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Collection Overview

Title: Abbot-Downing Company Records

Bulk Dates: 1813–1945

Accession Numbers: 1930-1

Physical Description: Total 27 boxes and 182 volumes occupying 35 linear feet of shelf space. Boxes contain approximately 22,000 items.

Provenance and Acknowledgements: The New Hampshire Historical Society acquired the records of the Abbot-Downing Company over a period of thirty years. In 1930 and in 1935, Abbot-Downing (Josiah E. Fernald) presented the Society with account books, pattern books, order books, and four boxes of glass negatives. The sons of Edwin G. Burgum, coach decorator, made a permanent loan to the Society in 1946 of a notebook, photographs, and miscellaneous clippings about coaches. With a gift from Stanley K. Lovell in 1951, the Society came into the possession of company catalogs, advertisements, newspaper clippings, and photographs. Eaton C. Clapp gave miscellaneous items in 1958 pertaining to John Burgum. In 1963, Jack Keefe donated some account books and a letter copybook. The Society acquired the bulk of the collection in 1962 when financial records (1911 to 1943) of the Abbot-Downing Truck & Body Company were found in a vault during building demolition by Sears, Roebuck and Co. In 1977, Mark Davidson presented the Society with several stock ledgers and employee records of the Abbot-Downing Truck & Body Co. According to Mr. Davidson, this material came from an Abbot-Downing warehouse and was in the possession of Willis D. Thompson who died in 1968. The material was stored for many years in the warehouse of Thompson and Hoague, 16 Low Avenue, Concord. Davidson was an employee there and given the material in 1975.

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Summary:

The collection of the Abbot-Downing Company Records is divided into two parts. Part I (1813–1910) contains materials, such as construction, decoration, and customer descriptions, that tells the story of Concord coaches and wagons which were shipped all over the world. Part I also contains the first account book of Lewis Downing, 1813–1824. Part II (1911–1945) contains the bulk of the collection and is composed chiefly of financial records of the Abbot-Downing Company after it was reconstituted in 1911, chiefly the Abbot-Downing Truck and Body Company, 1918–1932. These records consist mostly of sales accounts, cash books, vouchers, journals, ledgers, correspondence, factory appraisals, and mortgages. After 1932, the name of the Abbot-Downing Truck and Body Company disappeared from the Concord city directory and the company's records for the most part pertain to the care of the property by Josiah E. Fernald, Real Estate.

Chronology of the Abbot-Downing Company

- 1813 Lewis Downing opened a wheelwright shop in Concord, N.H.
- 1828 Downing & Abbot. Partnership formed by Lewis Downing and J. Stephens Abbot to make coaches and wagons.
- 1847 Partnership dissolved. J. Stephens Abbot kept plant; L. Downing & Sons (Lewis, Jr. and Alonzo) opened a new shop.
- 1852 J.S. & E.A. Abbot. Edward Abbot became his father's partner.
- 1865 Abbot, Downing & Co. Firms reunited upon retirement of Lewis Downing, Sr.
- 1873 Abbot-Downing Company incorporated.
- 1900 Gerald Wyman of Boston and Abbot Treadwell of Concord made Trustees.
- 1909 George A. Foster of Concord appointed receiver in bankruptcy.
- 1911 Property sold at public auction.
- 1912 Abbot & Downing Company incorporated.
- 1917 Payroll book recording the first listing of an auto department.
- 1918 Abbot-Downing Truck & Body Company incorporated.
- 1923 Josiah E. Fernald made Trustee.
- 1925 Corporation dissolved.
- 1932 Plant closed. Josiah E. Fernald, Real Estate, took over the property.
- 1945 Name purchased by Wells Fargo & Company.

Source

Harry N. Scheiber, *Abbot-Downing and the Concord Coach*. Concord, NH: New Hampshire Historical Society, 1989. Reprinted from *Historical New Hampshire* 20:3 (Autumn 1965).

Additional Sources

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Scope and Content Note

The Abbot-Downing Company Records contain approximately 22,000 items in 27 boxes and 183 volumes. The inclusive dates are 1813–1945. There are some early records, but the greatest part of the collection consists of the financial records of the company after it was reconstituted in 1911, largely records of the Abbot-Downing Truck and Body Company, 1918–1932.

