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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections
Creator:	Androscoggin and Kennebec Rail-Road Company
Title:	Androscoggin and Kennebec Railroad Company Records
ID:	SpC MS 0019
Date [inclusive]:	1847-1870
Date [bulk]:	1850-1856 (bulk)
Physical Description:	1 cubic foot (2 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Primarily records of the treasurer's office of the Waterville, Maine, railroad company.

Preferred Citation

Androscoggin and Kennebec Railroad Company Records, SpC MS 0019, [Box No.], [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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Historical Note

The collection contains records from the treasurer's office of the Androscoggin and Kennebec Railroad Company of Waterville, Maine.

The company was chartered in 1845 and organized in 1847. It had 13 directors, with Timothy Boutelle serving as the first president and Edwin Noyes as treasurer. The stock in the company was owned almost entirely by people from Maine; earnings were always disappointing and the stock never paid a dividend. The line was planned to run from near Lewiston, Maine to Waterville, and was to be built in three section, all to be completed by July 1849. It was to intersect with the Atlantic and St. Lawrence, running from Portland to Montreal, at Danville Junction. The estimated cost of the line was set at \$1,000,000 but final costs were close to \$2,000,000. The section from Danville Junction to Lewiston opened in December, 1848; that to Winthrop in July, 1849; and the final section to Waterville in December 1849, for a total of 55 miles of track.

The company chose to install a broad gauge track, which led to difficulties in connecting to other narrow gauge railroads being built at the same time, especially the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad running to Bangor. This railroad, planned to run from the Kennebec River to Bangor, had been chartered in the same year as the Androscoggin and Kennebec. The railroad opened to Bangor in 1855 and in 1856 was leased to the Androscoggin and Kennebec, which operated it until 1862.

In 1862, the directors of the Androscoggin and Kennebec and the Penobscot and Kennebec agreed to consolidate under the name of Maine Central Railroad Company.

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Scope and Contents

The collection consists primarily of records of the treasurer's office of the railroad. Especially represented are records of Isaac Redington, treasurer in the early 1850's, and S. Stark, treasurer in 1854 and 1855.

The collection contains legal documents, 1850-1858, mostly writs of attachment and a few deeds. A small group of Maine Central Railroad writs, 1866-1870, is also included. These are followed by folders with information about company stocks, notes, and other financial dealings, 1849-1856. The largest section of the collection is made up of bills and receipts, 1849-1856, paid by the company's treasurer. These include payment for time spent working on railroad stations, clearing the roadway, surveying, etc.; for supplies needed to operate and maintain the line; and for wood cut for use of the railroad.

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Restrictions on Access

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

Immediate Source of Acquisition

These records came to the Special Collections Department, Raymond H. Fogler Library, University of Maine as a gift in 1974.

Processing Information

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

Restrictions on Use

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Controlled Access Headings

- Railroads -- Maine
- Business records
- Bills of sale
- Receipts (Financial records)
- Legal documents
- Stock certificates
- Androscoggin County (Me.)
- Kennebec County (Me.)
- Redington, Isacc
- Stark, S.

Collection Inventory

Contents of Boxes

Title/Description	Instances	
Charter and bylaws, 1845-1847	box 1	folder 1
Legal documents, 1850-1852	box 1	folder 2
Legal documents, 1853-1858	box 1	folder 3
Maine Central Railroad writs of attachment, 1866-1870	box 1	folder 4

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Stocks, notes and other financial information, 1849-1854	box 1	folder 5-6
William Willis in a/c with A and K Railroad, 1853-1854	box 1	folder 7
Stocks, notes and other financial information, 1855-1856, undated	box 1	folder 8
Bills and receipts, 1849-1854	box 1	folder 9-17
Payroll receipts, 1853-1854	box 2	folder 1
Bills and receipts, 1855/1856	box 2	folder 2-4
Miscellaneous bills and receipts, undated	box 2	folder 5

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