

Emporium Lumber Co., 1883-1971

The records consist of Accounts, legal papers, Correspondence files, maps & blueprints and related materials of the Emporium Lumber Company which was incorporated in 1892. The Company was founded by William L. Sykes & William Caflisch and operated mills at Keating Summit, Galetton, and Austin, Penna. and Danby, Vt. There were sales offices in Buffalo, Utica, New York City, New York and Boston, Mass. For a time, the Emporium Lumber Co. was the largest hardwood company in Penna., shipping to consumers on the east coast. The company was dissolved in 1971.

The Emporium Forestry Company was founded by W.L. Sykes and incorporated in 1912 in the state of New York. The Forestry Company handled New York operations until 1950, when it sold its property and merged with the Emporium Lumber Company. They operated mills at Conifer and Cranberry Lake and owned the Grasse River Railroad which functioned as a common carrier railroad and logging road.

The Emporium Lumber Company was controlled by the Sykes family until its dissolution in 1971. The actual lumbering operation ceased around 1918 and was moved to the Emporium Forestry Company. The Emporium Lumber Co. then leased their properties for gas & oil rights and lumbering operations by other companies.

The records include an account book, orders & correspondence of the firm of Sykes & Caflisch (1883-1892), which preceded the Emporium Lumber Company. The correspondence files provide a wealth of information regarding all aspects of the lumbering industry and includes some references to the Emporium Forestry Company. The legal papers include a great deal of material on land acquisitions, oil & gas leases, lumbering and property leases, etc. There is also correspondence dealing with Sykes family holdings and interests in other areas such as the Embreeville Timber Company (Tennessee).

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A. Accounts, 1883-1971

10 Cartons, 5 loose vols.

	<u>Carton</u>	<u>Folders</u>
<u>Accounts, 1883-1971</u>		
Journal, 1949-59 1 vol.	1	1
<u>Ledgers, 1903-50</u>		
Ledger C, June 1903 - Sept. 1906 1 vol.	2	
Lumber Shipments, 1905-12 Loose Vol.		
1906-09 1 vol.		1
General Ledger, Transfer, Sept. 1906-22 1 vol.		
1906-40, A - K 1 vol.	3	
1906-40, L - Z 1 vol.	4	
1906-50 1 vol.		2
1919-40 1 vol.		2
Operating Ledger, Galetton, 1914-50 1 vol.		2
Operating Ledger, Transfer, 1914-46 1 vol.		3
Operating Ledger, Transfer, 1914-46	5	2
<u>Account Books, 1883-1971</u>		
Sykes & Caflisch, 1883-1900 1 vol.		1
1892-1901 1 vol.		
1900-03 1 vol.		1
1904-07 1 vol.		
1905-10 1 vol.		1
1907-12 1 vol.		
1938-46 1 vol.		1
1913-34 (Board feet of Logs Milled) 1 vol.		1
Accounts Receivable, Rents & Trade, Cranberry Lake, 1950-71 1 vol.		1
Bank Book, Keating Summit, 1901-06 1 vol.		1
Cash Book, Galetton, 1923 1 vol.		1
Check Record Book, Oct. 1914 - March 1920 Loose Vol.		
Check Record Book, April 1920 - July 1950 Loose Vol.		
Check Stubs, 1913-24 2 vols.		1
1936-61 1 vol.		1
<u>General Accounts, 1889-91, 1897-1955, 1958-59, 1962, n.d.</u>		
1889-91, 1897-1910		10
1911-15 (part) (Freight Rates, N.Y.C. R.R., 1912-13)	6	19
1915 (end)-1918 (part)	7	15
1918 (end)-1945	8	22
1945-55, 1958-59, 1962, n.d. (Grace Ann Walker Estate, 1950-54)	9	11
Insurance Register, 1950		1
Insurance Schedule		1
Lumber Shipment Book, June 1916 - March 1923 Loose Vol.		
Mortgage Payment Book, Rutland, Vt., 1906-26 Loose Vol.		
Promissory Notes, 1891-1911, 1930		1
Rent Book, 1942-50 1 vol.		1
<u>Taxes, 1903-64</u>		
Tax Record, 1908-64 1 vol.		1
New York Corporation Tax Bureau, Corporation Franchise Tax, 1921-24, 1951-57[		1
New York Dept. of Labor, Unemployment Insurance Contributions, 1939-56		2
Pa. Capital Stock & Loan Tax, Corporate Income Tax, 1905-12, 1919-42		4
1943-64		2

	<u>Carton</u>	<u>Folders</u>
Pa. Dept. of Internal Affairs; Bureau of Statistics, 1923-36	10	1
Pa. Dept. of Labor & Industry, Unemployment Insurance Contributions, 1937-56	(end)	2
Pa. Property Taxes, 1903-61		9
Pa. Taxes, 1923-24, 1933, 1938-53		1
U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Capital Stock Tax, 1919-26, 1933-45		1
U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Corporate Income Tax Returns, 1917-23, 1948-62		1
U.S. Internal Revenue Service, F.I.C.A. Withholding Tax, 1936-55		3
Time Books, 1914, 1918 2 vols.		1

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B. Legal Papers, 1892-1968, n.d.

