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Overview:
Collections focus on Northwest history and culture. Strengths include children’s literature, popular fiction, intentional communities, women in society, and important institutions and personalities of the Northwest.

Noteworthy collections:

  Records of Pacific Northwest logging and lumber companies in which Baker, Fentress had financial interest. Files are largely correspondence relative to management. Major companies represented are Algoma Lumber Co., Kirk, OR, 1929–1941; Carlisle Lumber Co., Onalaska, WA, 1922–1940; Coeur d’Alene Pine Co., Coeur d’Alene, ID, 1924–1942; Great Northern Lumber Co., Leavenworth, WA, 1914–1942.

- Gardiner Mill Company, Gardiner, OR (1864–1881).

- Patrick Lumber Company, Portland, OR (1915–1956). 25 v. Sales books, wholesale lumber company. Additional timber and conservation information and finding aids may be found at: http://libweb.uoregon.edu/speccoll/guides/forest.html
- John Commingers Ainsworth Papers. 24 lin. ft. John Commingers Ainsworth (1822–1893) was the major founder of the Oregon Steam Navigation (OSN) Co., the most powerful transportation monopoly in the Pacific Northwest. Ainsworth was also involved in a number of other ventures, including the Northern Pacific Railroad (NPRR) and various gold, silver, and coal-mining operations. Ainsworth’s diaries, autobiography, personal correspondence, and the business records of the Oregon Central Railroad, Oregon Steam Navigation Company, Northern Pacific Railroad Co., and various mining, building and shipping enterprises.

Additional information on collections related to mining may be found at: http://libweb.uoregon.edu/speccoll/guides/mines.html

Information on railroad companies of the Pacific Northwest may be found at: http://libweb.uoregon.edu/speccoll/guides/railroad.html

Information on television and motion picture industry collections may be found at: http://libweb.uoregon.edu/speccoll/guides/tv.html
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Overview:
The Research Library contains documentation of all aspects of the history of Oregon and the former Oregon County. Formats include manuscripts, photographic materials, printed books, ephemera, maps, motion pictures, videotapes, and audio recordings. Three-dimensional artifact collections are administered separately by the society’s museum.

Noteworthy collections:
• Business Collection (Mss 1510) (ca. 1830–present). 50 cu. ft.
  An artificial collection created by the Oregon Historical Society from a variety of sources. Consists primarily of ephemera, such as advertising materials, catalogs, calling cards, postcards, pen blotters, illustrated letterheads, scrapbooks, brochures, flyers, and other publications. Also included is a small amount of unique manuscript material, primarily financial records and business correspondence. The collection documents business enterprises of all kinds, primarily in Oregon and Portland, but also in Washington State and throughout the United States. The bulk of the materials date from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, with the greatest concentration in the 1910s and 1920s. Some materials from more recent years are included, most notably a large selection of seed and nursery catalogs from Oregon firms. Among the department store materials are catalogs and advertising from two large Portland stores, Meier & Frank and Lipman, Wolfe & Co.
Of particular interest in the section “Construction Industry” are a number of pattern-book house catalogs from builders, including those from the Portland firms Roberts & Roberts and Wood Structures, Inc. A large group of hardware, machinery, and tool catalogs is included, with several items from the Portland firm Haseltine & Co. Also of note is a large collection of hotel related items, primarily from Portland establishments (restaurant menus, however, have been removed to a separate collection designated Mss 2942). Among the original manuscript materials is a ledger from the Smith Brothers general store in Andrews, OR; and two invoice books from the Portland general merchandise firm of T. J. Nealond Co. In general, the collection provides a rich source for research in the history of design, advertising, technology, printing, and other subjects relating to U.S. social history.

- **Union Pacific Railroad Company Records (Mss 299) (1890–1960).** 300 cu. ft.

- **Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company Records (Mss 1700) (1886–1975).** 75 cu. ft.
  Records of a lumber company of central Oregon. Includes financial records, correspondence, reports, land ownership records, and records relating to all aspects of logging practice.

- **Paris Woolen Mills records (Mss 6024) (1911–1990).** 92 cu. ft.
  Records of a small woolen mill located in Stayton, OR, which operated from the late nineteenth to the late twentieth centuries and produced primarily blankets and clothing fabrics. Most materials in the collection date from the 1950s through the 1970s and include extensive correspondence files, financial records, and detailed production records. Most of the materials were created by mill owner John W. Etzel and his son Elmer Etzel. A group of fabric samples are also included.
  Records of a manufacturing company specializing in steam engines for logging operations. Includes extensive files of scale drawings and specifications for company products.

  Records of the principle bank of Portland, OR, in the mid to late nineteenth century. Includes ledgers, correspondence, and papers of William Sargaent Ladd.