OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minnesota Surveyor General of Logs and Lumber. District 2 (Minneapolis).
Series Title: Records of District 2 (Minneapolis).
Abstract: Records of log marks, logging permits, timber sales, and log cutting and scaling in central Minnesota.
Quantity: ca. 102 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 saw logs and/or timber lands; of logging contracts, and of logging done; log scale records; and correspondence.

ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS

These records are organized into the following sections:

Correspondence.
Log Marks.
Log Scale Records.
Log Journals.
Log Ledgers.
Miscellaneous.
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—Minnesota.
- Timber lands—Minnesota.

Places:
- Minnesota—Officials and employees.

Organizations:
- Mississippi and Rum River Boom Company (Minneapolis, Minn.).
- St. Paul Boom Company (Saint Paul, Minn.).

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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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.
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

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

Correspondence, 1871-1917. 10 boxes.

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Letterpress Books (outgoing letters):

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Log Marks, 1858-1922. 4 half-height oversize boxes and 1 partial box.

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Recorded Marks, 1858-1876 and undated.  5 volumes.
   Each volume consists of one or two sections, in which log marks
   are recorded alphabetically by the first letter of the mark (with
   some deviations), followed by the name of the owner and, if
   transferred, to whom.

108.H.11.8F-2  4  1858-1876 (slim volume in folder).
   1875-1876.
   The dates are on a label on the cover of the volume; there
   appears to be no internal dating.
   [Volume B?], 1876-.
   Many entries note “Record C” in the “Transferred to”
   column – presumably a reference to Record of Log Marks C,
   above.  A note inside the front cover gives the date 1876,
   apparently the beginning date of the entries.

108.H.11.8F-1  3  Volume C.
   Many entries note “Record D” in the “Transferred to”
   column – presumably a reference to Record of Log Marks D,
   above.

108.H.11.8F-2  4  Volume D.
   This volume also probably covers the time period of Record
   of Log Marks D.

108.H.11.6F [part]  Log Marks, District 2.  1 volume.
   Log Marks, District 1.  1 volume.

Log Scale Records, [ca. 1854]-1914.  8 boxes, 18 double oversize boxes, and 3
partial boxes.

Location        Box

Bills of Logs Scaled (letterpress):

104.K.9.10F  1  May 1880-June 1887.  4 volumes.
104.K.9.11B  2  July 1887-December 1894.  5 volumes.
   After 1891 the volumes are mixed up, with some missing.
104.K.9.12F  3  June 1894-June 1903.  4 volumes, dates overlapping.
   Schedule showing bank scale of log marks, May 1903-November
   1905.  1 volume.
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Volume 40. [Boomage], 1892.  
Volume 41. Parties, 1892.  
Volume 42. Boomage, 1893. |
Volume 44. [1893?]  
Volume 45. Boomage, 1894.  
Volume 46. Parties, 1894. |
Volume 49. Parties, 1895.  
Volume 52. Parties, 1896.  
Volume 53. Boomage, 1897.  
Volume 54. Parties, 1897. |
Volume 56. Boomage, 1898.  
Volume 57. Parties, 1898.  
Volume 58. Boomage, 1899. |
Volume 60. Outside Scales, 1899-1900.  
Volume 61. Boomage, 1901.  
Volume 64. Gathering Book, 1902.  
Volume 65. Boomage, 1903. |
Volume 68. Outside Scales, 1903-1904.  
Volume 69. Scales for Parties, 1904.  
Volume 70. 1905.  
Volume 73. 1906-1907.  
Volume 74. 1906-1907.  
Volume 75. Boomage, 1908-1909.  
Volume 76. [Parties?], 1908-1909. |
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<td>Scale Bills and Receipts. Scale Books. [The original inventory sheet gave the dates of the overall contents of this box as 1854-1859]</td>
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**Log Journals (Bill Books), 1854-1936. 12 boxes.**

A series of chronological records of pine logs scaled by SGLL officials. Generally one volume per year. There is a separate section of forms specifically for logs scaled by request of the Mississippi and Rum River Boom Company. Other sections consist of half-page ledger forms for logs scaled to specific lumber companies for a given time period. Some of these forms also include the name of a lake or river, presumably where the scaling was done.