For convenience, the inventory has been divided into two parts: Part I, 1813–1910; Part II, 1911–1945. Part I contains the most valuable records, including order books for wagons, 1847–1870, and for coaches, 1858–1902. Included are notes for the construction and decoration of each vehicle, with the names and addresses of customers. Drawings, catalogs, and photographs made by the company demonstrate the great variety of vehicles that they manufactured. Of special interest are the commercial vehicles. The collection also includes miscellaneous financial records, including the first account book, 1813–1824, of Lewis Downing, newspaper clippings, photographs, and miscellaneous information about the Abbot-Downing Company and its coaches.

Part II contains records of sales, cash books, vouchers, journals and ledgers, business correspondence, motor sales orders, conditional sale contracts, records of material mortgaged to Josiah E. Fernald, and other financial papers. There is a detailed appraisal of the plant in 1918, when the Abbot-Downing Truck and Body Company was incorporated and a more elaborate system of bookkeeping introduced. After 1932, the records pertain mostly to the care of the property by Josiah E. Fernald, Real Estate. The name of the Abbot-Downing Truck & Body Company disappeared from the Concord city directory at this time.

Contents

- Part I, 1813–1910
- Part II, 1911–1945

Part I, 1813–1910

Box	Description
1	Wagon Order Books, 1847–1870. (3 vols.) <i>(formerly Vols. 1–3)</i> Record of orders for wagons showing date, specifications for construction and decoration, name and address of customer. Indexed by geographical location.
2	Coach Order Books, 1858–1902. (3 vols.) <i>(formerly Vols. 4–6)</i> Record of orders for coaches showing serial number, specifications for construction and decoration, name and address of customer. Indexed.
3	Shop Ledger, 1870–1878. (1 vol.) <i>(formerly Vol. 7)</i> Record of construction and repair work showing date, type of vehicle, customer name, and cost. Journal, New York, 1879–1884. (1 vol.) <i>(formerly Vol. 10)</i> Account with the New York Branch of the Abbot-Downing Co.

Box	Folder	Description
4	1	Sales Book, 1873–1874. <i>(formerly Vol. 7a)</i>
	2, 3	Pattern Books, c. 1890. <i>(formerly Vol. 8–9)</i> 75 drawings of vehicles pasted in scrapbooks.
5		Balance sheets, New York Branch, 1882–1892. (2 vols.) <i>(formerly Vols. 11–12)</i>
6		Petty Cash Books, 1878–1889. (2 vols.) <i>(formerly Box 13)</i>
7	1	Invoice of stock and tools, 1833. (1 vol.) <i>(formerly Box 14)</i>
	2	Bills receivable, 1878–1900. (1 vol.)
	3a, 3b	Trim shop workbooks, 1898–1909. (2 vols.)
	4	Promissory notes, May 1, 1905. Series of 25 notes for \$1,000 each, signed by Gerald Wyman and Abbot Treadwell, Trustees. Notes 1–3 missing.
	5	Costs, blacksmith shop, 1874–75. (1 vol.)
	6	Time record, paint shop, 1886–1889 (1 vol.)
8		Ledger, 1905. (1 vol.) <i>(formerly Vol. 15)</i> Adjustment, May 1, 1905; interest on notes. Payroll Book, March 1903–September 1918. (1 vol.) <i>(formerly Vol. 15a)</i> May 1917, first listing of Auto Dept.

Box	Description
9	Ledger and Scrapbook, 1813–1900. (1 vol.) <i>(formerly Vol. 16)</i> Ledger, 1813–1824, kept by Lewis Downing, carriage maker; blank pages used as scrapbook by Lewis Downing, Jr., for newspaper clippings, 1848–1900, pencil sketch by George A. Blanchard, 1843, photographs, etc.
10	Scrapbook, 1871–1897. (10 folders; 10 envelopes) <i>(formerly Vol. 17)</i> Contains catalogs of vehicles, newspaper clippings, pictures, advertisements, menus of anniversary dinners, etc.
11	Notebook of Edwin Burgum. <i>(formerly Vol. 18)</i> Contains diary of trip to California, 1935; description of coaches seen; list of coaches made by Abbot-Downing Co.; information about famous coaches. Transcript copy of case, J.S. & E.A. Abbot vs. J.L. Wilbur, 5 th District Court, Louisiana, 1867–1868. <i>(formerly Vol. 20)</i>

