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District 2 (Minneapolis)

An Inventory of Its Records

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minnesota Surveyor General of Logs and Lumber. District 2 (Minneapolis).
Series Title: Records of District 2 (Minneapolis).
Dates: 1854-1959.
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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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.

Location	Box	
		Letters Received: Filed alphabetically each year or every two years.
104.K.10.4F	1	1871-1883.
104.K.10.5B	2	1884-1891.
104.K.10.6F	3	1892-1897.
104.K.10.7B	4	1898-1901.
104.K.10.8F	5	1901-1903.
104.K.10.9B	6	1904-1906.
104.K.10.10F	7	1907-1913.
104.K.10.11B	8	1914-1917.

Location	Box	
		Letterpress Books (outgoing letters):
104.K.10.13B	9	April 1887-January 1900. 1 volume. April 1899-January 1903. 4 volumes.
104.K.10.14F	10	January 1903-June 1914. 3 volumes.

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

Location	Box	
		Record of Log Marks, 1858-1954. 4 volumes. Ledger books that record the registration of log marks, transfer of marks from one owner to another, and various contract and sale transactions connected with the marks. One or more pages or partial pages per mark owner. Each volume includes an index to mark owners.
108.H.11.7B-1	1	1858-1876. (The index in this volume is to marks, not owner's names.) Volume B, 1876-1889.
108.H.11.7B-2	2	Volume C, 1889-1901. (Volume is falling apart.)
108.H.11.8F-1	3	Volume D, 1901-1954.

Location	Box	
		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.
104.J.9.13B	4	May 1903-July 1905. 2 volumes. Schedule showing bank scale of log marks, May 1903-November 1905. 1 volume.

Location	Box	Logs Scaled:
		Volume numbers were taken from the original inventory sheets. The volumes have not been inspected for actual volume numbers and content data.
108.E.9.6	1	Volume 1. Parties, [undated]. Volume 2. Parties, 1874. Volume 3. Boomage, 1875. Volume 4. Parties, 1875. Volume 5. Boomage, 1876. Volume 6. Parties, 1876.
108.E.9.7	2	Volume 7. Boomage, 1877. Volume 8. Parties, 1877. Volume 9. Boomage, 1878. Volume 10. Parties, 1878. Volume 11. Boomage, 1879. Volume 12. Parties, 1879.
108.E.9.8	3	Volume 13. Boomage, 1880. Volume 14. Parties, 1880. Volume 15. Boomage, 1881. Volume 16. Parties, 1881.
108.E.10.1	4	Volume 17. Boomage, 1882. Volume 18. Parties, 1882. Volume 19. Gathering Book, 1882. Volume 20. Boomage, 1883[?].
108.E.10.2	5	Volume 21. Parties, 1883. Volume 22. [Gathering Book?], 1883. Volume 23. Boomage, 1884. Volume 24. Parties, 1884.
108.E.10.3	6	Volume 25. Boomage, 1885. Volume 26. Parties, 1885. Volume 27. Boomage, 1886.
108.E.10.4	7	Volume 28. Parties, 1886. Volume 29. Boomage, 1887. Volume 30. Parties, 1887.
108.E.10.5	8	Volume 31. Gathering Book, 1887. Volume 32. Boomage, 1888. Volume 33. Parties, 1888. Volume 34. Boomage, 1889.
108.E.10.6	9	Volume 35. Parties, 1889. Volume 36. Boomage, 1890. Volume 37. Parties, 1890. Volume 38. Boomage, 1891.

Location	Box	
108.E.10.7	10	Volume 39. Parties, 1891. Volume 40. [Booimage], 1892. Volume 41. Parties, 1892. Volume 42. Booimage, 1893.
108.E.10.8	11	Volume 43. Parties, 1893. Volume 44. [1893?] Volume 45. Booimage, 1894. Volume 46. Parties, 1894.
108.E.11.1	12	Volume 47. Outside Scales, 1894-1896. Volume 48. Booimage, 1895. Volume 49. Parties, 1895. Volume 50. Gathering Book, 1895.
108.E.11.2	13	Volume 51. Booimage, 1896. Volume 52. Parties, 1896. Volume 53. Booimage, 1897. Volume 54. Parties, 1897.
108.E.11.3	14	Volume 55. Outside Scales, 1897-1898. Volume 56. Booimage, 1898. Volume 57. Parties, 1898. Volume 58. Booimage, 1899.
108.E.11.4	15	Volume 59. Parties, 1899. Volume 60. Outside Scales, 1899-1900. Volume 61. Booimage, 1901. Volume 62. Parties, 1901.
108.E.11.5	16	Volume 63. Outside Scales, 1901- Volume 64. [1902]. Volume 65. Gathering Book, 1902. Volume 66. Booimage, 1903.
108.E.11.6	17	Volume 67. Parties, 1903. Volume 68. Outside Scales, 1903-1904. Volume 69. Scales for Parties, 1904. Volume 70. 1905. Volume 71. Outside Scales, 1905-1906.
108.E.11.7	18	Volume 72. Parties, 1906. Volume 73. 1906-1907. Volume 74. 1906-1907. Volume 75. Booimage, 1908-1909. Volume 76. [Parties?], 1908-1909.