Each entry cites “Folio” (reference not identified), log mark, number of logs, and number of feet. Each volume includes an index to marks, lumber companies, and scalers. (Description based on 1901-1902).

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Log Ledgers, 1854-1930. 17 boxes, 2 oversize boxes, and 3 partial boxes.

A record, by log mark, of logs scaled during each log-run season (generally June or July to November). Usually one volume per year; there are also some miscellaneous volumes. The entries under each log mark give date, where scaled, “Folio” (reference not identified), number of logs, number of feet, and to whom scaled. Each volume includes an index to log marks and stamps. (Description based on 1885-1887).

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104.K.11.1B [part] | St. Paul Boom:
| | Log Ledger, 1879. 1 volume.
| | Log Journals, 1879-1897. 3 volumes.
Location       Box   Log Ledgers, Lumber Companies:
                  [part]   Todd & Haven, 1874.
                  L. Butler, 1878-1882.
                  Bohn Manufacturing, 1886-1888.
                  Ankeny & Newton, 1877-1880.
                  Smith Parker & Co., 1879-1884.
                  Louis Meldal, 1879-1882.
                  Bray & Robinson, 1886-1887.
                  Gilchrist Bros., 1885-1887.
                  B. P. Munson, 1909-1917.
                  Bardwell Robinson, 1890-1894.
                  J. S. Pillsbury, 1876-1878.
                  L. L. Stanchfield, 1879-1880.
                  N. G. Leighton, 1886-1891.
                  Unidentified, 1876-1881.

Miscellaneous Records, 1854-1959. 3 boxes, 2 partial boxes, 7 oversize boxes, 2 partial oversize boxes, and 2 double oversize boxes.

Location       Box   Log Books, Miscellaneous, 1854-1859:
                  [part]   Log books.
                  Bill books.
                  Day books.
                  Log ledger.
                  Unidentified index.

Location       Box   George A. Brackett, private log mark record, 1872-1875. 1 volume.
                  [part]   Unidentified indexes (to Record B and C). 3 volumes.
                  Logs Balanced, 1886. 1 volume.
                  Estimate and Appraisal of Pine Timber, 1877-1883. 2 volumes.

Location       Box   Memo Book, 1870-1876. 1 volume.
                  [part]   Ledgers and Memo, 1882-1916. 1 volume.

Location       Box   Appraisal of Pine Timber, 1877-1878. 1 volume.
                  [part]   Liens, Orders, Recorded Papers, and Writs of Attachment, 1905-1918, 1 box.
### Location | Box | Description
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104.K.15.3B | --- | Oaths of Office, 1863-1917. 1 box.  
108.E.9.5 | --- | Mississippi and Rum River Boom Company. 1 double oversize box:  
Boomage Scale, 1870-1911.  
Log Bills, 1904-1905.  
104.K.15.2F | --- | Miscellaneous, 1874-1909. 1 box.  
Assorted correspondence, liens, record books, statistics, etc. A  
few log tally and safety books kept as illustrative samples. All  
need unfolding, organization, appraisal. Retained materials need  
cleaning; they are filthy.

### Location | Box | Description
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108.H.10.7B | 1 | Volume A, 1858-1866. (no index)  
Volume B, 1866-1871.  
Volume C, 1871-1875.  
108.H.10.8F | 2 | Volume D, 1876-1878.  
Volume E, 1878-1882.  
Volume G, 1885-1889.  
Appendix to H, 1890-1894.  
Contains logging permits.  
Appendix to I, 1895-1900.  
Appendix to J, 1900-1912.  
Volume K, 1901-1905.  
Appendix to L, 1913-1917.

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108.E.11.8 | --- | Log Balances, 1878-1904. 4 volumes in double oversize box.  
1878-1881.  
1882-1886.  
1887-1898.  
1899-1904.