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Historical Sketch:

The Washington Mill Company was established in 1857 at Seabeck, Washington Territory by William J. Adams, Marshall Blinn, John R. Williamson, William B. Sinclair, and Hill Harmon. Adams and Blinn had formed a retail and wholesale lumber firm in San Francisco the previous year. The San Francisco firm was the parent of the Washington Mill Company, a feature of Bay Area-Puget Sound region commercial relationships that was to become common. Their markets included the developing West Coast as well as the Pacific Rim. The Mill was destroyed by fire in 1886.

Blinn directed the mill operation, while Adams managed the marketing end. In 1870 Marshall Blinn sold his interest to his brother Samuel, and Richard Holyoke began managing the mill. Samuel Blinn sold his interest to Adams and a Mr. Taylor in 1879. Taylor soon afterwards also sold his share to Adams. After the 1886 fire an administrative office was maintained at Hadlock for a short time, but for all practical purposes, the fire ended the operational life of the Washington Mill Company.

Size:

The collection consists of six linear feet of records contained in fifteen boxes and three reels of microfilm.

Provenance:

The Washington Mill Company papers have been assembled from the collections of four different historical collections: Manson F. Backus, Clarence B. Bagley, Laurence J. Colman, and Thomas W. Prosch. Each of them probably made excursions to the old mill site at Seabeck, located on Hood's Canal in the Puget Sound. Each collection found its way independently to the University of Washington Libraries.

Arrangement:

This collection is comprised of several series, intergrated under the general focus of the Washington Mill Company. The series are: bills, business records, correspondence (incoming and outgoing) and a scrapbook compiled by Thomas Prosch. The scrapbook, located in the last box of the collection, should be used in conjunction with each of the series of unbound material. It contains additional correspondence, business records, invoices and miscellany, 1857-75. It also contains 62 pages of "Arrivals and Departures" of ships at Seabeck from 1858 to 1883.

The collection was microfilmed in 1965 with support from the National Historical Publications Commission. At that time, the original inventory was superseded by the microfilm publication. The main change is that letters that were in individual name folders are now filed in chronological sequence. When the present inventory was compiled in 1986, it was noted that a number of volumes listed on the

microfilm publication were missing. The missing items are: 1 vol. of "Accounts of individuals 1857-1886", 1 vol. labeled "Index", 2 vols. of "Journals 1867-1882", 2 vols. of "Ledgers 1868-1874", 1 vol. of "Requisitions and orders 1882-1885", and 2 vols. of "Sales journals 1863-1865".

The last box in the collection contains some photocopied additions added in 1967 and 1968 by Thomas Gedosch. Gedosch wrote a master's thesis on Seabeck, 1857-1886: The History of a Company Town, at the University of Washington in 1966. The additions include copies of property records, a copy of Marshall Blinn's will, and various historical information on the Adams family. A reproduction of a photograph of the Hadlock Mill crew was transferred to Special Collections in 1986.

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<u>Box/Fldr</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u># Items</u>
	BILLS		
1/1	Bills, Misc. (A - H)	1858-72	35-40
1/2	Bills, Misc. (I - P)	1858-72	50-60
1/3	Bills, Misc. (R - Z)	1858-72	40-50
	BUSINESS RECORDS		
1/4	Accounts of Individuals (misc.)	1859-65	14
	Accounts of Individuals	1872-73	1 vol.
	Accounts of Individuals	1880-82	1 vol.
	Accounts of Individuals	1886	1 vol.
1/5	Accounts of Individuals Hill Harmon	1857-65	7
1/6	Balance Sheets	1861-62	14
2/1	Cargo Invoices, etc.	1858-75	ca. 50
2	Cargo Invoices, Specifications of Ships	1869-73	1 vol.
2	Cargo Invoices, Specifications of Ships	1877-78	1 vol.
2	Cargo Invoices, Specifications of Ships	1878	1 vol.
2	Cash Book (Rebound)	1885-87	1 vol.
3	Cook House Accounts (Rebound)	1865-73	1 vol.
3	Day Books	1857-60	3 vol.
4	Day Books	1864-72	3 vol.
5	Day Books	1872-90	4 vol.
5	Inventory Book	1888	1 vol.
6/1	Invoices	1858-62	9
6	Invoices	1857-68	2 vol.
7	Invoices	1882-83	1 vol.
8	Invoices (1 Rebound)	1883-86	2 vol.
9	Invoices	1884-86	1 vol.
10	Journal	1863	1 vol.
11&Oversize	Journals	1864-76	4 vol.
11	Mill Book	1878-82	1 vol.
11	Order Book (Rebound)	1886-87	1 vol.
11/1	Receipts and sales list	1859	1
11/2	Receipts, miscellaneous	1859-68	10
11&Oversize	Requisitions and orders	1882-85	2 vol.
12	Stock Book (Rebound)	1885-87	1 vol.
12/1	Stock Lists	1862, 67	2
12	Time Book	1863-68	1 vol.
Oversize	Ledgers	1868-74	2 vol.
12	OUTGOING LETTERS (LETTER PRESS BOOKS)	1877-84	2 vol.
13	OUTGOING LETTERS (LETTER PRESS BOOKS) (1 vol. Rebound)	1865-85	3 vol.
13/1-4	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE (MAINLY INCOMING)	1857-58	50
14/1-53	GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE (MAINLY INCOMING)	1858-85	585

