Inventory of the Robert W. Lord Collection
(Collection #8)

The Brick Store Museum
Kennebunk, Maine

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Physical Description:

This collection is in two parts stored together and treated as one collection. The first is a few papers; books that belonged to Robert W. Lord and his daughter, Frances A. Lord; and a few pictures. The collection is in 1 box except for two books stored on the same shelf and two documents in Folio Box #2. (See Box and Folder Breakdown)

The second part of the collection is a group of ledgers and account books, most of which concern the Robert W. Lord Twine Mill in West Kennebunk, 1860-1920.
Box and Folder Breakdown:

Box 1:

Folder 1: Five documents relating to Robert W. Lord and his descendants, dating from 1856 to the 1930’s. Includes a deed for a pew in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Kennebunk, to Robert W. Lord, Sept. 26 1868. Also Robert W. Lord’s appointment as administrator of the estate of Mary M. Lord, 1906. Acq. # 80.42., 14, 49, 54, and 55.

Folder 2: Copy of the Kennebunk Star, February 9, 1934, with front page article about house on Summer Street recently built by Mrs. Frances A. Lord. Acq. # 80.42.34

Folder 3: Photographs of Robert W. Lord, his wife, his house on Summer Street, and Frances A. Lord. Acq. # 80.42.24 and 95.

Folder 4: Drawing book of Mrs. Augustus Lord (Frances A. Lord) Acq. # 80.42.25


Folder 6: Also, Day-Book & Journal For Book Keeping, Philadelphia 1845. Has been used as a scrapbook for poetry, except for one or two pages at the back. Acq. #80.42.28.

This collection also includes Robert W. Lord’s personal copies of Bourne and Remich’s histories of Kennebunk, which are wrapped separately and stored with Box 1.

This collection also includes Robert W. Lord’s Certificate of Membership in the Pilgrim Society, Plymouth, Mass., Jan. 1, 1877. Acq. # 80.42.57. Folio Box #3, Folder #4.

Also in Folio Box #2, folder #4 is a plan (printed) of the American Net and Twine Company and the Linen Thread Company of New Jersey’s “R.W. Lord Mill,” West Kennebunk, Maine, 1924.

This collection also includes a group of ledgers, which are shelved with Box #1, as follows:

A “Time Book for Saw Mill, Cloth Room, and Watchmen” R.W. Lord and Co. (and probably the Mitchell-William Lord mill which was its forerunner before 1860), May 1848-March 1868.

- A Time Book (?), R.W. Lord Co., 1860-1865
• A ledger, listing amounts of twine manufactured, R.W. Lord & Co., 1868-1874.
• A Minute Book for the State of Maine’s Committee of Mines and Manufacturing, R.W. Lord, Secretary, 1881 (very few entries).
• A Time Book for shipbuilders (yard unknown), 1851-1867.

All of above Acq. #1103.

• A Ledger, R.W. Lord & Co., 1888-1907. Acq. #1465
• A Cash Book, R.W. Lord & Co., 1894-1907. Acq. #1466
• A Cash Book, R.W. Lord & Co., 1897-1905. Acq. #1467

Reference Resources:


Kennebunk History. Not A History of Kennebunk but A Few Items In Addition To and A Sequel To “The Village of Kennebunk, Maine” (Revised to 1939), George A. Gilpatrick. See page 71 “Mitchell’s Dam, Grist-mill, and Saw-mill.”

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