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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department
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
Physical Location:	
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	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.

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

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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.

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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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Access Restrictions

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

Use Restrictions

Information on literary rights available in the repository.

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Related Materials

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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.

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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 & Brothers
- Black, Alexander B., 1816-
- Black, Mary J.
- Black family
- Ariel (Schooner)

Collection Inventory

Business records	
Title/Description	Instances
Memo books, Alexander B. Black, 1844-1847, 1850, 1855-1858, undated	box 1 folder 1
Memo books, Alexander B. Black, 1844-1847, 1850, 1855-1858, undated	box 1 folder 2
Memo books, Alexander B. Black, 1844-1847, 1850, 1855-1858, undated	box 1

	folder 3
Memo books, Alexander B. Black, 1844-1847, 1850, 1855-1858, undated	box 1 folder 4
Memo books, Alexander B. Black, 1844-1847, 1850, 1855-1858, undated	box 1 folder 5
Memo books, Alexander B. Black, 1844-1847, 1850, 1855-1858, undated	box 1 folder 6
Memo books, Alexander B. Black, 1844-1847, 1850, 1855-1858, undated	box 1 folder 7
Memo books, Alexander B. Black, 1844-1847, 1850, 1855-1858, undated	box 1 folder 8
Memo books, Alexander B. Black, 1844-1847, 1850, 1855-1858, undated	box 1 folder 9
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

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Lumber business

Title/Description	Instances
Sundry bills of sawing, 1857	box 1
	folder 19
Papers relating to Woodward's lumber, 1857	box 1
	folder 20
Papers relating to log driving, 1858	box 1
	folder 21
Account sales, lumber, etc., 1858	box 1
	folder 22

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Miscellaneous

Title/Description	Instances
Receipts, letters, etc. Schooner Ariel, 1850s-1880s	box 1
	folder 23
Receipts, letters, etc. Schooner Ariel, 1850s-1880s	box 1
	folder 24
Bills and receipts, Mary J. Black, 1868-1881	box 1
	folder 25
Prospectus: West Orange, New Jersey, Water Company, from office of H.M. Payson Co., bankers, Portland, Maine, 1916	box 1
	folder 26

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Ledgers

Title/Description	Instances
Account book, Alex B. Black Co. inscribed opposite title page, August 17, 1839?	volume 1
Account book, volume 1, June 1, 1840	volume 2
Account book, volume 2, June 1, 1840	volume 3
Account book, Alex B. Black Co. inscribed on p. 3, January 1, 1841	volume 4

Account book, This book belongs to Black Brothers of Ellsworth inscribed on p. 1, December 15, 1853?	volume 5
Account book, Messrs. Black Brothers inscribed on p. 1, June 10, 1857	volume 6
Account book, May 1, 1858	volume 7
Account book, November 22, 1858	volume 8
Account book, June 10, 1859	volume 9

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