<u>Box/Fldr</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u># Items</u>
15	SCRAPBOOK [75 numbered pages of mounted letters, invoices, and miscellany, plus 62 pages (pp.78-140) of "Arrivals and Departures" at Seabeck 1858-83.]	1857-83	1 vol.
	MAP - Kitsap County with property owners	ca. 1909	1
<u>Subgroups - Private Papers of the Executives</u>			
	<u>MARSHALL BLINN</u>		
15/1-5	CORRESPONDENCE (15/5 - Photocopy of Blinn's will - added by T. Gedosch)	1860-79	57
	<u>RICHARD HOLYOKE</u>		
15/6, 7	CORRESPONDENCE	1870-88	30
<u>Subgroups - Records of Affiliated Companies</u>			
	<u>ADAMS AND TAYLOR, SEABECK</u>		
15/8	INCOMING LETTERS	1876, 79	4
	<u>ADAMS, BLINN AND CO., SAN FRANCISCO</u>		
15/9-11	CORRESPONDENCE	1857-76	28
15/12	AGREEMENTS	1859-67	4
15/13-18	BILLS AND INVOICES	1858-72	175
15/19	INVOICE	1863	1
15/20	CONTRACT FOR ELECTRIC LIGHT APPARATUSES	1883	1
15/21	ADDITIONS [Photocopied correspondence, clippings, and documents related to WM Co. and the Adams family (a short history and family papers) added by Tom Gedosch in 1968]	1863-1961	ca. 75

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(Note: incoming letters are arranged chronologically)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Items</u>
Abernethy, Alexander Smith	1866	1
Ackerson, John W.	1870	1
Adams, Blinn & Co., S.F.	1857	7
Adams, Blinn & Co., S.F.	1858	44
Adams, Blinn & Co., S.F.	1859	20
Alden, B.	1875	1
Allen & Lewis, Portland	1869	1
Ballard, M. D.	1880	1
Ballard & Hatfield, Seattle	1885	1
Bank of British North America	1881	1
Barker, W. W.	1872	1
Barnard, William E.	1863-1869	7
Barnes, George A.	1876-1877	3
Bartlett (C. C.) & Co., Port Townsend	1881	1
Basconant, L. J.	1875	1
Baxter, D. K.	1872	1
Baxter (S.) & Co., Seattle	1881	1
Benedict, S. G.	1877	1
Biles, (John B.) & Co., Tumwater	1868-1871	3
Blumberg, J. F.	1862	1
Booth, Foss & Borst, Seattle	1870	1
Booth, Manville S.	1865-1874	3
Boyd (William P.) & Poncin, Seattle	1880	1
Brackett, George, 1842-	1881	1
Bradshaw, Charles Miner, 1831-1897	1880	1
Briggs, L. H.	1878	1
Brown, H. T.	1880	1
Burke & Rasin, Seattle	1880	1
Burns, John E.	1865-1866	5
Butler, Thomas	1874-1877	2
Calhoun, Samuel	1878	1

