

Reference Number: MC-10

Title: A.E. Wry Standard Manufacturing Company fonds.

Dates: 1902, 1906, 1909.

Extent: 10 cm of textual records.

Administrative history: Albert Edward (A.E.) Wry was born in Sackville, New Brunswick on March 23, 1864 to James Wry and Charlotte T. Kay. He married Emma J. Richardson on June 5, 1889, in Sackville, New Brunswick. He died on November 30, 1945, at the age of 81, and is buried in Sackville, New Brunswick.

The A.E. Wry Standard Manufacturing Company came into existence as an amalgamation of three local companies located in Middle Sackville, New Brunswick: the Ayer Boot & Shoe Company (Acquired by A.E. in 1902), the Abner Smith Manufacturer of Boots and Shoes (Acquired by A.E. in 1903), and A.E. Wry's own company, A.E. Wry & Co. Harness (founded in 1896). Prior to starting his own company, Albert Edward Wry had been a long-time employee of J. R. Ayer. Wry's business became known as the Standard Manufacturing Company by 1906. In 1914, the shareholders of the Standard Manufacturing Company and A. E. Wry Limited, the two main branches of this industry, combined their efforts to form A.E Wry - Standard Ltd. This company was the largest of its kind in Canada, manufacturing boots and shoes, moccasins and shoe packs, harnesses of all types, and various types of leather. They were also jobbers of saddlery, hardware, leather, Saskatchewan robes and coats, sheepskin coats, trunks, bags, and other things. The date that the A.E Wry - Standard Ltd. Company officially closed its doors has not been determined, though in 1939 the property was acquired by the J. L. Black Company after their main store and warehouse burned down.

Custodial history: The first donation was made by Paul Bogaard to the Tantramar Heritage Trust in 2006, an accrual was donated by Al Smith, Colin Mackinnon, and Paul Bogaard (purchased from Phyllis Stopps who bought it off ebay) in 2008, and a second accrual was donated by Eloi Lirette in 2016 who found the ledger in the abandoned tannery when he was a young boy and kept for almost 50 years.

Scope and content: Fonds relates to the commercial activities of the A.E. Wry Standard Manufacturing Company in Middle Sackville, New Brunswick. Fonds consists of a sales catalogue relating specifically to the manufacturing of harnesses in 1909 (9/22), a letter from Secretary A.C. Smith to John Lewis & Company in 1906 (10/2), and a receipt book with the records of purchases in 1902 (OS Shelf 1).

Source of supplied title: Title is based on the provenance of the records.

Physical description: Fonds is in fair condition. The sales catalogue is in good condition, the letter is in fair condition, and the receipt book is weathered, ripped, and in poor condition.

Arrangement: This fonds was arranged and described by JC Bennett in 2021.

Accruals: Further accruals are possible.

Related records in other fonds: Related records may be found in MC-16 James and Abner Smith fonds, in MC-71 J.R. Ayer Company Tanners fonds, and in MC-23 Sackville Harness Shop fonds.