1912, and payroll vouchers, 1913-1914.

A folder of obituaries and Bangor city directory listings for William Engel is included at the end of the collection for the convenience of the user.

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Conservation Note

The collection has been re-housed in acid-free folders and boxes. Documents have been surface cleaned as needed and metal fasteners removed.

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Provenance

The payroll and log records of the Lowell & Engel Company were a gift of Mr. Dwight Demeritt, 1995.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Business, Industry, Economics
- Forestry
- Logging -- Maine
- United States -- Maine -- Penobscot County -- Bangor
- Business records
- Payrolls
- Log records
- Engel, William, 1850-1909
- Lowell, Waldo P.
- Lowell & Engel Company

Collection Inventory

Papers of William Engel

Title/Description	Instances
Bankbooks, Wm. Engel real estate, 1904-1907	box 1
	Folder 1
Trial balance sheets, seasons, 1909-1912	box 1
	Folder 2
Bills and receipts, 1902-1909	box 1
	Folder 3-10
Estate of William Engel: bank statements, etc.	box 1
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Records of William Engel & Co.

Financial records

Title/Description	Instances
Check registers, Merrill Trust Co., July, 1911-May, 1917	box 1 Folder 12-16
Check register, Merrill Trust Co., June-October, 1917	box 2 Folder 1
Cancelled checks, Merrill Trust Co. [samples]	box 2 Folder 2
Bankbooks, Merrill Trust Co., 1912-1913, 1916	box 2 Folder 3
Check registers, Merchants National Bank, August, 1912-April 1, 1916	box 2 Folder 4-7
Cancelled checks, Merchants National Bank, 1916-1918	box 2 Folder 8-9
Bankbooks, Merchants National Bank, 1912-1914	box 2 Folder 10
Check register, Second National Bank, Mar., March, 1912-July 2, 1913	box 2 Folder 11
Bankbook and cancelled checks, Second National Bank, 1912-1914	box 2 Folder 12
Check registers, Eastern Trust & Banking Co., 1910-1911	box 2 Folder 13
Miscellaneous bank statements	box 2 Folder 14

Bills and receipts

Title/Description	Instances
Vouchers: C.W. Livermore, 1905-1906	box 2 Folder 15
List of vouchers, Bowerbank operation, 1909-1910	box 2 Folder 16
Vouchers: Bowerbank operation, voucher #1-150, 1909-1910	box 2

	Folder 17-19
Vouchers: Bowerbank operation, voucher #151-1036, 1909-1910	box 3 Folder 1-12
Vouchers: peavey log hauler, Bowerbank operation, 1911	box 3 Folder 13
Payroll vouchers: Bowerbank operation, 1911	box 3 Folder 14
Vouchers: Lorenzo Littlefield, voucher #1-131, 1909-1910	box 3 Folder 15-18
Vouchers: Lorenzo Littlefield, voucher #1-100, 1910-1911	box 3 Folder 19-20
Vouchers: Lorenzo Littlefield, voucher #101-185, 1911	box 4 Folder 1-2
Vouchers: Piscataquis drive, voucher #1-155, 1910	box 4 Folder 3-6
List of vouchers, W.C. Runnels, 1909-1910	box 4 Folder 7
Vouchers: W.C. Runnels, voucher #1-101, 1909-1910	box 4 Folder 8-14
Freight and other bills, E.S. Atwood & Co., 1910-1911	box 4 Folder 15
Vouchers: E.S. Atwood & Co., voucher #1-47, 1910-1911	box 4 Folder 16
Bills and receipts of Ira Carpenter and others, 1910-1911	box 4 Folder 17-18
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Horse account: vouchers, etc., 1910-1913	box 4 Folder 20
Receipt book: D.A. McLeod labor account, 1910	box 4 Folder 21
Items removed from receipt book, 1910	box 4

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Receipt book: D.A. McLeod labor account, 1911	box 5
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Items removed from receipt book, 1911	box 5
	Folder 4
Receipt book: D.A. McLeod, 1910-1911	box 5
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Receipt book: D.A. McLeod labor account, 1910-1911	box 5
	Folder 6
Items removed from receipt book, 1910-1911	box 5
	Folder 7
Receipt book: D.A. McLeod, 1911	box 5
	Folder 8
Receipts: D.A. McLeod and J.M. McNulty, Bowerbank operation, 1910-1911	box 5
	Folder 9
Vouchers: D.A. McLeod, Piscataquis drive, 1911	box 5
	Folder 10-13
Miscellaneous vouchers and receipts, 1910-1912	box 5
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Bills and receipts of Getchell Bros., Hayes and Hawks Camps, 1911	box 5
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List of vouchers: C.E. Rackliff, 1911	box 5
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Vouchers: C.E. Rackliff, voucher #1-132, 1911	box 5
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Vouchers: Orono barn, 1914	box 6
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Vouchers: J. Frank Davis, Backaway drive, 1912-1913	box 6
	Folder 8
Vouchers: Backaway drive, 1913	box 6
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Vouchers: Rake Head Notch, 1912-1914	box 6
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Miscellaneous bills and receipts, 1913	box 6
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Bills from Penobscot Lumbering Assoc. for boorage, etc., 1913	box 6
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Vouchers: Jas. B. Laws, 1913-1914	box 6
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Vouchers: Cross Two Notch expense account, 1914	box 6
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Vouchers: lumber expenses, voucher #1-128, 1913	box 7
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Vouchers: lumber expenses, Stillwater, voucher #1-114, 1913	box 7
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Vouchers: lumber expenses, Hampden and Stillwater, 1913	box 8

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Vouchers: lumber expenses, Hampden, voucher #1-50, 1914	box 8
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Vouchers: office expenses, 1912-1914	box 8
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Lumbering Records

Title/Description	Instances
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	Folder 23
Stumpage, survey reports, 1902-1905	box 8
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Stumpage, survey reports, 1906-1909, 1911	box 9
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scale cards, T. no. 7, Range 11, S.J. Bussell, 1903-1904	box 9
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Scale bills, C.W. Livermore, 1906	box 9
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Scale bills, J.H. Laing, 1913	box 9
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Records of Lowell & Engel

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Bangor boom account, 1909	box 12 Folder 1
Logs purchased from J.M. McNulty, 1909	box 12 Folder 2
Account sales for season, 1909	box 10 Folder 3
Logs a/c to show pieces on hand at mill, East Hampden, 1911	box 12 Folder 4
Account sales of lumber, 1911	box 10 Folder 5
Account of sale of lumber to Eastern Manufacturing Co., 1911	box 10

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Miscellaneous Engel family papers

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Vouchers: S. & R. Engel, 1913-1914	box 10
	Folder 15-16
Vouchers: R.W. Engel special, 1914	box 10
	Folder 17
Vouchers: S.E. Ross special, 1914	box 10
	Folder 18
Rachel and Sylvia Engel: miscellaneous bank statements	box 10
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Obituaries and Bangor city directory listings for William Engel	box 10
	Folder 20
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Artifacts

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Five wooden storage crates, 1909-1910, 1913-1915	object 13-17

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