Box	Folder	Description
12	1	Small notebook of Edwin Burgum. <i>(formerly Box 19)</i> Contains list of coaches by order no., 1–800; list of blacksmiths; coaches in New England states.
	2	Catalogs, 1858, 1876, 1885, 1890, and undated. Shows drawings of vehicles (Charts A, B, C), separate price list and order blank; booklet of photographs; sheet showing 12 vehicles made by J.S. & E.A. Abbot.
	3	Trade cards and advertisements.
	4	Wagon Orders, 1875–1895. (6 items) Way Bills, 1838–1849. (5 items) Various stage lines. Australian coaching stamps, July 6, 1955. U.S. stamp, August 19, 1982.
	5	Land deed, from John West, Jr. to Lewis Downing, 1815. Appointments of Lewis Downing, Jr., in New Hampshire Militia. 1841, 1843. Letters, 1887. (5 items) Letters from Lewis Downing, Jr. to Mr. Doubleday, New York office of Abbot-Downing Co.
	6	Newspaper clippings, 1890s.
	7	Newspaper clippings. "When Concord Coach Made Deadwood Run," David B. Grant. <i>N.H. Sunday News</i> , March 19, 1961.
	8	Miscellaneous information about coaches. Drawings—miniature coach. Tracings of scroll work, coach #566. Blue-print plan of Abbot-Downing works, 1875.
	9	Newspaper clippings. Lewis Downing, Jr. obituaries, 1901.
	10	Miscellaneous copies from Lewis Downing Scrapbook (See Box 9).

Box	Description
13	Letterbooks. (3 vols.) <i>(formerly Vols. 26, 27)</i> Vol. 1. Letters (Oct.–Nov. 1865). Vol. 2. Letters (Dec. 1875–July 1876). Alphabetical index in front. Vol. 3. Letters (Jan. 1, 1878–April 1, 1879). Alphabetical index in front.
14	Letterbooks. (2 vols.) Vol. 4. Letters ((June 1892–June 1893) <i>(formerly Vols. 29, 30)</i> Vol. 5. Letters (Dec. 1896–Feb. 1898). Alphabetical index in front.
15	Letterbooks. (2 vols.) <i>(formerly Vols. 31, 32)</i> Vol. 6. Letters (Feb. 1898–Oct. 1898). Alphabetical index in front. Vol. 7. Letters (Oct. 1898–July 1899). Alphabetical index in front.
	Photographs. <i>(formerly Box 20)</i>

NOTE: The following items are in Boxes 1–5 of the Photograph collection in west storage.

Miscellaneous coaches (Vols. 1–3).
Coaches in New Hampshire (Vols. 1, 2).
Coaches in Massachusetts (Vol. 2).
Coaches in New York (Vol. 2).
Coaches, United States (Vol. 2).
Coaches, Western United States (Vol. 2).
Coaches in Canada, South Africa, and Chile (Vol. 1).
Coaches at Dartmouth College (Vol. 1).
Coaches at Wells College (Vol. 3).
Deadwood coach and Rocky Mountain mail coach (Vol. 2).
Yellowstone wagons (Vol. 3)
Photographs of scale models of coaches (Vol. 2).
Wagons (Vols. 3, 4, 5).
Trucks (Vol. 3).
Buggies (Vol. 1).
Coach interiors (Vol. 1).
Buildings and people re Abbot-Downing Co. (Vol. 1)
"The Concord Coach Comes to the New Hampshire Historical Society" *(formerly Vol. 22)*
Newspaper clippings and photographs of parade, 1957 (Vols. 2, 3).
Postcards and small photographs (Vol. 3).
News clippings, copies (Vol. 2).
Printed, non-photo items (Vol. 3).
Artwork re Concord Coach (Vol. 1).

