

Murphy-Worden and Company (Missoula, Mont.) Records, 1893-1902

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Murphy-Worden and Company (Missoula, Mont.)
Title	Murphy-Worden and Company (Missoula, Mont.) Records
Dates	1893-1902 (inclusive) 1893 1902
Quantity	3.5 linear feet (9 volumes)
Collection Number	Mss 568 (collection)
Summary	Murphy-Worden and Company was a Missoula, Montana, dry goods and grocery store. This collection is comprised of nine bound store registers dating between 1893 and 1902. These registers overlap dates and primarily track patron account status with few details regarding the nature of items purchased.
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

Murphy-Worden and Company was formed in June 1886, when Worden and Company (a grocery) merged with Murphy, Hart and Company (a general merchandiser). The merged company was owned and operated by Frank L. Worden, Christopher P. Higgins, William C. Murphy, and J. L. Hart. The company sold dry goods, clothes, and groceries at the store formerly run by Murphy, Hart and Company (217 N. Higgins Ave.). In February 1890, Murphy-Worden and Company dropped the dry

goods line. In 1902, the Murphy-Worden Company was replaced by Murphy-Greenough and Company, which continued exclusively as a grocery store in the same location.

Content Description

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Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

Researchers are responsible for using in accordance with 17 U.S.C. and any other applicable statutes. Copyright not transferred to The University of Montana.

Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The collection is arranged as a single series of financial records.

Custodial History

The A.M. Sterling Family of Ronan, Montana, held the collection until donating it to the K. Ross Toole Archives.

Acquisition Information

This collection was acquired with the A. M. Sterling Company papers in 1969.

Processing Note

This collection was originally processed as LC 24. The actions of the original processors are unknown. In 2003, the collection was re-described. Volumes 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9 are in uniformly good condition. Volumes 2, 3, and 7 suffered some damage prior to accession into the K. Ross Toole Archives; however, damage is mostly limited to the outer portions of the volumes.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Financial Records , 1893-1902

3.5 linear feet (9 volumes)

This series includes general financial records detailing daily transactions and cumulative account status. All volumes exhibit accounting shorthand practices and most detail credits, debits, salaries, and expenses by individual/company name. Accounts Receivable Ledgers record purchases with the price of items and method of payment. Volume 8 is a continuation of records in volumes 5, 6, and 7 for client records that exceeded the number of pages originally allocated in the earlier volumes.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Volume		
1	General Journal	1898-12-01 - 1902-08-31
2	Cash Book Envelope with miscellaneous receipts (laundry, out, etc.) inserted into front cover.	1898-07-01 - 1902-08-31
3	General Ledger Loose sheets titled "FINAL BALANCES" inside of front cover.	1893-09-01 - 1902-07-31
4	Alphabetical Index to General Ledger (volume 3)	
5	Accounts Receivable Ledger, A - K	1896-10-01 - 1899-02-28
6	Accounts Receivable Ledger, L - Z	1896-10-01 - 1899-02-28
7	Accounts Receivable Ledger, A - Z	1899-03-01 - 1901-04-30
8	Accounts Receivable Ledger	1898-12-01 - 1902-03-31
9	Sales Ledger	1899-12-01 - 1901-05-31

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Grocery trade--Montana--Missoula

Form or Genre Terms :

Business records--Montana--Missoula

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