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Summary Information

Repository: Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department
Creator: Tracy, Herbert E., 1853-1923
Title: Herbert E. Tracy Boat Shop Records
ID: SpC MS 0506
Date [inclusive]: 1896-1916
Date [bulk]: 1899-1913 (bulk)
Physical Description: 1 cubic feet (1 box)
Physical Location: 
Language of the Material: English

Abstract: The collection contains financial records of a boat shop and dock owned by Herbert E. Tracy in Winter Harbor, Maine. The collection contains five volumes of records. Tracy records expenses for services he provided to boats in his yard, including repairs, refittings, berth rentals, towing charges, wharf accounts, and sales of all kinds of nautical supplies. One of the volumes, listed as a memo book, contains town financial records for Winter Harbor for 1896, as well as a list of names and addresses of yacht and ship owners who used Tracy's services.

Preferred Citation

Herbert E. Tracy Boat Shop Records, SpC MS 0506, [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

Historical Note

Herbert Tracy was born in Winter Harbor in 1853, the son of Leonard B. Tracy and Martha C. Stover Tracy. Tracy had been a master of ocean-going vessels before establishing his boat business, first in Bar Harbor and then in Winter Harbor. There he owned a fleet of small boats, including a gasoline-powered launch, which he made available to summer residents of the area. His letterhead lists his business as

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"steam and sail yachts, sail or rowboats and canoes to let, yachts of all sizes housed in winter, licensed pilots furnished, yachts put in commission, wharf and boat builder, and house painting." During World War I, answering a call for men with seagoing experience, he was put in charge of a schooner patrolling the Frenchman Bay area. At the age of 63, he thus became the oldest person in Maine to enter military service. After a year he was assigned as a construction officer at Bar Harbor and then was assigned to a radio station on Mount Desert Island where he served until he was discharged in 1920. He then returned to his business in Winter Harbor. He died in 1923.

Scope and Content Note

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Use Restrictions

Information on literary rights available in the Library.

Controlled Access Headings

- Winter Harbor (Me.)
- Boats and boating -- Maine -- Winter Harbor -- Maintenance and repairs
- Boats and boating -- Maine -- Winter Harbor -- Equipment and supplies
- Yachts -- Maine -- Winter Harbor
- Ledgers (Account books)
- Daybooks
- Financial records
- Tracy, Herbert E., 1853-1923

Other Finding Aids

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