

VALLEY LUMBER COMPANY RECORDS, 1893-1930-MSS 115

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VOLUME: 18 Boxes: 12 linear ft.

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PROVENANCE:

The **VALLEY LUMBER COMPANY RECORDS** were received from Mrs. Milton Webb of Scottsdale in 1970.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The **VALLEY LUMBER COMPANY** was a retail lumber business located in downtown Phoenix. The company facilities located at Madison and Center Streets in Phoenix may have been originally operated by a previous firm named Holmes, Gregory and Lindsley. This yard was apparently a retail outlet for lumber secured by the L. W. Blinn Lumber Company of Riverside, California. Ownership of the business that became Valley Lumber was purchased from L. W. Blinn by Peter Corpstein of Phoenix in 1896. Valley Lumber later operated a yard at Tempe and opened a Mesa yard in 1911. The Mesa yard was originally managed by his son Avery A. Corpstein.

PETER CORPSTEIN (1857-1948) lumber yard manager and Phoenix mayor, was born at Pine Grove, California on July 31, 1857, the son of John P. and Mary Corpstein. He was raised in Santa Clara, California and attended public schools. As a young adult Corpstein managed his father's ranch in California, but moved to Tombstone, Arizona ca. 1880. He eventually secured a position at Tombstone as freight manager for the L. W. Blinn Lumber Company of Riverside, California. In 1887 he was selected to manage the Tempe yard for Blinn, and then accepted similar assignments at the Blinn facilities at Riverside and San Pedro, California. In 1893 Corpstein returned to manage the Tempe yard and purchased Blinn's interest in the Phoenix yard in 1896. In 1914 Corpstein was appointed Phoenix City Commissioner and he served two terms as mayor from 1916-1918. Corpstein died January 16, 1948 at Phoenix.

SOURCES: Compiled from materials in the William C. Corpstein Papers at the Arizona Historical Foundation (MSS-81) and Arizona Collection Biographical Files (EPH-B01: Corpstein, William and Corpstein, Iva E.). Other sources include:

----, "The Valley Lumber Company", Arizona, 1(1):28 (February, 1910)

----, "The Valley Lumber Company", Arizona, 2(12):20 (October, 1912).

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The **VALLEY LUMBER COMPANY RECORDS** consist of correspondence and financial records documenting the management of a retail lumber business at Phoenix, Arizona from 1893-1930. The collection includes records related to predecessor lumber concerns Holmes, Gregory and Lindsley and the Phoenix Lumber Company as well as information on the personal business affairs of Valley Lumber Company manager Peter Corpstein.

INVENTORY

Box #	Folder	Title	Dates
1		Journal Vouchers	1911-1914
2		Journal Vouchers	1914-1917
3		Journal Vouchers	1917-1920
4		Cash Voucher	1911-1914
5		Cash Voucher	1915-1916
6		Cash Voucher	1915-1917
7		Cash Voucher	1917-1919
8		Cash Voucher	1919-1920
9		Bills and Receipts	1918-1928
10	1	Letter Book: Correspondence A-C, 8/1/15-1/31/16	1915-1916
10	2	Letter Book: Correspondence D-R, 8/1/15-1/31/16	1915-1916
10	3	Letter Book: Correspondence S, 8/1/15-1/31/16	1915-1916
10	4	Letter Book: Correspondence T-Z, 8/1/15-1/31/16	1915-1916
10	5	Letter Book: Correspondence A-D, 2/1/16-7/31/16	1916
10	6	Letter Book: Correspondence E-K, 2/1/16-7/31/16	1916
10	7	Letter Book: Correspondence L-R, 2/1/16-7/31/16	1916
10	8	Letter Book: Correspondence S, 2/1/16-7/31/16	1916
10	9	Letter Book: Correspondence T-Z, 2/1/16-7/31/16	1916
10	10	Letter Book: Unsorted Correspondence, 4/1/17-9/1/17	1917
10	11	Letter Book: Unsorted Correspondence, 4/1/17-9/1/17	1917
10	12	Letter Book: Unsorted Correspondence, 4/1/17-9/1/17	1917
11	1	Letter Book: Unsorted Correspondence, 4/1/17-9/1/17	1917
11	2	Letter Book: Unsorted Correspondence, 4/1/17-9/1/17	1917
11	3	Letter Book: Correspondence A-E, 10/1/17-3/31/18	1917-1918
11	4	Letter Book: Correspondence F-P, 10/1/17-3/31/18	1917-1918
11	5	Letter Book: Correspondence Q-S, 10/1/17-3/31/18	1917-1918
11	6	Letter Book: Correspondence T-Z, 10/1/17-3/31/18	1917-1918
11	7	Letter Book: Correspondence A-E, 10/1/17-3/31/18	1918
11	8	Letter Book: Correspondence F-N, 4/1/18-11/1/18	1918
11	9	Letter Book: Correspondence O-R, 4/1/18-11/1/18	1918
11	10	Letter Book: Correspondence S-Z, 4/1/18-11/1/18	1918

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12	1	Letter Book: Correspondence A-E, 1/1/19-1/1/20	1919-1920
12	2	Letter Book: Correspondence F-M, 1/1/19-1/1/20	1919-1920
12	3	Letter Book: Correspondence N-R, 1/1/19-1/1/20	1919-1920
12	4	Letter Book: Correspondence 5, 1/1/19-1/1/20	1919-1920
12	5	Letter Book: Correspondence T-Z, 1/1/19-1/1/20	1919-1920
I 2	6	Letter Book: Correspondence A-C, 12/1/19- 12/1/20	1919-1920
12	7	Letter Book: Correspondence D-P, 12/1/19- 12/1/20	1919-1920
12	8	Letter Book: Correspondence Q-S, 12/1/19-12/1/20	1919-1920
12	9	Letter Book: Correspondence T-Z, 12/1/19-12/1/20	1919-1920
13	1	Correspondence	1921-1923
13	2	Correspondence	1924-1926
13	3	Correspondence	1927-1928
13	4	Correspondence	1929-1930
13	5	Correspondence	1922-1930
14	OV	Day Book, Account Book	1894-1895
15A		Day Book, Journal, Ledgers, etc.	1894-1895
15B		Ledger, Day Book, Account Book	1894-1900
16	OV	Account Book	1893
17	OV	Ledger Sheets	1923-1925
18	OV	Ledger Sheets	1925-1927
19	OV	Ledger Sheets	1924-1928