NOTE: The following items are in the Ephemera, Broadside, Oversize Photographs, and Stereoview collection areas. For more information, see the Librarian.

Oversize photographs. *(formerly Folder 23)*

The "Original Deadwood Coach"; shipment of 30 coaches to Wells Fargo; photograph of coach from Smithsonian Institution.

Glass negatives (in Photo room of Special Collections)

Prints from glass negatives of Abbot-Downing vehicles *(formerly in File Drawer #25)*

Broadsides.

Advertisement of Abbot-Downing Co., Asher & Adams, 1874. *(formerly Folder 24)*
Includes view of works and illustrations of vehicles.

Stereoviews.

Views of coaches.

Tape recording.

(formerly in File Drawer # 25)

Interviews with Miss Lucy Downing and with Elmer E. Robinson, blacksmith at Abbot-Downing Co.

Part II, 1911–1945

Vols.	Accounts
1–12	Sales Records. 1911–1927. (12 vols.) Chronological record of sales for bodies, trucks, repair parts, special equipment. Vols. 1–5. Sales, 1911–1918. Vols. 6–8. Sales, 1918–1923. Vols. 9–10. Sales, 1923–1925. Vols. 11–12. Sales, 1925–1927.
13–16	Sales Notebooks. 1916–1932. (4 vols.) Informal records of sales, orders and sales, sale of second-hand trucks, inquiries for fire trucks. Vols. 13–15. Sales, 1916–1930. Vol. 16. Sales, 1929–1932.
17	Sales Ledger. 1923–1929. (1 vol.)
18–27	Cash Books. 1911–1927. (10 vols.) Vol. 18. Cash Book, 1911–1912. Vols. 19–20. Cash Books, 1913–1919. Vols. 21–22. Cash Books, 1912–1918. Vols. 23–24. Cash Books, 1918–1920. Vol. 25. Cash Book, 1920–1923. Vol. 26. Cash Book, 1923–1925. Vol. 27. Cash Book, 1925–1927.

- 28–33 Journals. 1925–1927. (6 vols.)
 Vols. 28–30. Journals, 1915–1919.
 Vol. 31. Journal, 1919–1922.
 Vol. 32. Journal, 1922–1925
 Vol. 33. Journal, 1925–1927.
- 34–38 Combined Cash Journal & Daily Financial Record. 1927–1940.
 (5 vols., loose leaf, 3 boxes)
 Vols. 34–35. Cash Journals, 1927–1928.
 Vol. 36. Cash Journal, 1929–1930.
 Vols. 37–38. Cash Journals, 1931–1940.
- 39–40 Voucher Registers. 1918–1920. (2 vols.)
 Vol. 39. Voucher, 1918–1919.
 Vol. 40. Voucher, 1919–1920.
- 41–42 Voucher Registers. 1921–1925. (2 vols.)
 Vol. 41. Voucher, 1921–1924.
 Vol. 42. Voucher, 1924–1925.
- 43–44 Voucher Registers. 1925–1927. (2 vols.)
 Vol. 43. Voucher, 1925–1926.
 Vol. 44. Voucher, 1926–1927.
- 45–48 Ledgers. 1911–1918. (4 vols.)
 Vol. 45. Ledger, 1911.
 Vol. 46. Ledger, 1912–1914.
 Vol. 47. Ledger, 1914–1917.
 Vol. 48. Ledger, 1917–1918.
- 49–51 Accounts Receivable. 1918–1932, (1 box of 4 vols.)
 Abbot-Downing Truck & Body Co. Unbound, loose leaf.
 Vol. 49. Accounts Receivable, 1918–1925.
 Vol. 50. Accounts Receivable, 1918–1930.
 Vol. 51. Accounts Receivable, 1921–1932.
 Vol. 51A. Private Ledger, 1933–1941. *(formerly Volume 56)*
- 52–57 Accounts Payable. 1918–1933. (1 box of 5 vols.)
 Abbot-Downing Truck & Body Co. Unbound, loose leaf.
 Vol. 52. Accounts Payable, 1918–1928.
 Vol. 53. Accounts Payable, 1918–1930.
 Vol. 54. Accounts Payable, 1918–1933.
 Vol. 55. Transferred Accounts. 1919–1935.
 Vol. 56. *(See Vol. 51A.)*
 Vol. 57. "Sheets from Private Ledger when system was Changed"
- 58 Trial Balance. 1924–1926. (1 vol.)
- 59–64 Notebooks. 1899–1932. (6 vols.)
 Vols. 59–61. Notes, Receivable & Payable, 1911–1932. (3 vols.)
 Vol. 62. Blanks: Purchase Orders, Shipping Orders, Checkbook. (1 vol.)
 Vols. 63–64. Notes, Accounts Receivable, 1899–1920. (2 vols.)

