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Overview:
The George J. Mitchell Department of Special Collections & Archives at Bowdoin College is an integral part of the Bowdoin College Library and an active partner in the educational work of the college. The department preserves and makes accessible the 45,000 volumes of rare books, 5,000 lin. ft. of manuscripts and college archives, 25,000 photographs, 500 historical maps, and related materials that comprise our holdings. The business records housed in Special Collections cover many types of businesses: medical, retail stores, publishing, shipping, etc. Dating from the late eighteenth through early twentieth centuries, some runs last for only a few months or years; others cover the lives of the businesses. Business records can be found in various manuscript collections; for example, there are unrelated seventeenth- to nineteenth-century receipts, notes, and bills of lading in the Howell Document Collection, and some brief information on the founding of Florida’s Ocala and Silver Springs Railroad in the Chamberlain Collection. See: http://library.bowdoin.edu/arch/subject/business.shtml for descriptions of business records.
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Collections:
The Special Collections Department was established in 1970 as a repository for Maine-related material. Virtually all available printed bibliographical, historical, and descriptive works on the state as well as literary titles by Maine authors are housed in this department. Books, pamphlets, state documents, and other forms of printed material provide extensive coverage of Maine’s cities, towns, counties, and its people and institutions. These printed resources are complemented by a substantial body of original source materials. While the collections are largely Maine-related, some material pertaining to broader subject areas, such as maritime history, can also be found in the department.

Noteworthy collections:
- Eliot Farmers Union, Eliot, Maine, Records (1915–1950). 7 lin. ft. Invoices, account books, orders and records of a general store. Includes records of the customers, the companies they did business with and the type of goods sold.
Papers relating to the logging industry in Maine and the Great Northern Paper Company. Included are items concerned with harvesting, stumpage, and logging operations, also correspondence with Great Northern’s President, Garret Schenck.

  Ledgers, accounts, and other business records of Deer Isle Granite Company and John L. Goss Corporation, and personal and family papers of the Goss and Torrey families.

  Business and financial records of a Gardiner and Augusta based shoe company. Includes records of the Emerson Shoe Company.

  Records of a marine hardware firm.

  A collection of catalogs, pamphlets, and brochures concerning equipment for logging, lumbering, saw milling, and log grading.


  Association was formed in 1937 and dissolved in 1969. Included are financial records, memberships, and records of milk production, prices, and marketing, as well as a complete run of the Association newsletter, “Northern Milk Producer.”

  Catalogs, brochures, price lists, and advertising sheets, of manufacturers and industries in Maine.

- Stetson Family Papers (1800–early 1900s). Ca. 60 lin. ft.
  Papers of a prominent Bangor family with interests in the ice trade, shipbuilding, slate industry, and lumber trade.

  Publisher. Correspondence, manuscripts and printers galleys, publicity items, and other records of Bond Wheelwright Company, a publishing firm in Freeport, ME, which Wheelwright owned.

  Now called BPW Maine, the club is a federation of the national organization Business and Professional Women/USA. BPW/USA, founded in 1919 as the National Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, was established as the first...
organization to focus on issues of importance to working women. The state federation holds annual board meetings and conventions; its Futurama Foundation carries on a scholarship program as well as the Maine Women’s Hall of Fame and other development projects. The Federation’s publications include its newsletter called first The Pine Cone, then BPW Brevities, and now BPW Maine Business Women.

Portland, ME

76. Maine Historical Society

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Finding aids: in house; NUCMC

Overview:
The Maine Historical Society preserves the heritage and history of Maine: the stories of Maine people, the traditions of Maine communities, and the record of Maine’s place in a changing world. Because an understanding of the past is vital to a healthy and progressive society, we collect, care for, and exhibit historical treasures; facilitate research into family, local, state, and national history; provide education programs that make history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable; and empower others to preserve and interpret the history of their communities and our state. Total volume: 5052 lin. ft. of books; 5523 lin.
ft. of manuscripts; 360 flat file drawers from 1550–2009, especially nineteenth century. Books include typical early (est. 1822) state historical society collection, inc. North American, US, state, county and local history; genealogy; nineteenth-century biography and belles lettres; decorative arts and architecture; printed maps and atlases; pamphlets and ephemera. Manuscripts include the correspondence and papers of Maine individuals, organizations, businesses, towns, etc.; architectural and engineering drawings, 150,000 images of Maine people and locations; maps.

**Noteworthy collections:**
- Pejepscot Proprietors; Kennebec Purchase Papers; Portland Company engineering drawings