



Ozark Land and Lumber Company Records (C0037)

Collection Number: C0037

Collection Title: Ozark Land and Lumber Company Records

Dates: 1887-1933

Creator: Ozark Land and Lumber Company

Abstract: The business papers and record books of a Shannon County, Missouri, lumber company consist of correspondence, financial records, minutes of directors' and stockholders' meetings, store records, cutting and other lumber records, land records, and survey maps.

Collection Size: 8 cubic feet, 100 oversize volumes
(688 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

The Ozark Land and Lumber Company was formed in 1895 upon the merger of the Ozark Lumber Company (founded 1887) and the Hershey Land and Lumber Company. The company sawed yellow pine lumber from 1887 until 1912 and in the process built over 80 miles of standard gauge railroad track. The company owned saw mills, lumber yards, and a company store for employees. In 1915 the company reincorporated as a land selling corporation, setting up demonstration farms and actively promoting immigration to the area, particularly Carter, Oregon, and Shannon counties. Relatively little land was sold to individuals interested in agriculture; the bulk of the land was sold to the T.J. Moss Tie Company of St. Louis in 1923. The company remained in existence until at least 1933 as a wholesale distributor of lumber and building materials.

Arrangement:

The Ozark Land and Lumber Company Records are arranged by type of record and then chronologically within each record type.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection provides a fairly comprehensive view of the workings of one of the larger yellow pine lumber companies in southern Missouri. The volumes, accounts, and trial balances yield the most information on the company's lumbering and related activities.

The correspondence provides insight into the ways in which the company's officers tried to dispose of the cut-over land. Potential immigrants were encouraged to try agricultural activities as varied as dairying, sheep-grazing, and angora goat-raising. The correspondence documents these efforts to encourage immigration into the region and sheds light on area social and economic conditions. The collection includes material from the company's two predecessors—the Ozark Lumber Company and the Hershey Land and Lumber Company, as well as information on related companies such as the Security Land and Abstract Company.

Container List:

- f. 1-7 Bank Material, 1918-1920. Lists of check deposits sent to Hershey State Bank, Muscatine, Iowa. Also contains deposit slips from Hershey State Bank and material of similar nature from other banks.
- f. 8-24 Bills of Lading, 1917-1932. Bills of lading for lumber shipped from Winona, West Eminence, and Birch Tree, Missouri.

- f. 25-31 Plats, 1915-1929. Contains township and section plats showing certain land this company held. Purpose of plats was to show prospective buyers where the land was located.
- f. 32-182 Accounts General, 1911-1933. Copies of letters of remittance and acknowledgement of shipments, invoices of lumber shipped to buyers, and letters of notice concerning bills and rents.
- f. 183-342 Accounts General, Trial Balances, 1900-1921. Contains trial balances for the Security Land and Abstract Company, 1918-1921, and Ozark Land and Lumber Company, 1900-1915. The trial balances list the assets and liabilities of the company for a period of a month at a time.
- f. 343-679 Correspondence, 1913-1933. These folders contain, primarily, the correspondence of J.H. Hahn, secretary-treasurer of the company, arranged in chronological order. The bulk of the letters are copies of ones that Hahn wrote; incoming letters are not as plentiful. Much of the correspondence is routine, pertaining to accounts and to merchandise purchased and sold. However, many of the letters document efforts to sell cut-over land and to encourage agricultural endeavors such as dairying, sheep-grazing and goat-raising. Correspondents include local citizens, company officers and stockholders, potential immigrants, and others.
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 - f. 668-670 1929-1931
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- f. 680-688 Miscellaneous, n.d., 1887-1932. Purchase orders, invoices, bills, freight tickets, and miscellaneous financial records.
- v. 1-19 Cash Books
 - v. 1 Ozark Lumber Company, 1888-1889
 - v. 2 Ozark Lumber Company, 1889-1892.
 - v. 3 Hershey Land and Lumber Company, 1891-1892
 - v. 4 Ozark Lumber Company, 1892-1894
 - v. 5 Ozark Lumber Company, 1894-1895
 - v. 6 Hershey Land and Lumber Company, 1893-1895
 - v. 7 Hershey Land and Lumber Company, 1896
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 - v. 38 Ozark Land and Lumber Company, 1908
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 - v. 79 Minute book, 1887-1923. Record of board of directors' and stockholders' meetings. Begins with formation of Ozark Lumber Company, includes the consolidation with the Hershey Land and Lumber Company in 1895, and concludes with the reduction in capital stock decision in late 1923.
 - v. 80 Ozark Lumber Company, Order Book, 1888-1891.
 - v. 81 Ozark Lumber Company, Stores Sales Book, 1905-1907.
 - v. 82 Hershey Land and Lumber Company, Shipping Record, 1891-1895.
 - v. 83 Hershey Land and Lumber Company, Tax Record, 1891-1893. Includes details on land purchases and sales, primarily in Carter and Oregon Counties.
 - v. 84 Hershey Land and Lumber Company, Log Book, 1892-1895.
 - v. 85 Store ledger, 1894
 - v. 86 Ozark Land and Lumber Company, Shipping Record, 1896-1900.
 - v. 87 Ozark Land and Lumber Company, Order Book, 1896-1904
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 - v. 90 Ozark Land and Lumber Company, Winona Mill Cutting Records, 1901-1907.
 - v. 91 Ozark Land and Lumber Company, Shipping Record, 1904-1912. Also includes orders (incomplete) for 1926, wood record, 1915-1917, and oak shipping record, 1908-1919.

- v. 92 Ozark Land and Lumber Company, Order Book, 1904-1912. Includes local orders, 1911-1915
- v. 93 Hardware inventory, 1912
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- v. 99 Lumber inventory, 1924
- v. 100 Plat book. Includes surveys and plats primarily for Oregon, Carter and Shannon counties.

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