- 65–73 Check Books. 1918–1920. (9 vols.)
 Stubs of checks used by the Abbot-Downing Truck & Body Co. to draw money from their account at the National State Capital Bank.
 Vol. 65. Checkbook stubs, March 1918–April 1918.
 Vol. 66. Checkbook stubs, November 1918–March 1919.
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 Vol. 69. Checkbook stubs, September 1919–October 1919.
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 Vol. 71. Checkbook stubs, January 1920–March 1920.
 Vol. 72. Checkbook stubs, March 1920–May 1920.
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- 74–83 Check Books. 1920–1923. (10 vols.)
 Stubs of checks used by the Abbot-Downing Truck & Body Co. to draw money from their account at the National State Capital Bank.
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 Stubs of checks used by the Abbot-Downing Truck & Body Co. to draw money from their account at the National State Capital Bank.
 Vol. 84. Checkbook stubs, March 1923–May 1923.
 Vol. 85. Checkbook stubs, May 1923–July 1923.
 Vol. 86. Checkbook stubs, July 1923–October 1923.
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 Vol. 93. Checkbook stubs, August 1925–December 1925.
- 94–102 Check Books. 1925–1928. (9 vols.)
 Stubs of checks used by the Abbot-Downing Truck & Body Co. to draw money from their account at the National State Capital Bank.
 Vol. 94. Checkbook stubs, December 1925–April 1926.
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 Vol. 99. Checkbook stubs, January 1927–April 1927.
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- Vol. 101. Checkbook stubs, July 1927–October 1927.
 Vol. 102. Checkbook stubs, October 1927–January 1928.
- 103–112 Check Books. 1928–1931. (10 vols.)
 Stubs of checks used by the Abbot-Downing Truck & Body Co. to draw money from their account at the National State Capital Bank.
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- 113–123 Check Books. 1931–1943. (11 vols.)
 Stubs of checks used by the Abbot-Downing Truck & Body Co. to draw money from their account at the National State Capital Bank.
 Vol. 113. Checkbook stubs, June 1931–April 1932.
 Vol. 114. Checkbook stubs, April 1932–December 1934.
 Stubs of checks used by Josiah E. Fernald to draw money from his Real Estate Account at the National State Capital Bank.
 Vol. 115. Checkbook stubs, January 1943–August 1943.
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 Vol. 120. Checkbook stubs, September 1938–April 1939.
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 Vol. 122. Checkbook stubs, November 1939–June 1940.
 Vol. 123. Checkbook stubs, June 1940–January 1941.
- 124–132 Check Books. 1923–1933, 1939–1942; Notebooks, n.d. (8 vols.)
 Stubs of checks drawn on the National State Capital Bank, Josiah E. Fernald Account or marked "Josiah E. Fernald–Trustee."
 Vol. 124. Stubs, January 1941–July 1941.
 Vol. 125. Stubs, July 1941–January 1942.
 Vol. 126. Stubs, January 1942–July 1942.
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- 129, 134, 138 Miscellaneous, 1918, 1919, 1931. (6 folders)
 Vol. 129. Check Book, drawn on Tremont Trust Co. of Boston (only 8 checks drawn), 1919. (1 folder)
 Vol. 134. Factory Appraisal. March 4, 1918. Buildings, Machinery, Furniture, Tools, and Real Estate. (3 folders)