	2 Cartons,	
	<u>Carton</u>	<u>Folders</u>
<u>Legal Papers, 1892-1968, n.d.</u>		
Incorporation Papers (copies) 1892	1	
Histories, n.d.		1
Deeds and Agreements, 1892-1916		21
1917-68, n.d.	2	8
Briefs, Vermont Lands in Winhall, Glastenburry, Dorset & Sunderland, n.d.	(End)	1
Board of Directors Meetings, 1904, 1911-13, 1916		11
Stockholders Meetings, 1909, 1913-40, n.d.		6
Foremans Meetings, 1911-17		1
Boiler Inspections, 1911-20		3

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C. General Correspondence, 1883, 1897-1970

	<u>36 cartons</u>	
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<u>General Correspondence, 1883, 1897-1970</u>		
<u>Sykes &amp; Caflich Company, Benzinger, Elk Co., 1883, 1897-99</u>	1	
1883, 1897-99		2
<u>Buffalo, N.Y., Sales &amp; Branch Office, 1897-1913</u>		
1897-1899 (Inc: 4 LettersPress folders)		20
1899-1907	2	18
1907-1908	3	13
1908	4	12
1908-1909	5	10
1909-1910	6	11
1910-1911	7	10
1911-1912	8	10
1912	9	9
1912	10	10
1912-1913	11	6
<u>Keating Summit, Pa., Main Office, 1897-1914</u>		
1897-1908	12	15
1908-1910	13	12
1911-1912	14	12
1912	15	10
1913-1914	16	8
<u>Galeton, Pa., Main Office, 1899-1917</u>		
1899-1905	17	20
1905-1906	18	14
1906-1909	19	17
1909-1915	20	14
1915-1916	21	11
1916-1917	22	11
1917	23	14
1917	24	8
<u>Faust, N.Y., Main Office, 1911-1912</u>		
1911-1912	25	8
<u>Conifer, N.Y., Main Office, 1913-1949</u>		
1912-1915	26	7
1913-1918 (Inc. Emporium Forestry Co.)	27	15
1919-1920	28	13
1920-1923	29	14
1924-1929	30	14

	<u>Carton</u>	<u>Folders</u>
<u>Conifer, N.Y. (Cont'd.)</u>		
1930-1939	31	14
1939-1942	32	15
1943-1949	33	15
<u>Utica, N.Y., General Office, 1921-1923</u>		
1921-1923	34	5
<u>Cranberry Lake, N.Y., Main Office, 1950-1970, n.d.</u>		
1950-1954	35	12
1954-1957	35	14
1957-1970, n.d.	36	18
	(end)	

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D. Maps and Blueprints, 1903-61, n.d.

	<u>Carton</u>	<u>Folders</u>	<u>Rolls</u>
		<u>1 carton, 4 rolls</u>	
<u>Maps &amp; Blueprints, 1903-61, n.d.</u>	L		
Plans of Mill at Galeton, 1911-15	(end)	1	
Plans of Mill at Keating Summit, 1903			
Planing Mill & Storage Shed, March	K1		
Dry Kiln Plan	March	K2	
Planing Mill, Lower Floor	March	K3	
Planing Mill, Upper Floor	March	K4	
Whip Butt Factory & Sheds	March	K5	
Floor Plan	April	K6	
Building	April	K7	
Docks	April	K8	
Dry Sheds & Mill Extension	April	K9	
Floor Plans, Filing Room, Machine			
Machine Shop, Engine Room,			
Boiler House	April	K10	1
Plans of Mill at Keating Summit, 1909		1	
Maps Showing Lands in New York, 1903, n.d.		1	
Warrant Map of Pierrepont Twp., New York, n.d.			1
Maps Showing Lands in Penna., 1903-08, 1926, 1956, n.d.		5	
Warrant Map of Southern Potter Co., Pa., 1909			1
Maps Showing Lands in Vermont, 1907, 1917, 1932, 1936			
1940, n.d.		1	
Maps Pertaining to Gas & oil Lands in Penna., 1929,			
1938, n.d.		1	
Warrant Map of Gas Field & Pipeline, Pa., n.d.			1
Geological Survey Structure-Contour Maps of Penna.,			
1951, 1954, 1961		2	
Topographic Maps of Penna.		1	
Goodyear Lumber Company's Tram Roads, 1906, 1909		1	
— Buffalo & Susquehanna Rail Road Track Plans, Nos. 33-55		3	
Documents concerning B. & S. R.R. Right of Way		11	
Maps of Embree Iron Co. Lands in Tenn., 1921, n.d.		1	
Embreeville Timber Co., Embree Iron Co., Maps,			
1935-36, 1938, n.d.		1	
Maps of Embreeville Timber Co. Lands in Tenn.,			
1906, 1920, 1935, n.d.		1	
Cherokee National Forest Maps (Embreeville Timber Co.			
Lands) 1927, 1938		1	
Machinery		2	
Miscellaneous		1	
Photographs		1	