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Calligan, R. H.	1877	1
Cannon, A. M., 1857-	1877	1
Case, Charles	1881	1
Cennick, John T.	1878, 1881	2
Choir, Melody	1876	1
Chong (Wa) & Co., Seattle [See also: Outgoing Correspondence (Bound Volumes), 1884-1885]	1877, 1880	3
Clark, J. P.	1871	1
Clark, M. B.	1871	1
Clarke, Fred A.	1873	1
Clother, A. J.	1877	1
Colman, James Manning. 1830-1886	1871	3
Colman (James M.) & Falk, Port Orchard	1865-1866	4
Coombs, S. F.	1871	1
Cooper, D. C.	1865	1
Coulter, Samuel	1872	1
Crockett, S. B.	1858, 1865	2
Damon, John F.	1861	1
DeLion, Karl W.	1878	2
Dennison, B. F. [SA: Encl. list]	1865-1876	19
Denny, Arthur Armstrong, 1822-1899	1863, 1866, 1871	3
Dickinson, O.	1879	1
Dinsmore, A.	1878	1
Doane, Charles L.	1860	1
Douglas, James, 1803-1877	1861	1
Drew, Fred	1871	1
Durgin, S. D.	1865	2
Durie, D. E.	1885	1
Ebey, Eason B. [SA: Encl. list]	1867-1868, 1879	4
Eisenbeis, Charles, 1832-	1866, 1872	2
Evans, Elwood, -1898	1867, 1881	2
Evans, Ephriam	1859	2

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Fairbairn, Robert	1880	1
Ferguson, Emory Canda, 1833-1911	1876	3
Ferry, Elisha Peyre, 1825-1895	1870, 1875	2
Fife, William H. 1833-	1876	1
Finch, D. B.	1864, 1866-1869	22
Forbes, I. B.	1860	1
Foster & Rone, Olympia	1877	1
Fowler & Co., Port Townsend	1859-1860	3
Francis (A) & Co., Neah Bay	1871	1
Frauenthal Bros., Seattle	1879-1880	2
Gaches, James & George; LaConner	1878, 1885	3
Galliher, M.	1861	3
Gardner, D. Foster	1860	1
Gerrish, O. F.	1866, 1872	2
Gow, Charles H.	1881	2
Green (Joseph) & Sheldon, Portland	1875	1
Guye, Francis M., 1832-1908	1877	1
Haines, R. R.	1867	1
Hale, Henry C.	1875, 1877	5
Hall (Henry K.) Brothers, Port Ludlow	1880-1881	3
Hall, S. W.	1875	2
Hall, W. B.	1880	1
Haller, G. Morris	1881	1
Haller, Granville Owen, 1819-1897	1866-1884	7
Hanford, Cornelius Holgate, 1849-1926	1881	1
Hanson (Charles) Ackerson & Co., Tacoma	1870, 1876, 1880-1881	5
Harmon, Hill	1858, 1865	3
Harmons, Edward	1872	1
Harrington (W. A.) & Smith, Seattle	1881	2
Harris (George W.) & Co., Seattle	1881	3
Haslett, Samuel	no date	1
Hastings, L. B., 1814-1882	1860-1873	4
Higgins, D.	1877	1

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Higgins, John E.	1860	1
Hill, J. S.	1860	1
Hill (William D.) & Son, Port Townsend	1881, 1885	2
Hilton, John E.	1879	1
Holmes, Leander	1868	1
Horton, Dexter, 1825-1904	1866, 1877, 1879	3
Horton, W. N.	1875	1
Houghton, J. S.	1860	3
Hovey, A. G., 1830-	1880	1
Howe, A. P.	1858, 1879	3
Hubbs, Paul K.*	1860	3
Huntington, H. D.	1859	1
Huntington & son, Olympia	1869	1
Hyland, P. E.	1871	1
Iverson, O. B.	1875	1
Jackson, Daniel Bachelder	1876, 1878, 1880	3
Jackson, H. F.	1880	1
Jacobs Bros. & Co., Portland	1875	1
Jacobs, Orange, 1827-1914	1877-1878	5
James, F. W.	1865	1
Jameson, William [S.A.: Outgoing Letter (Press Books) July 25, 1885]	1877-1881	10
Jennings, W. A.	1876	2
Jones, James	1880	1
Keach, Phillip	1886, 1871	2
Keller, J. P.	1857	1
Kelley, J. M.	1869	1
Kellogg, J. C.	1864	1
Kellogg & Snyder, Seattle	1880	1
King, A. H.	1876, 1877	2

