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## **SURVEYOR GENERAL OF LOGS AND LUMBER District 5 (Duluth)**

### **An Inventory of Its Records**

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS**

**Agency:** Minnesota Surveyor General of Logs and Lumber. District 5 (Duluth).  
**Series Title:** Records of District 5 (Duluth),  
**Dates:** 1883-1929.  
**Abstract:** Records of log marks, logging permits, timber sales, and log cutting and scaling in northeastern Minnesota.  
**Quantity:** 14.0 cu. ft.  
**Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

#### **SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS**

Registration records (with indexes) of the ownership and transfer of log marks; logging permits; records of sale of timber lands and/or saw logs, of logging contracts, and of logging done; and log scale records.

#### **ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS**

These records are organized into the following sections:

- Log Ledgers.
- Log Marks.
- Log Scale Records.
- Logging Permits and Bonds.
- Record Books.

## OTHER FINDING AIDS

Some of the volumes include indexes.

## INDEX TERMS

*These records are indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.*

### Topics:

Forests and forestry—Minnesota—Mensuration.  
Log brands—Minnesota.  
Logging—Licenses—Minnesota.  
Logging—Minnesota.  
Pine—Minnesota.  
Registering.  
Surveying.  
Timber lands—Minnesota.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### Preferred Citation:

*[Indicate the cited volume and page or item and folder title here].* Minnesota Surveyor General of Logs and Lumber. Records of District 5 (Duluth). Minnesota Historical Society. State Archives.

*See the Chicago Manual of Style for additional examples.*

### Accession Information:

Accession number(s): none

### Processing Information:

The information in the Detailed Description of the Records was taken from the original inventory sheets for these materials. With a couple of exceptions (reflected in content annotations), the records have not been appraised or inspected.

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.*

### Log Ledgers, 1890-1917. 5 volumes in 2 boxes.

Filled-in forms recording the logging done by each log mark owner each year. Each form notes the year, log mark, and page in entry book [whose identification is undetermined]. Thereunder, for each scale report, is noted the date (month/day), copy book page [possibly the letterpress Bills of Pine Logs Scaled, below], number of logs, total number of feet, to whom scaled, address (city), jobbers who did the logging, and township/range/section of land logged.

Location	Box	
108.H.12.2F-1	---	Volume A, 1890-1897. Volume B, 1897-1901. Index to Volume B.
108.H.12.2F-2	---	Volume C, 1901-1909. Volume D, 1909-1917.

### Log Marks, 1883-1929. 6 volumes and 1 folder in 3 boxes; 1 volume shelved loose.

Location	Box	
108.H.12.4F-2	---	Index to Log Marks A, 1883-1901. One section for names of marks; one section for names of owners.
106.F.3	loose	Index to Log Marks B, 1901-1929. One section for names of marks; one section for names of owners. Volume is falling apart.
108.H.12.7B-1	---	Record of Log Marks, 1884-1900.
108.H.12.6F-1	---	Volume A, 1883-1901. Volume B, 1901-1906.
108.H.12.6F-2	---	Volume C, 1906-1914. Volume D, 1914-1918. Volume E, 1918-1919. 1 folder. Pages 1-26, removed from an otherwise blank volume.

## Log Scale Records

Location	Box	
104.K.15.5B	1	Bills of Pine Logs Scaled (letterpress): September 1889 – December 1897. 6 volumes.
104.K.15.6F	2	December 1897 – October 1902. 7 volumes.
104.K.15.7B	3	November 1902 – December 1904. 2 volumes. Woods Scale Books, April 1905 – May 1908. 3 volumes.
104.K.15.8F	4	Woods Scale Books, May 1908 – May 1909. 2 volumes. Boom and Mill Scale Bills, April 1901 – November 1908. 4 volumes.
111.G.7.6F	[5]	Bill Book, 1884-1886. 1 volume. Shevlin-Mathieu Lumber Company, Scale of Logs, 1907-1908. 4 volumes. Keewatin Lumber Company, Scale of Logs, 1907-1908. 4 volumes. [box is part empty]
104.K.15.9B	[6]	Rat Portage Lumber Company, Scale of Logs, 1907. 2 volumes. Rainy River Lumber Company, Scale of Logs, 1907. 2 volumes. Shevlin-Mathieu Lumber Company, Cutting Reports, 1908. 2 volumes. Rainy Lake River Boom Company, Scale of Logs, 1901-1911. 10 volumes.

## Logging Permits and Bonds, 1886-1917. 1 box, and 6 volumes in 2 boxes.

Location	Box	
104.K.15.10F	---	Logging Permits and Bonds, 1886-1890. 1 box. Identification uncertain. The original box said “Secretary of State Files.” It might be SGLL Duluth District, or it might be State Land Office.
108.H.12.3B-1	---	Logging Permits: Volume B, 1890-1902. Volume C, 1900-1904. Volume D, nos. 1215-1948, 1905-1909.
108.H.12.3B-2	---	Volume E, nos. 1926-2503, 1909-1913. Volume F, nos. 2504-2766, 1913-1914. Volume G, nos. 2767-3360, 1914-1917.

**Record Books, 1884-1913. 8 volumes in 3 boxes and 1 partial box.**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
108.H.12.4F-1	---	Record Books, 1884-1907. 3 volumes. Handwritten copies of contracts for timber cutting, transfers of claims and liens, sales of timber lands and/or saw logs, and the like. Volume A, indexed, 1884-1896. Volume B, with separate index, 1896-1900.
108.H.12.4F-2	---	Volume C, 1900-1907.
108.H.12.5B-2	---	Lien Books, 1891-1913. 6 volumes. 1898-1907. 1908-1913. Scrapbook. Most items are loose or stapled in.
108.H.12.5B-1	---	1891-1896. 1896-1898. 1896-1903. 1905-1906.