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Summary Information

Repository: Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections  
Creator: Black & Brothers  
Title: Black & Brothers Records  
ID: SpC MS 0055  
Date [inclusive]: 1839-1916  
Date [bulk]: 1839-1859 (bulk)  
Physical Description: 1 box  
Physical Description: 9 ledgers  
Language of the Material: English  
Abstract: Collection contains business records of Black & Brothers, a dry goods business in Ellsworth, Maine.

Preferred Citation

Black & Brothers Records, SpC MS 0055, [Folder No.] or [Ledger No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

Historical Note

Black & Brothers, also known as Black & Company and Black & Sons, was a dry goods business owned by John Black and his sons William H. Black and Alexander B. Black. The Black family was prominent in Ellsworth, Maine, with John Black serving as agent for landowner William Bingham as well as owning the store and a lumber business. His sons were involved with him in the businesses and assumed control of them after his death in 1856.
Scope and Contents

Collection contains business records of Black & Brothers, Ellsworth, Maine.Primarily records of Alexander B. Black, they include bills, receipts, account books, orders, etc. for the family dry goods business. Also included are a few records of the lumber business in which the Black family was involved as well as receipts, ship's papers and correspondence for the schooner Ariel. A few bills and receipts of Mary J. Black, Alexander Black's wife, are also found in the collection.

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Use Restrictions

Information on literary rights available in the repository.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

The user of this collection may also want to consult the Black Papers (Microfilm B5665), filmed in the 1970s by the Maine State Archives; the microfilm is available at Fogler Library.
Controlled Access Headings

- Ellsworth (Me.) -- Commerce
- Ellsworth (Me.) -- History
- Business enterprises -- Maine -- Ellsworth
- Dry-goods -- Maine -- Ellsworth
- Lumbering -- Maine -- Ellsworth
- Merchants -- Maine -- Ellsworth
- Shipping -- Maine
- Black, Alexander B., 1816-
- Black, Mary J.
- Black family
- Ariel (Schooner)

Collection Inventory

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### Ledgers

- Memo books, Alexander B. Black, 1844-1847, 1850, 1855-1858, undated
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- Memo books, Alexander B. Black, 1844-1847, 1850, 1855-1858, undated
  box 1  folder 10

- Bills, settled, 1857, 1858
  box 1  folder 11

- Boston bills, settled, 1857
  box 1  folder 12

- Receipts, lists of goods and men, 1857-1858
  box 1  folder 13

- Bills of men, unsettled, 1857-1858
  box 1  folder 14

- Receipts, 1859
  box 1  folder 15

- Bills, settled, 1859
  box 1  folder 16

- Boston bills, spring, 1859
  box 1  folder 17

- Checks of Veazie bank, 1859
  box 1  folder 18

- Receipts, letters, etc. Schooner Ariel, 1850s-1880s
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