

Business Ledgers Collection, 1723-1909 Ledgers, Account Books, and Day Books

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Volume: 149 Bound Ledgers

- Abstract:** The Business Ledger Collection contains ledgers, account books, day books and other miscellaneous business ledgers concerning companies and notable businessmen from the town of Beverly and the surrounding communities. All of the ledgers date from 1723-1909.
- Provenance:** The Business Ledgers Collection is a number of ledgers, account, and day books, many of which of were donated to the Beverly Historical Society from the Estate of Robert Rantoul Endicott in 1915.
- Conservation:** All items are placed in acid-free folders.
- Copyright:** Request for permission to publish material from the collection must be submitted in writing to the Curator of Collections in the Cabot House of the Beverly Historical Society & Museum.

Historical Sketch:

This collection features many ledgers, account, and day books that feature notable business individuals and companies that defined Beverly and the Massachusetts North Shore. These records span from the Colonial period until the beginning of the 20th century. The earliest dated ledger was compiled in 1723 and the latest item dates to 1909. Thus, the collection is broad in its chronological scope. This collection features ledgers that document the work of prominent businesses and individuals including Dr. Ingalls Kittredge and Beverly businessman Robert Rantoul Endicott. One of the highlights of this collection is the Beverly Marine Insurance Company material. Most of the ledgers content focuses on the daily account and expenditures of the business or individual that the ledgers document.

The following are some background details of some of the individuals documented in this collection:

Several ledgers in the collection are from the work of Robert Rantoul Endicott. He was born in 1823 and became both a politician and a businessman. His titles include his position as state representative and a member of the board of selectman. He served as the president of the Savings Bank; director of the Beverly National Bank; and president of the Beverly Board of Trade. Solon Lovett is another businessman who owned a shoe factory which supplied shoe manufacturers both locally and throughout New England. Charles Pickett served on the town water board as the Superintendent of the Beverly water supply. The Honorable John I. Baker was an individual who was heavily involved in the town affairs of Beverly. He served as Town Clerk from 1836-1856, with many of those years also being a member of the board of selectman. He later became the first mayor of Beverly. Lieutenant Colonel C. L. Dodge served in the Eighth Regiment during the Civil War and later was elected to the state legislature in the House of Representatives. Horace P. Woodbury was the oldest established grocer in the town of Beverly for many years and was a long-time member of the chamber of commerce.

Scope and Content:

This collection contains a variety of business records including account book, ledgers and day books. The total number of manuals in the collection is one-hundred and forty-nine. The collection is split into three series based on the type of volume.

Since the two main types of volumes in this collection are Ledgers and Account Books, those are the names of the first two series respectively. The third series is a compilation of the remaining volumes including day books, diaries, journals, indexes and genealogies. Under each series, each item has its own line listing.

Processor's Note:

The materials are stored in the vault where each manual is wrapped in card stock and some were additionally wrapped in rubber bands or twine. They are organized on shelves by letter and number. They are not at all arranged chronologically or by subject. Many of the ledgers are dated, and there are several where a date is not listed. Several of the ledgers are in various degrees of disrepair where the pages are very brittle and the bindings have disintegrated or started to rot.

There are three series based on the general types of ledgers found in the collection. Each ledger has its own line entry under the appropriate series heading.

Series List:

Series I:	Ledgers
Series II:	Account Book
Series III:	Day Books and Other Manuals

Content List:

Series I: Ledgers

Content	Unit-Shelf-Folder	Date
List of Names	10-E05	n.d.
Unknown	10-E20	n.d.
D and E Ledgers	10-C24	n.d.
Index of Stockholders	10-D13	n.d.
Beverly Marine Insurance	10-D19	n.d.
Hale, Robert	10-F09	1723
Unidentified Ledger-General Merchandise	10-B11	1768-1773
Seaward, Lee	10-E19	1774-1791
Ledger	10-C31	1775-1780
Ledger	10-C30	1780
Batchelder, J.	10-F01	1785-1786
Munsey Store	10-F17	1789-1830
Lovett	10-F08	1791-1798
Unidentified – Schooner Servicing	10-F03	1793-1836
Lovett, John	10-B01	1796-1803
Unknown Ledger	10-F22	1800-1816
Lovett, John	10-A15	1803-1805

Vickery, Captain Knott	10-F18	1805-1812
Comstock, Samuel	10-E22	1807
Pickett R. & J.	10-E17	1808-1846
Beverly Marine Insurance – Stockholders	10-D15	1809-1838
Beverly Marine Insurance Company	10-D14	1809
Salem Marine Society	10-D18	1809-1896
Baker, Joseph	10-E06	1809-1814
Larcom, Benjamin	10-A17	1811-1818
Unknown	10-E16	1813-1821
Stephens Jr., Thomas	10-C05	1814-1815
Unknown	10-F24	1817-1819
Writs, Book of	10-A04	1819-1857
Pickett & Edwards	10-D07	1821-1833
Rollins, Elijah	10-A13	1823-1829
Pickett, B.	10-D04	1828-1831
Ledger	10-E04	1831
Woodberry, Elliott	10-F19	1832-1858
Ledger & Account Book	10-E03	1834
Ledger - Cash, Merchandise	10-D03	1834
Boston Sales Book	10-A02	1834-1885
Burke, Thomas	10-A03	1834-1842
Boston Ledger	10-D17	1836-1838
Bigelow – Boots & Shoes	10-B23	1836-1837
Ledger	10-D16	1836-1838
Boston	10-E07	1836-1838
Kittredge, Ingalls – Clients, Payments etc.	10-B19	1836-1852
Rogers, Patterson	10-F14	1836-1838
Davenport, James – Brief Account	10-E18	1836-1838
Ledger – Unknown Owner	10-D01	1837-1839
Rogers, Patterson – Blacksmith	10-B12	1838
Ledger	10-B08	1841
South Boston – Day Labor Records	10-C29	1841
Unidentified	10-F23	1841
South Boston	10-C13	1841
Kemp, Francis A. - Groceries	10-B06	1841
Goodwin, Robert – Schooners, Provisions	10-E15	1842-1872
Unidentified Ledger	10-A14	1846-1847
Essex County Mining & Trading Company	10-E01	1849-1850
Rantoul, Robert S.	10-F02	1856-1864
Delaney, Thomas	10-D10	1857
Ledger	10- E02	1864-1866
Conant-Cranshaw	10-E12	1865
Eagle Hill Coal Company	10-D19	1865
Beverly Eagle Coal Company	10-D12	1865
Clark, Elizabeth	10-C25	1865-1867