*See also: Washington Mill Co. vs J. C. Kinnear; Washington Territory Reports, Vol.1 (Allen) 1854-1879: pp. 99-101. (Superior Court, December, 1860.) [Available University of Washington Law Library]

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Kirkland, Moses	1860	1
Kitsap County Washington (Ter.) Treasurer	1869	1
Knapp, Burrell & Co., Portland	1878	1
Knott, Levi	1873	3
Knox, John T.	1865, 1866	3
Koopmanschap & Co., San Francisco	1866	3
Landes, Henry, 1843-	1875, 1881	2
Latham, John	1877	1
Laumn, J. D.	1865	1
Lawson, Fred A.	1876	1
Lawson, James S.	1879	3
Libby (S. D.) & Co., Seattle	1864	1
Lombard, R. R.	June 16, no year	1
Lord, J. R.	1865	1
McCann, Richard	1865	2
McCraken (J.) & Co., Portland	1872, 1881	4
McCraken, Merrill & Co., Portland	1870	1
McElroy, Thornton F.	1880	1
McEwen, J. H.	1875	2
McGill, Henry M.	1865	1
McGilvra, John Jay, 1827-1903	1863-1865	6
MacKintosh, Angus, 1839-1904	1877	2
McKinlay, James	1871, 1874	3
MacLeay (T.) & Co., Olympia	1877	1
McNaught (James) & Leary, Seattle	1877-1878	2
McReavy, John [S.A.: Outgoing letters (Press volumes) 1884-1885]	1869-1881	15
Mason County, Washington (Ter.) Treasurer	1865	1
Meeker, Ezra M.	1861-1862	8
Meigs, George Anson, 1820-1897	1860-1872	7
Miller, A. S.	1865-1879	4
Minor, Thomas T., -1889	1877, 1879	4
Peter, Andrew	1879	3
Peter, Simon	1877	4

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Phinney, Guy Carleton, 1852-1893	1881	2
Phinney (Amos) & Co., Port Ludlow	1883	1
Port Blakely Mill Co., Port Blakely, Wash.	1879-1880	2
Port Discovery Mill Co., Port Discovery, Wash.	1874-1875	2
Port Ludlow Mill Co., Port Ludlow, Wash.	1871-1872, 1875	4
Porter (N. S.) & Israel, Olympia	1881	3
Prosser, William Farrand, 1834-1911	1879	1
Puget Mill Co., Teekalet, Washington	1860-1875	8
Purdy, F.C.	1863-1879	5
Reeves, William H.	1881	2
Rothschild (D. C. H.) & Co., Port Townsend	1868-1878	6
Sayward, William P.	1859-1860	4
Seavey, James, 1825-	1864-1881	5
Shelton, Lewis D. W.	1876	1
Sinclair, William B.	1859-1861	3
Treen, L. A.	1876-1877	2
U.S. Customs. Port Angeles [Moore, Phillip D.]	1862	3
U.S. Customs. Puget Sound District [Dyer, E. T.]	1865	1
U.S. District Land Office [Brown, J. T., Register]	1887	2
U.S. Indian Agent. Neah Bay, Wash. (Ter.) [Huntington, C. A.]	1875-1876	4
U.S. Indian Agent. Skokomish, Wash. (Ter.) [Paige, George A., and Eells, Edwin]	1861-1879	9
U.S. Land Office. Special Agent [Tuttle, B. B.]	1873, 1881	2
U.S. Local Inspectors of Steam Vessels, Seattle	1872, 1874, 1881	3
U.S. Port Office Department. Special Agent [Steel, G. A.]	1878	1
Walker, Cyrus, 1827-	1858, 1863, 1871	5
Washington (Ter.) Assessor's Office	1869	1
Washington (Ter.) Collector of Internal Revenue	1864-65	2
Washington (Ter.) Indian Agent. Tulalip Washington	1872	1
Washington (Ter.) University. Treasurer [Denny, David T.; Jordan, John T.]	1868, 1872	2

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Waterman & Katz, Port Townsend	1875-1881	8
Webb, Thomas	1864-1876	7
Whitworth, George F., 1816-	1866	2
Williams, Theodore O.	1862-1863	3
Williamson, John R., 1825-1913	1863	1
Willson (E. A.) & Co., Union City	1863-1866	5
Yesler (Henry L.) Denny & Co., Seattle	1861	1