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A Guide to the William McEwan Coal Company Collection

Collection Summary

Collection Title: William McEwan Coal Company Collection

Call Number: MG 192

Creator: Edward McEwan

Inclusive Dates: 1863-1972

Bulk Dates: 1905-1955

Abstract: The collection contains letters, financial statements, audit reports, minute books, certificates, ledgers from 1906-1920, stock certificate books from 1905-1938, stock ledgers from 1905-1971, and photographs all pertaining to the McEwan Coal Company.

Quantity: 4 Boxes, 2 framed panoramic photographs in third floor storage: Albany 1869 harbor area Coal and Wood Yard Delavan House; and Photograph 1912 by Stephan Schreiber Jr. Dock of Hudson River Day Line, Eastern States Refrigerator Co., The Embossing Company, and Albany Yacht Club.

Administrative Information

Custodial History: Items donated by Edward McEwan, great-great grandson of company founder William McEwan.

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Index Term

Persons

McEwan, William
McEwan, James B.
McEwan, John S. JR.
Pierce, Edward W.
Young, Arthur D.
Converse, Melville S.
Fairchild, Frederick S.
Deming, Dudley
Hart, Nikolas Dela
Taylor, John C.
McEwan, Henry G.
Van Dew Kar, Paul
Lynch, Matthew J.
Pierce, Winslow C.
McEwan, Alex M.
Stedman, Charles S.
McGrail, Thomas H.
McEwan Pruyn, F
McEwan Pruyn, Isabel
Smith, H.
Mosher, H.A.
Wilson, C.V.
McGrum, Leslie M.
McEwan, Margaret R.
Selkirk, F.E.
McEwan, James Lauder
Wheeler, Jane C.
Leslie, H.W.
Morton, W.G
Blackburn, J.T.D.
Eisele, J.G.
Vernoy, E.M.
Williams, D.F.
Gilmour, A.
Booth, R.M.
Suck, Adolph
Murray, J.J.

McCabe, Peter
Havens, Morton Jr.
Schreiber, Stephan Jr.

Organizations

McEwan Coal Company
Night Line Service
Hudson Coal Company
Delavan House
C.W. Claflin & Co.
M.S. Converse & Co.
F.N. Sill Company
International Motor Company
Feeney & Sheehan
Fairbanks Company
Blakeslee Lumber Company
Lyness & Malone
Exeter Machine Company
Thomas Stevens & Sons
Delaware & Hudson Company
Dexter Hunter Lumber
C.W. Hunt Company
Raymond M Booth Contractor
Michael F. Dollard Contractor

Subjects

Coal - Industry
Hudson River – NY (State)
Rail Road – NY (State)

Places

Albany, NY
Boston, MA

Document Types

Letters, Photographs, Ledgers, Books, Certificates, Stock Certificates

Titles

None

History of

The Wm McEwan Coal Company was founded in 1863 by William McEwan and Frederick S. Fairchild. The company was originally named McEwan and Fairchild with Frederick S. Fairchild and Dudley Deming as partners in the venture. As of 1867 the company was known only as Wm McEwan Coal Co. The business was located at 107

Clinton Ave in Albany, NY until 1866 when it moved to 26 Clinton Ave, where it remained until the company was sold to Exzee Co. Inc in 1971/1972. The Wm McEwan Coal Company became incorporated in 1905 in order to be a part of the stock market. William McEwan died in 1908 and James B. McEwan became president of the company, while Alex M. McEwan became temporary director of the company for the rest of that year.

William McEwan was the son of John McEwan who was born in Kippen, Scotland in 1813. William McEwan was one of eight children, and some of his family was involved with his Coal Company.

Scope and Contents of the Collection

The majority of materials within this collection consist of various business letters, annual reports, minute books from trustee meetings, stock certificate ledgers, stock transfer ledgers, photographs of downtown Albany and the McEwan Coal Co.

Organization of the Collection

Related Material

MG 159 McEwan Family Collection – family genealogy tracing back to John McEwan, father of William McEwan (Coal Co.) and Walter McEwan (Coffee Co.)

Separated Materials

None

Other Finding Aids

None

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Box #	Folder #	Item #. Title / Description
		Photograph of Hudson Coal Company Cruise and Clambake Sept 5th, 1951
		Photograph of Wm. McEwan Coal Co. 26 Clinton Ave

		Photograph of downtown Albany Night Line Service and Wm. McEwan Coal Co.
		Photograph of Albany 1869 harbor area Coal and Wood Yard Delavan House
		Photograph 1912 by Stephan Schreiber Jr. Dock of Hudson River Day Line, Eastern States Refrigerator Co., The Embossing Company, and Albany Yacht Club.
1		Minute Book 11/19/1905 - 1924
1		Ledger 4/1918-4/1920
1		Brown Folder of Annual Reports and Business Letters 1913 - 1920, Property Map 1931
1		Brown Folder of bids and receipts
2		Minute Book 4/1921 – 12/1940
2		Minute Book 4/17/1941 - 12/21/1955
2		Minute Book 3/15/1956 - 3/30/1971
		-Certificate of Amendment Oct 19, 1971 Name Change
		-Corporate Dissolution or Liquidation Form
3		Stock Certificates Book 1905 - 1910
3		Stock Certificates Book 1911 - 1920
3		Stock Certificates Book 1920 - 1922
3		Stock Certificates Book 1923 - 1924
3		Stock Certificates Book 1924 - 1938
3		Transfer Stock Ledger 1905 - 1971
3		Transfer Stock Ledger 1911 - 1917
4	1	List of office equipment for 26 Clinton Ave and 176 Sheridan Ave office locations
4	1	Letter to Nickolas Dela Hart about McEwan Coal taking over Patroon Fuels Inc. May 24, 1965
4	1	March 31, 1971 Wm. McEwan Coal Co. financial statements
4	1	Dec 31, 1971 Wm. McEwan Coal Co. financial Statements
4	1	June 30, 1971 Wm. McEwan Coal Co. Audit Report
4		Ledger 4/1906 - 3/1917