
Guide to the Elk River Mill and Lumber Company Records, [1884-1933]

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Abstract: Records for one of the early sawmill operations in Humboldt County. Included are cash books, journals, ledgers, timebooks, letter books, invoices, receipts, cargo records, inventories, price lists, etc.

Languages Represented: English

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Mr. Winfield Wrigley. Courtesy of Professor Emanuel Fritz. June, 1956.

Scope and Content

The Elk River Mill and Lumber Company was founded sometime in the 1860's by Noah Falk. The company remained under the control of the Falk Family, a prominent one in Eureka, until at least 1915. Sometime after this ownership passed to J. R. Hanify & Co. of San Francisco. The company operated continuously until the depression when it shut down until either 1937 or 1938 when it again opened for about a year at the end of which time the cutting rights of the timber were sold. The land itself is still owned by the Elk River Mill and Lumber Company. It was one of the oldest mills, but is only considered to have been of moderate size. According to Prof. Fritz the great value of the collection of records given to Bancroft lies in their completeness and the fact that they go back to such an early date. The company operated its own railroad and some of its locomotives are preserved as historic relics in the General Grant Museum in Eureka. The company records were given to BL by Winfield Wrigley a former manager of the mill.

(All above information provided by Prof. Emanuel Fritz)

volume Vols. 1-2 **Cash Books (1884-1920)**

volume Vols. 3-5 **Journals (1884-1920)**

volume Vols. 6-8 **Ledgers (1884-1920)**

volume Vols. 9-14 **Timebooks (Mill) (1888-1914)**

volume Vols. 15-17 **Timebooks (Woods) (1903-1920)**

volume Vols. 18-20 **Lumber Sales (1902-1933)**

volume Vols. 21-23 **Letter Books (1904-1916)**

Physical Description: (Letter press copy)

volume Vols. 35-38 **Voices (1904-1908)**

volume Vol. 39 **Receipts (1906-1919)**

volume Vols. 40-43 **Day Book Blotter (1904-1923)**

volume Vol. 45 **Employee Blotter (1914-1920)**

Additional Note

Duplication of part of volume 43.

volume Vol. 46 **Expense Segregation (1914-1920)**

volume Vols. 47-50 **Cargo Records (1915-1921)**

volume Vols. 49-56 **Journals (Blotters of Employees Accounts) (1902-1912)**

volume Vols. 64-70 **Miscellaneous Indexes**

volume Vols. 71-76 **Inventories (1910-1916)**

volume Vol. 74 **Price Lists**