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Summary Information

Repository: Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department
Creator: E. Plummer and Sons
Title: E. Plummer and Sons Records
ID: SpC MS 0413
Date [inclusive]: 1898-1937
Date [bulk]: 1911-1937 (bulk)
Physical Description: 11 ledgers
Physical Location:
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: The collection consists of four unidentified volumes. By their dates, it is assumed that they mostly concern the firm of E. Plummer and Sons, incorporated in 1901.

Preferred Citation

E. Plummer and Sons Records, SpC MS 0413, [Ledger No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

Biographical Note

The collection contains business records of Edward Plummer and his sons. Edward Plummer was born in Durham, Maine, in 1830. He moved to Lisbon Falls, Maine, as a young man and was involved in several enterprises there. In 1849 he bought a sawmill in Lisbon Falls and operated it until 1862 when he sold it to the Worumbo Mill Company, a woolen manufacturer. He also served on the Board of Directors of Worumbo. In 1861, he purchased land which comprised the water-power on Ten-Mile Falls. He served as agent of the Androscoggin Water Power Company, incorporated in 1867 with capital stock of $50,000. The company owned and operated a sawmill and gristmill which did custom grinding of cornmeal and other products. Plummer was involved in log driving on the Androscoggin River and was
active in encouraging the development of railroads in the Lisbon Falls area, especially the extension of
the Portland and Buckfield Railroad. He also served as a representative to the Maine Legislature.

Edward Plummer died in 1900. He had two sons, Harry E. (1872-1940) and Walter E. Plummer (died
1944). Harry was superintendent of the Androscoggin Water Power Company, which was succeeded
by E. Plummer and Sons Company, incorporated in 1901. This company built a new steam-powered
sawmill in Lisbon Falls in 1907. Walter E. Plummer was assistant treasurer and clerk at Worumbo until
his retirement in 1942.

Scope and Contents

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concern the firm of E. Plummer and Sons, incorporated in 1901.

The daybook, 1898-1904, gives an account of amounts of corn, meal, flour, oats, bran, etc., ground
for various customers. The cashbook, sales book and time book concern the sawmill and lumberyard.
The sales book lists shingles, clapboards, laths and lumber as products, and the weekly time book gives
employee names, time worked and rates of pay.

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Restrictions on Access

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Unknown.

Use Restrictions

Information on literary rights available in the Library.

Controlled Access Headings

- Sawmills -- Maine -- Lisbon Falls
- Gristmills -- Maine -- Lisbon Falls
- Lumber-yards -- Maine -- Lisbon Falls
- Lisbon Falls (Me.)
- Ledgers (Account books)
- Daybooks
- Cashbooks
- Sales records
- Time books
- E. Plummer and Sons
- Plummer, Edward, 1830-1900
- Plummer, Harry E., 1872-1940
- Plummer, Walter E., -1944

Collection Inventory

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Ledger 3

Time book (Sawmill and lumber yard), 1911-1919

Folder
Ledger 4

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