The papers of the Superior Timber Company of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, which was organized for the purpose of "...mining and quarrying; manufacturing, trading, mercantile and other purposes... to lay out and plat towns, purchasing, lease and erect and own sawmills and for the manufacture and sale of timber...." After 1907, the company dealt mainly in the sale of unimproved cutover lands. The major share of the company's operations centered in Douglas County, Wisconsin. The early directors and stockholders of the company were: Frederick Weyerhaeuser, St. Paul, president; William Sauntry, Stillwater, vice-president; and Garrett E. Lamb, secretary, of Clinton, Iowa, all of whom were directors. Frederick C. A. Denkmann and Frederick C. Denkmann of Rock Island, Illinois, and John P. Weyerhaeuser were stockholders as also were the above named directors. Other secretaries of the firm were Harrison J. McKusick and Charles J. McGough. The firm was incorporated on July 25, 1901, and was disbanded in 1944.

Types of documents found in the collection include: deeds (1886-1934); correspondence (1885-1944); annual statements (1901-1943); abstracts of title (1908-1935); annual reports of corporations, issued by the Wisconsin Secretary of State (1910-1944); state and federal income, capital stock and corporation tax returns (1911-1944); trial balances (1912-1943); minutes; stock certificates and statements of assets and liabilities (1918-1928).
DESCRIPTION OF BOXES

The papers have been kept, for the most part, in the same arrangement as they were when they were turned over to the Historical Society. Deeds and correspondence relating to a certain individual or tract of land have been filed together, the earliest dated document being first in the document group. Each group has been filed chronologically, according to the earliest date of the document group. If a great deal of correspondence was carried on over a certain contract or deed, separate folders were made, and these folders were filed chronologically, according to the earliest date. Because transactions of this kind were carried on, at times, over a period of years, there is overlapping of dates in the boxes. The description that follows will include an inventory of material found in each box, as well as documents of interest in the box, so as to facilitate research.
BOX LIST

Box 1.
Correspondence and other papers, undated; 1885-1898.
Deeds for H. J. McKusick, 1886-1911.
Superior Timber Deal (Thomas Nolan), 1889-1906.
Superior Timber Deal (Sec. 15-48-15), 1890-1910.

The early papers consist of copies of miscellaneous deeds, wills, agreements, and original land patents which pertain to the lands in Wisconsin which were later owned by the Superior Timber Company. Some companies represented were the Northern Pacific Railway Company and the Musser, Sauntry Land, Logging and Manufacturing Company.

The two folders of Superior Timber Deal papers contain powers of attorney, correspondence, abstracts of title and deeds pertaining to land in Douglas County, Wisconsin. Much of the business was handled by the Musser, Sauntry Land, Logging and Manufacturing Company. Frequent letter writers were James Bardon and Thomas Nolan of Superior, Wisconsin.

In the first folder of the box is a map showing land and lake frontage for sale in Douglas, Bayfield, Washburn and Sawyer counties, Wisconsin, owned by the Homeseekers Land Company, Stillwater.

Box 2.
Deeds and other papers, 1901-1908.
Proxy lists, notices of annual meetings, 1902-1931.

The early correspondence and deeds trace the transfer of land in Douglas County among the companies of Musser, Sauntry Land, Logging and Manufacturing Weyerhaeuser and Denkmann, Edward Hines, and the Superior Timber Company.

The 1908 file contains a letterhead of the Douglas County Telephone Company, Superior, Wisconsin.

Box 3.
Deeds and other papers, 1909-1911.
Calkins and Berg, 1910-1911.

Items of interest in this box include:
1. Letterhead of the Southern Hotel, Chicago, May 24, 1913. (filed with deed to William Wolfe, dated September 1, 1909.)
2. Quitclaim deed from the Empire Lumber Company to Superior Timber (1910).
3. A copy of the articles of incorporation of the Superior Timber Company attached to a document dated March 9, 1910.
Box 4.
Deeds and other papers, 1911-1916.
Deeds and correspondence re: Leland property, 1915-1943.

Information of interest includes bills and letterheads of the Wisconsin Advancement Association, Wausau, Wisconsin (March 23, 1911) and deeds relating to the Farmers Land and Cattle Company, Ltd. of Wisconsin.

Box 5.
Deeds and other papers, 1917-1928.
Correspondence re: Berwald property, 1926-1940.

An account with the Homeseekers Land Company (1920) and letterheads of the Superior Lake Basin Development Association, Superior, Wisconsin (June 16, 1926) are included in this box.

Box 6.
Deeds and other papers, 1928-1934.
Tax statements and other papers, 1935-1944.
Cancelled checks, 1919-1943.

The bulk of the collection in this box consists of financial papers such as state and federal income tax returns, trial balances, and annual reports of corporations issued by the Secretary of State of Wisconsin.

Correspondence for the year 1942 gives some data on the plans to dissolve the Superior Timber Company.

Box 7.
Financial statements, 1901, 1907-1908, 1920-1943. 3 folders.
Annual financial statements, trial balances, and related reports.

Box 8.
Box 9.

Box 10.

Box 11.
Deeds to land in Douglas County, Wisconsin, 1907-1934.
Dissolution, 1917-1951.