

Morin Lumber Company Records, 1929-1957

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Morin Lumber Company
Title	Morin Lumber Company Records
Dates	1929-1957 (inclusive) 1929 1957
Quantity	3.1 linear feet , (6 boxes plus 5 large bound volumes)
Collection Number	Mss 093 (collection)
Summary	The Morin Lumber Company was located in Missoula, Montana. This collection includes financial and legal records detailing the daily operations of a small-scale western Montana lumber mill, with particularly detailed records between 1944 and 1957.
Repository	University of Montana, Mansfield Library, Archives and Special Collections Archives and Special Collections Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library University of Montana 32 Campus Dr. #9936 59812-9936 Missoula, MT Telephone: 406-243-2053 Fax: 406-243-4067 library.archives@umontana.edu
Access Restrictions	Researchers must use collection in accordance with the policies of Archives and Special Collections, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, and The University of Montana-Missoula.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for creating this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Historic Publications and Records Commission. Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

Fred Morin, founder and president of the company, was born in Benson, Minnesota, on February 13, 1880. He worked for a time at a lumberyard in Halleck, Minnesota, before becoming manager of the Robertson Lumber Company yard in Crookston, Minnesota. He arrived in Missoula, Montana, in 1910 and joined with Ed Ribardy in forming the Ribardy Lumber Company. In 1911 Morin became sole owner and changed the name to the Morin Lumber Company in 1916. The company operated a sawmill in upper Miller Creek, southeast of Missoula, from the late 1920s through 1936. In 1947 the Morin Lumber Company began operating a sawmill at Tupper Lake, near Seeley Lake, Montana, and continued production at the site until 1956. Fred Morin sold the planing mill and lumberyard in 1961. He died June 6, 1962.

Content Description

This collection includes financial and legal records detailing the daily operations of a small-scale western Montana lumber mill, with particularly detailed records between 1944 and 1957. Most of the records are handwritten journals or logs recording aspects of mill operations such as log scale measurements submitted to the Montana State Forester for timber sale review, payroll hours and rates, and daily product and administrative transactions. Also included are typed records of quarterly production reports, timber sale agreements, and union relationships. The union contract records include correspondence regarding initial union representation for Morin Lumber Company employees.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

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Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The collection is divided into two series:

Series I: Financial, 2.9 linear feet, 1929-1957

Series II: Legal, 0.1 linear feet, 1941-1955

Custodial History

This collection remained in the possession of the Morin family until donation to the K. Ross Toole Archives.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Vincent Morin, 1980.

Processing Note

The actions of the original processors are unknown. In 2003, the collection was re-described.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Financial Records , 1929-1957

3.0 linear feet

This series includes a general equipment inventory, bound log scale books, small bound payroll logs, unbound production reports, small bound transaction journals, an unbound yard ledger, and five large bound ledgers of outgoing lumber sales. All records are handwritten except production reports, timber sale contracts, and union contracts. All bound transaction journals exhibit accounting shorthand practices. Log scale books record timber measurements submitted to the Montana State Forester as part of the timber sale review process. Payroll records detail compensation by individual per pay period, including per diem totals. Production reports detail lumber production totals, equipment purchases, outgoing shipments, existing stock arranged by tree species, and production lost to injury. General Accounts Journals record daily transactions, credits, debts, and deposits. The yard ledger is an alphabetized record of account activities from the Miller Creek mill operation. Cash Books record sales of lumber leaving the processing yard.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
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Box/Folder		
1/1	Inventory	1944
1/2	Log Scale Books	
1/3	Payroll Records, Seeley Lake Mill	1947-1948
1/4	Payroll Records, Seeley Lake Mill	1948-1949
1/5	Payroll Records, Seeley Lake Mill	1949
1/6	Payroll Records, Seeley Lake Mill	1950-1951
1/7	Payroll Records, Seeley Lake Mill	1951
2/1	Payroll Records, Seeley Lake Mill	1951-1952
2/2	Payroll Records, Seeley Lake Mill	1952
2/3	Payroll Records, Seeley Lake Mill	1952
2/4	Production Reports	1950-1956

Box-volume

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/1	General Accounts Journal	1944-09 - 1946-08
3/2	General Accounts Journal	1946-09 - 1948-02
3/3	General Accounts Journal	1948-03 - 1949-12
3/4	General Accounts Journal	1950-01 - 1951-09
4/5	General Accounts Journal	1951-10 - 1953-05
4/6	General Accounts Journal	1953-06 - 1955-03
4/7	General Accounts Journal	1955-04 - 1957-05
Box/Folder		
5/1	Yard Ledger, A-B	1929-1936
5/2	Yard Ledger, C	1929-1936
5/3	Yard Ledger, D-F	1929-1936
5/4	Yard Ledger, G-I	1929-1936
5/5	Yard Ledger, J-L	1929-1936
5/6	Yard Ledger, M-Mc	1929-1936
5/7	Yard Ledger, N-R	1929-1936
6/1	Yard Ledger, S-T	1929-1936
6/2	Yard Ledger, U-Z	1929-1936
Volume		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
8	Cash Book	1945-11 - 1947-05
9	Cash Book	1947-06 - 1948-09
10	Cash Book	1948-09 - 1950-03
11	Cash Book	1950-04 - 1951-07
12	Cash Book	1951-08 - 1953-04

Series II: Legal Records , 1941-1955

0.1 linear feet

This series includes records detailing timber sale agreements and union relationships. All timber contract records detail locations, total board feet, and compensation. Most contracts in this collection were between Morin Lumber Company and the State of Montana. Union contracts materials primarily record personnel allocation agreements but also include official correspondence between employees, union representatives, and mill ownership regarding the initiation of union representation. All records are typed and in good condition.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
6/3	Timber Sale Contracts and Agreements	1941-1954
6/4	Union Contracts	1946-1955

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Lumber trade--Montana

Sawmills--Montana

Geographical Names :

Montana--State Forester

Form or Genre Terms :

Business records--Montana--Missoula

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