- Vol. 138. Stockholder Records. List of Preferred and Common Stockholders. 1931. (1 folder.)
Stock Transfer Sheets, February 13, 1932. (1 folder)
- 133 Orders for wagons. Orders pasted in scrapbook. 1917–1918. (Indexed.)
- 135 Consigned Parts. 1921–1928. (1 vol.)
- 136-A Inventories. July 1926–July 1928. (1 vol.)
- 136-B Inventories. January 1929–July 1932. (1 vol.)
- 137 Scrapbook. 1919–1920. (1 vol.)
News clippings about the company (8 pp.).
- 139 Employee Register. 1912–1920. (1 vol.)
- 140 Common Stock Certificate Books, Abbot-Downing Truck & Body Co. 1918–1932. (6 vols.)
Vol. 140. Stock Certificates (1–249). April 1918–February 1920.
Vol. 140-A. Stock Certificates (250–499). March 1920–May 1920.
Vol. 140-B. Stock Certificates (500–749). May 1920–July 1920.
Vol. 140-C. Stock Certificates (750–999). July 1920–November 1920.
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Vol. 140-E. Stock Certificates (1250–1500). October 1922–November 1932.
- 141 Preferred Stock Certificate Books, Abbot-Downing Truck & Body Co. 1918–1932. (5 vols.)
Vol. 141. Stock Certificates (1–249). April 1918–March 1920.
Vol. 141-A. Stock Certificates (250–499). September 1918–June 1920.
Vol. 141-B. Stock Certificates (500–749). June 1920–September 1920.
Vol. 141-C. Stock Certificates (750–999). September 1920–February 1921.
Vol. 141-D. Stock Certificates (1000–1250). February 1921–November 1932.
- 142–143 Common Stock Ledger. (2 vols.)
Vol. 142. April 18, 1918–Feb. 14, 1920.
Vol. 143. April 18, 1918–Nov. 12, 1932.
- 144–146 Preferred Stock Ledgers. (3 vols.)
Vol. 144. Feb. 24, 1912–March 22, 1917.
Vol. 145. April 18, 1918–Feb. 14, 1920.
Vol. 146. April 18, 1918–Nov. 12, 1932.
- 147 Book of By-Laws and Minutes. 1918–1932. (1 vol.)
- Box Contents**
- 1 Correspondence. 1920–1932. (7 folders)
Mainly correspondence of Josiah E. Fernald, Treasurer, and Henry A. Brown, Assistant Treasurer, concerning delinquent payments, liquidation of company assets, and requests to various companies for price quotations on parts and accessories. Correspondence arranged chronologically. Also certificate of change of name, Abbot and Downing Company to Abbot and Downing Truck and Body Company; certificate of incorporation and deed transfer of corporate assets, 1918, and 2 letters, 1915, 1916.

- 2 Correspondence, 1932–1945. (6 folders)
Correspondence arranged chronologically; real estate transfers, 1945, 1949; real estate title history.
- 3 Motor Sales Orders. January 7, 1922–March 31, 1924. (6 folders)
Orders for trucks, in duplicate. Arranged chronologically.
- 4 Motor Sales Orders. April 2, 1924–April 27, 1927. (6 folders)
- 5 Motor Sales Orders. May 4, 1927–October 20, 1931. (4 folders)
- (NOTE: See Appendix at end of this guide for former Box 6, Blueprints)
- 6 Stock Subscription Agreements. 1919–1921. (4 folders) (formerly Box 7)
Subscriptions received for the purchase of preferred stock in the Abbot-Downing Truck and Body Co. Arranged chronologically.
- 7 Mortgage Contracts. 1923–1931. (26 folders) (formerly Boxes 8–9)
Contracts specifying material mortgaged to Josiah E. Fernald, Trustee, by the Abbot-Downing Truck and Body Co. Also, material mortgaged (n.d.)
Arranged chronologically.
- 8–11 Material mortgaged to J.E. Fernald. 1923–1931. (4 boxes) (formerly Boxes 10–13)
Envelopes containing lists and records of material mortgaged; interest payments on notes made to Fernald recorded on outside. Arranged chronologically.
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Box 9. Material lists, March 14, 1926–May 16, 1927. (23 envelopes)
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Box 11. Material lists, April 2, 1928–April 24, 1931. (52 envelopes)
- 12 Personal Mortgages. 1920–1932. (13 folders) (formerly Box 14)
Mortgages agreements on trucks made between Josiah E. Fernald and the Abbot-Downing Truck and Body Co. Arranged chronologically. (6 folders)
Indentures, Contracts, Agreements. 1918–1931. (3 folders)
Primary leases of property made by the Abbot-Downing Truck and Body Co. Arranged chronologically. (1 folder)
Insurance policies and material. 1920–1931. (3 folders)
- 13 Conditional Sale Contracts. 1920–1929. (9 folders) (formerly Box 15)
Contracts for the sale of trucks. Arranged chronologically. (3 folders)
Writs. 1925–1943. (2 folders)
Writs served against the Abbot-Downing Truck and Body Co. Arranged chronologically.
Material in re patents. 1931–1932. (1 folder)
Correspondence, documents, and plans concerning application for a patent on a truck power transmission made by Clarence J. Gowrie.
Auditor's Reports. 1920–1926. (3 folders)
- 14 Comparative Balance Sheets. 1919–1932. (2 folders) (formerly Box 16)
Financial reports. 1923–1927. (3 folders)
Semi-annual financial statements.
Stock Vouchers. 1920–1921. (3 folders)
Stock Certificates. 1920. (1 folder)

