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**Haines Family Business Records
MS 68**

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Summary Information

Creator

Haines Family

Title

Haines Family Business Records

Dates

1833-1887, 1833-1841 (bulk)

Extent

.5 LF (1 ms. box)

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into two series. The first series contains business records corresponding to the earlier Haines family shad fishing operations. The second series contains records corresponding to the later Haines family canning operation and general store.

Language of Materials

All materials in English.

Abstract

The Haines Family Business Records collection documents two distinct business enterprises run by the Haines Family of Lancaster County over several generations. The first section contains records of an early to mid- 19th century shad fishing company and the second features the business dealings of a late-19th century canning company/ general store. The shad fishing collection includes account books, attendance books, bills, business correspondence, and legal documents dating from 1833 to 1841, while the general store collection features business correspondence, bills, and receipts from the year 1887.

Subjects

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Haines family.

Haines, Jeremiah B., b. 1797.
Haines, Eugene M.
Kirk, John.
Business enterprises--Pennsylvania--Lancaster County.
Shad fisheries--Susquehanna River Watershed.
Canneries--Pennsylvania--Lancaster County.
General stores--Pennsylvania--Lancaster County.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The Book Haven; Lancaster, PA; Purchase; May 2005.

Custodial History (Provenance)

This collection was acquired in May of 2005 from Lancaster antiquarian book dealer Kinsey Baker. The material was presumed to have been locally and privately held prior to the dealer's acquisition.

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Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Additional Information

Bibliographical Note

For further information see:

Gerstell, Richard. *American shad in the Susquehanna River Basin : a three-hundred-year history*. University Park, Pa.: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 1998.

Heydinger, Earl J. *Commercial fishing in the Susquehanna River*. Journal of the Lancaster County Historical Society ; v. 64, no. 3 (1960), 194-197.

McPhee, John A. *The founding fish*. New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2002.

Historical/Biographical Information

In the early to mid 1800s, Jeremiah B. Haines and John Kirk (as well as several other men) owned and operated a series of shad fisheries in Lancaster County, including Kirk's Battery, Washington Battery, Brown's Fishery and Halfway Battery. This fishing operation

was actually only one of many links between the two men's names; this very extended and influential family included several marriages between the men and women of the Kirk and Haines families.

Born on April 3, 1797, Jeremiah B. Haines was the son of Timothy Haines and Sarah Brown. As well as being a shareholder of the shad fishing company, he owned a mercantile business in Darlington, Maryland called "Brown and Haines". He established a post office in Little Britain, Pennsylvania in 1825 and was appointed as postmaster in 1826 and 1841. Jeremiah B. Haines helped to build the Conowingo Bridge, and also owned a farm called the "Frazer" or "Frazier Place" which Eugene M. Haines later inherited. After erecting a frame store and a dwelling house (later called the Railroad Hotel) in a town then known as Barr's Quarries, either Jeremiah B. Haines or his brother, Lewis, actually gave the town its present name: Quarryville.

Members of the Society of Friends, the Kirk family was an "honest, industrious and intelligent" family (according to Ellis and Evans' Biographical Annals of Lancaster County). The Kirk family was very influential in the 18th and 19th centuries – the town of Kirk's Mills was actually founded by John Kirk's father, Jacob, which John's half brother Lewis J. was a member of the Board of Commissioners of Lancaster County. John Kirk was apparently already familiar with Jeremiah B. Haines before they opened their shad fishing business together, as John's half sister Mary Kirk was the wife of Jeremiah's son, William P. Haines.

Eugene M. Haines was a direct descendant of Jeremiah B. Haines. In the 1870s, he was employed as a clerk in the town of Pleasant Grove, PA. By the 1880s, he owned a general store called E. M. Haines and Co., also in Pleasant Grove.

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The Haines family name links the two halves of this collection; Jeremiah B. Haines was a major shareholder in the fishing company and Eugene M. Haines was the general store's owner. However, it should be noted that John Kirk was also a major shareholder in the shad fishing business, although the Kirk name does not carry through the entire collection.

Strengths of the shad fishing collection include the fact that there is excellent documentation of accounts, expenses, and people employed by the company (or who owned shares in the fisheries). There is also some documentation of shad catch size. Furthermore, the bills and expense lists bring to light the necessary supplies for fisheries that boarded their fishermen. However, this collection gives no documentation or description of exactly where each fishery was, only giving the name of the fishery itself.

The E. M. Haines collection is interesting because included within the correspondence between Haines and the Reynolds Brothers (a can- manufacturing

