

Gettysburg Ice and Storage Company Collection
Adams County Historical Society

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PREFACE

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INTRODUCTION

The Gettysburg Ice and Storage Company Collection was acquired by the Adams County Historical Society in 1992, as a donation of Gettysburg College (#7820). The collection is comprised of seven boxes and contains the operations and sales records of the company between 1908 and 1917. The collection shows signs of having been organized, in the sections where any organization could be discerned, by the type of document as well as successive decades being within the same rough arrangement. While the exact authors of these documents within the company are unknown, one of the artifacts does list the 1909 stockholders. The collection was processed by Alex Leslie in October 2012.

ACCESS

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PREFERRED CITATION

Gettysburg Ice and Storage Company Collection, Adams County Historical Society, Gettysburg, PA.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection is made up of six series of business documents, dating between 1908 and 1917. The documents include the company’s client records, the daily operations of their ice production facility, checks from the First National Bank, several books of check stubs and non-document

artifacts in the form of two glass bottles. A framed copy of a shareholders list is also present. The collection shows signs of a loose chronological organization, with the records largely being grouped in periods of roughly four to nine years depending on their creation (eg; 1911 to 1915, with the greatest span being 1908 to 1917). One box, however, shows signs of being collected according to type (entirely books of check stubs), as such, for ease of research the collection has been placed into series based on the purpose of the records as well as their chronological order.

The ledgers in this collection are of varying condition, with some being extremely fragile.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I - Framed Documents

Contains two framed documents, one a list of shareholders from 1909, the other a framed copy of a permit issued by the Borough to connect the company's facility to the municipal sewage line.

Series II - Ice Plant Records

This series contains the daily records for the ice and storage company's freezing systems

Series III - Miscellaneous Artifacts

This series contains two glass bottles, one produced by the Gettysburg bottlery, and one produced by the John Kimple bottler, Gettysburg PA. There is no apparent information as to why these bottles are in the collection, nor evidence of when they were produced.

Series IV - Transaction Records

This series contains several volumes of sales records covering the sale of ice cream, the sale of ice, and the storage of harvested fruit. These records, due to the breadth of their subject matter, illustrate the diversity of operations performed by the company in the era before widespread refrigeration

Series V - Client Lists

Client lists of the Gettysburg Ice and Storage Company dating between 1908 and 1914

Series VI - Checks

This series contains the cancelled checks of the Gettysburg Ice and Storage company, as well as several books of check stubs

BOX 1

Series I – Framed Documents

- 1-1 Stockholders list, 1909
- 1-2 Sewer line permit 1915

Series II – Ice Plant Records

- 1-3 Ice and Storage, Daily Log of Ice Factory-Can System, 1911
- 1-4 Ice and Storage, Daily Log of Ice Factory-Can System, July 1911
- 1-5 Ice and Storage, Daily Log of Ice Factory-Can System, October 1911
- 1-6 Ice and Storage, Daily Log of Ice Factory-Can System, October 1912
- 1-7 Ice and Storage, Daily Log of Ice Factory-Can System, 1913
 - Ice and Storage, Daily Log of Ice Factory-Can System, 1914
 - Ice and Storage, Daily Log of Ice Factory-Can System, 1916-1917

Series III – Miscellaneous Artifacts

- 1-7 Bottle, John Kimple Bottlery
- 1-8 Bottle, Gettysburg Bottlery

BOX 2

Series IV – Transaction Records

- 2-1 Sales Ledger, 1908
- 2-2 Sales Ledger, November 1911
- 2-3 Sales Ledger, February 1913
- 2-4 Sales Ledger, June 1913
- 2-5 Sales Ledger, June 1913
- 2-6 Sales Ledger, June 1913
- 2-7 Sales Ledger, July 1914

BOX 3

- 3-1 Blank Ledger
- 3-2 Sales Ledger, 1911-1915
- 3-3 Sales Ledger, January 1915
- 3-4 Sales Ledger, July 1915
- 3-5 Sales Ledger, December 1915-1916
- 3-6 Sales Ledger, October 1916

BOX 4

- 4-1 Sales Ledger, July 1918

Series V- Client Account Lists

- 4-2 Client Account List, 1908

- 4-3 Client Account List, 1909
- 4-4 Client Account List, May 1912
- 4-5 Client List, August 1912

BOX 5

- 5-1 Client Account Lists, 1914

Series VI – Checks

- 5-2 Check Stubs, August 1911
- 5-3 Check Stubs, October 1911
- 5-4 Check Stubs, January 1912
- 5-5 Check Stubs, March 1912
- 5-6 Check Stubs, June 1912
- 5-7 Check Stubs, April 1912
- 5-8 Check Stubs, August 1912
- 5-9 Check Stubs, October 1912
- 5-10 Check Stubs, September 1913
- 5-12 Check Stubs, March 1914

BOX 6

- 6-1 Check Stubs, June 1914
- 6-2 Check Stubs, July 1914
- 6-3 Check Stubs, August 1914
- 6-4 Check Stubs, October 1914
- 6-5 Check Stubs, November 1914
- 6-6 Check Stubs, January 1915
- 6-7 Check Stubs, March 1915
- 6-8 Check Stubs, May 1915
- 6-9 Check Stubs, June 1915
- 6-10 Check Stubs, October 1915
- 6-11 Check Stubs, April 1916
- 6-12 Check Stubs, July 1916

BOX 7

- 7-1 Payment Logs, 1913
- 7-2 Cancelled Checks, May – November 1909
- 7-3 Cancelled Checks, May and November 1910
- 7-4 Cancelled Checks, January – July 1911
- 7-5 Cancelled Checks, February – April 1911
- 7-6 Cancelled checks December 1911 – June 1912
- 7-7 Cancelled Checks, April 1912
- 7-8 Cancelled Checks, December 1913
- 7-9 Cancelled Checks, March and November 1914

7-10 Cancelled Checks, March 1915

7-11 Cancelled Checks, November 1915