- One certificate for 2 shares of preferred stock, and one certificate for 4 shares of common stock, issued June 15, 1920.
- Vehicle Specifications. c. 1920. (1 folder)
- List of Truck Owners. 1929. (1 folder)
- Pamphlets and circulars. (1 folder)
- 15 Tax Forms. 1920–1944. (2 folders) *(former Box 17)*
 Miscellaneous forms and materials concerned with federal and state taxation.
- Corporation Income Tax Forms. 1915–1933. (4 folders)
 Copies of yearly federal income tax returns.
- Stockholder Records, 1920s. (3 folders)
 Lists of stockholders.
- Miscellaneous Financial Materials. 1918–1932. (4 folders)
 Ledger sheets, plans, receipts, etc.
- Contracts and Specifications for Fire Apparatus. (1 folder)
 Blank order forms and unsigned contracts for sale of fire engines.
- (NOTE: See Appendix at end of this guide for former Box 18, Payroll Sheets)*
- 16 Cost Records. 1921–1922. (16 folders) *(formerly Box 19)*
 Records of the cost, including material and labor, of manufacturing miscellaneous parts.
- 17–19 Bills, Sent. 1920–1920. (29 folders) *(formerly Boxes 20–22)*
 Carbon copies of bills for miscellaneous small items. Arranged alphabetically by year.
 Box 17. Bills, 1920 (A – R). (18 folders).
 Box 18. Bills, 1920 (S – Z); 1921 (A–Ha). (6 folders)
 Box 19. Bills, 1920 (Hi – Z). (5 folders)
- 20–22 Bills, Received. 1909–1944. (17 folders) *(formerly Boxes 23–25)*
 Miscellaneous bills received by the Abbot-Downing Co. Arranged alphabetically.
 Box 20. Bills (A – Concord Lumber Co.). (5 folders)
 Box 21. Bills (Concord Lumber Co – Aime Guimond). (6 folders)
 Box 22. Bills (K – Z) (5 folders)
- 23–24 Bank Statements and Cancelled Checks. 1919, 1923–1942. Arranged chronologically. *(formerly Boxes 26–27)*
 Box 23. Statements and Checks, 1919; 1923–1938. (7 folders)
 Box 24. Statements and Checks, 1939–1942 (8 folders)
 Conditional Sales Contracts, 1920–1931 (1 folder)
 Personal Mortgage Receipts, 1923–1932. (1 folder)

Appendix

(formerly Box 6 removed to Drawer 76, Map Room)

Blueprints. 1905–1922. (9 items)

Plans for truck frames, a boiler, and a bread wrapping machine.

Blueprints for truck parts, 1916–1922. (73 items)

(former Box 18 removed to Drawer 63, Map Room)

Payroll Sheets. 1918–1920.

Weekly payroll record of employees.