Endicott, Robert R.	10-D09	1868
Baker, J.T. – Commissioners	10-F16	1868
Ledger – Customer Index	10-D06	1869-1879
Ledger	10-D05	1869-1872
Endicott, William	10-C26	1869-1876
Unknown Ledger	10-E09	1872-1876
Foster, Joseph E.	10-C23	1874-1884
Unknown Ledger – General Groceries	10-E23	1877
Blacksmith – Customers Account	10-C19	1885-1888
Fire Underwriters	10-D11	1893
Roberts, Fred	10-B20	1896-1911
Unidentified	10-A16	1898-1903
Endicott, Robert R. – Salem Five	10-B09	1904
Unidentified	10-F04	1909-1911
Unidentified	10-F05	1909-1912

Series II: **Account Books**

Baker, Joseph; 2 items	10-B17	n.d.
Raymond, George	10-B03	1746-1800
Bartlett, William	10-C09	1758
Diary of American Revolution	10-B13	1764-1772
Bartlett, William	10-C08	1765
Account Book, 4 Items	10-B13	1765-1784
Blank Account Book	10-B13	1770
Trask, Elizabeth	10-C06	1770-1772
Raymond, John. Col.	10-C29	1772-1790
Francis, Ebenezer	10-B14	1773
Raymond, George	10-B03	1775-1779
Smith, Francis	10-C04	1783-1800
Batchelder, Caleb	10-B04	1784-1791
Woodberry, Dr. Israel	10-B15	1786-1795
Account Book	10-C32	1788-1790
Woodberry, Dr. Israel	10-F21	1789
Hill, James	10-E14	1789-1798
Raymond, John	10-C29	1790-1799
Thissell, Family	10-A10	1793-1842
Thorndike, Nicholas	10-B02	1801-1821
Sugar Shipments	10-C21	1802
Thorndike, Albert	10-A18	1802-1827
Lovett, Elizabeth – Estate of John Lovett	10-C18	1805-1812
Haskell, Samuel	10-E11	1815-1824

Goodridge, William	10-C20	1815
Account Book – Unidentified	10-C29	1815-1817
Woodberry, Capt. Elliott	10-E08	1817
Accounts, Personal	10-A05	1819-1823
Morgan, John	10-C07	1824
Abbott, George	10-E10	1827
Kittredge, Dr. Ingalls	10-A09	1831-1833
Woodberry, Elliott	10-B22	1832-1858
Kittredge, Dr. Ingalls	10-A07	1832-1837
Account Book – Boston Cash, Merchandise	10-D02	1834-1836
Boston – Shore Business	10-F07	1837
Rogers, P. - Blacksmith	10-B10	1838
Warren, Prince	10-A11	1838-1860
Kittredge, Dr. Ingalls	10-A08	1841-1847
Kittredge, Dr. Ingalls	10-F06	1842-1862
Woodberry, Capt. Elliott	10-F15	1845-1864
Pickett, Fishing Accounts	10-B05	1847-1851
Foster, Benjamin W.	10-B16	1854-1882
Foster, Benjamin W.	10-A01	1859-1861
Endicott, Robert E.	10-A12	1859-1890
Foster, Josiah L.	10-A01	1859-1864
Endicott, Robert R.– Stock Inventory	10-C16	1861-1885
Wallis, Caleb	10-F10	1871-1882
Foster, Benjamin – Settlement of Accounts	10-C22	1875

Series III: Day Books and Other Manuals

A) Daybook

Ledger Index; unknown	10-C02	n.d.
Pickett	10-C01	n.d.
Smith, Francis – His Book	10-C28	1786-1809
Day Book – Mason Labor	10-C10	1805-1847
Kittredge, Ingalls	10-F11	1831
Rogers, Patterson	10-B17	1838
Kent, Jonathan – General Groceries	10-A06	1840
Prescott, Joseph F.	10-B21	1842-1852
Caldwell, Isaac	10-C03	1844-1848
Daybook	10-C11	1845-1847
Kittredge, Dr. Ingalls	10-F12	1848-1855
Lovett, Robert	10-C14	1870
Endicott, Robert R.	10-C17	1876-1877

Endicott ,Robert R. – All-Purpose Grocery	10-B07	1880
Endicott, Robert R.	10-C15	1884
Endicott, Robert R.-Checks, Estates, Loans	10-B18	1895-1909

C) Diaries, Letters, Scrapbooks

Revolution, American	10-B13	1770-1810
Ray, Gideon	10-F13	1793
Haskell, Capt. Samuel	10-C12	1823
Scrap Book	10-D08	1875-1925

D) Genealogy

Lovett and Dodge	10-C33	n.d.
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