Location	Box	
		St. Paul Boom: Bill of Pine Logs Scaled, 1896-1914.
104.K.9.14F	1	1896-1901.
104.K.10.1B	2	1901-1902.
104.K.10.2F	3	1903-1907.
104.K.10.3B	4	1907-1914.

Location	Box	
108.H.11.6F	[part]	Scale Bills and Receipts. Scale Books. [The original inventory sheet gave the dates of the overall contents of this box as 1854-1859]
108.H.12.1B	[part]	Logs Scaled Orders, 1876-1902. 2 volumes.
104.K.11.1B	[part]	Scale Book, 1877. 1 volume.

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).

Location	Box	
108.H.10.6F	1	1854-1857; 1859-1870.
104.K.8.13B	2	1871-1878.
104.K.8.14F	3	1879-1882.
104.K.9.1B	4	1883-1886.
104.K.9.2F	5	1887-1891.
104.K.9.3B	6	1892-1896.
104.K.9.4F	7	1897-1901.
104.K.9.5B	8	1902-1905.
104.K.9.6F	9	1906-1909.
104.K.9.7B	10	1910-1914.
104.K.9.8F	11	1915-1920.
104.K.9.9B	12	1921-1936.

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).

Location	Box	
		Log Ledgers:
108.H.10.5B	1	1854-1855; 1859-1872.
104.K.13.5B	2	1873-1878.
104.K.13.6F	3	1879-1881.
104.K.13.7B	4	1882-1884.
104.K.13.8F	5	1885-1887.
104.K.13.9B	6	1888-1890.
104.K.13.10F	7	1891-1893.
104.K.13.11B	8	1894-1896.
104.K.13.12F	9	1897-1899.
104.K.13.13B	10	1900-1902.
104.K.13.14F	11	1903-1904.
104.K.14.1B	12	1905-1906.
104.K.14.2F	13	1907-1908.
104.K.14.3B	14	1909-1910.
104.K.14.4F	15	1911-1912.
104.K.14.5B	16	1913-1914.
104.K.14.6F	17	1915-1916.
104.K.8.11B	18	1917-1921.
104.K.8.12F	19	1922-1930.
Location	Box	
108.H.12.1B	[part]	Log Ledger, 1871-1875.
104.K.11.1B	[part]	St. Paul Boom: Log Ledger, 1879. 1 volume. Log Journals, 1879-1897. 3 volumes.

Location	Box	
104.K.11.2F	[part]	Log Ledgers, Lumber Companies: Todd & Haven, 1874. L. Butler, 1878-1882. Bohn Manufacturing, 1886-1888. Ankeny & Newton, 1877-1880. Backus-Brooks, 1915-1928. Smith Parker & Co., 1879-1884. Louis Meldal, 1879-1882. C. H. Douglas, 1883-1886. 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	
108.H.11.6F	[part]	Log Books, Miscellaneous, 1854-1859: Log books. Bill books. Day books. Log ledger. Unidentified index.

Location	Box	
108.H.12.1B	[part]	George A. Brackett, private log mark record, 1872-1875. 1 volume. Unidentified indexes (to Record B and C). 3 volumes. Logs Balanced, 1886. 1 volume. Estimate and Appraisal of Pine Timber, 1877-1883. 2 volumes.
104.K.11.1B	[part]	Memo Book, 1870-1876. 1 volume. Ledgers and Memo, 1882-1916. 1 volume.
104.K.11.12F	[part]	Appraisal of Pine Timber, 1877-1878. 1 volume.
104.K.10.12F	----	Liens, Orders, Recorded Papers, and Writs of Attachment, 1905-1918, 1 box.

Location	Box	
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	
		Record Books (Contracts, etc.), 1858-1959. 7 oversize boxes.
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.
108.H.11.1B	3	Volume F, 1882-1885. Volume G, 1885-1889.
108.H.11.2F	4	Volume H, 1889-1893. Appendix to H, 1890-1894. Contains logging permits.
108.H.11.3B	5	Volume I, 1893-1898. Appendix to I, 1895-1900.
108.H.11.4F	6	Volume J, 1898-1901. Appendix to J, 1900-1912. Volume K, 1901-1905.
108.H.11.5B	7	Volume L, 1905-1959. Appendix to L, 1913-1917.

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