



Guide to the Jonathan E. Cox Papers, 1885-1938 and undated

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Summary

Collection Title:

Jonathan E. Cox papers, 1885-1938 and undated

Creator:

Cox, Jonathan Elwood, 1856-1932

Abstract:

Banker and manufacturer of High Point, N.C. May have been a Quaker. The Jonathan E. Cox Papers chiefly consist of the business records of a banker and manufacturer from High Point, North Carolina. Records date from 1885-1938 and include many boxes of business and personal correspondence, chiefly letters to Cox; and a series of manuscript volumes, including journals, daybooks, order books, trial balance books, ledgers, profit-and-loss accounts, bill books, inventory records, rent book, check stubs, mill contracts, a letter book, and an account book of Joseph D. Cox. There are few personal items, but there is some biographical information on Cox's daughter, Clara I. Cox, a Quaker also living in High Point, who was active in civic and humanitarian affairs in that city.

Extent:

30 Linear Feet

Approximately 46,057 Items

Physical Location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Language:

English

Language:

Material in English

Collection ID:

RL.00264

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Background

Scope and Content

The Jonathan E. Cox Papers chiefly consist of the business records of a banker and manufacturer from High Point, North Carolina. Records date from 1885-1938 and include many boxes of business and personal correspondence, chiefly to Cox from suppliers, builders, creditors, and manufacturers; and a series of manuscript volumes, including journals, daybooks, order books, trial balance books, ledgers, profit-and-loss accounts, bill books, inventory records, rent book, check stubs, mill contracts, a letter book, and an account book of Joseph D. Cox. Business topics in the manuscripts and correspondence include banks and banking, insurance, textile industry, lumber trade, shipping, and the mercantile business. There are few personal items, but there is some biographical information on Cox's daughter, Clara I. Cox, a Quaker also living in High Point, who was active in civic and humanitarian affairs in that city. There is significant political correspondence, chiefly for 1908, when Cox was an unsuccessful candidate on the Republican ticket for governor of North Carolina. Among other subjects represented are universities and colleges (Guilford and Peabody, later part of Vanderbilt University), North Carolina roads, and American participation in World War I. Records are arranged in chronological order with the exception of the last three boxes, which contain the earliest material. Manuscript volumes are housed separately.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Acquisition Information

The Jonathan E. Cox Papers were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a gift in 1956.

Processing Information

Processed by Rubenstein Library staff, July 1957

Encoded by Robert Carlson and Paula Jeannet, August 2009

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Related Materials

Related Material

North Carolina ledger, 1894-1898. Ledger of an unidentified merchant probably located in High Point, N.C. Transactions in the volume primarily show the sale of food, although there is occasional mention of clothing and household items. Contains account for Jonathan E. Cox. David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Duke University

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Names and Subjects

- North Carolina -- Politics and government -- 1865-1950
- Lumber trade -- North Carolina
- Textile industry -- North Carolina
- Roads -- North Carolina
- World War, 1914-1918 -- Participation, American
- Universities and colleges -- Southern States
- Banks and banking -- North Carolina
- Governors -- North Carolina
- Industries -- North Carolina
- Insurance companies -- North Carolina
- Cox, Joe (Joseph D.)
- George Peabody College for Teachers
- Cox, Jonathan Elwood, 1856-1932
- Republican Party (N.C.)
- Guilford College
- Vanderbilt University. George Peabody College for Teachers -- History
- Cox, Clara I.

Collection Inventory

Business Papers Series, 1903-1921 and undated

Physical Description: 38 boxes

Scope and Contents note

For the earliest business correspondence from 1898-1903, see boxes 40-42.

1903 Feb.-Apr.	Box 1
1903 May-July	Box 2
1903 Aug.-Oct.	Box 3
1903 Nov.-Dec. and n.d.	Box 4
1904 Jan.-Mar.	Box 5
1904 Apr.-Dec. and n.d.	Box 6
1905-1906, Sept.	Box 7

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1906 Oct.-1906 Dec. and n.d.	Box 8
1907 Jan.-1907 Mar.	Box 9
1907 Apr.-1907 July	Box 10
1907 Aug.-1907 Dec. and n.d.	Box 11
1908 Jan.-1908 Aug.	Box 12
1908 Jan.-1908 Dec.	Box 13
1909 Jan.-1909 June	Box 14
1909 July-1909 Dec. and n.d.	Box 15
1910 May-1910 Dec.	Box 16
1910 Jan.-1910 Apr.	Box 17
1911	Box 18
1912	Box 19
1913 Jan.-1913 July	Box 20
1913 Aug.-1913 Dec.	Box 21
1914 Jan.-1914 May	Box 22
1914 June-1914 Sept.	Box 23
1914 Oct.-1914 Dec. and n.d.	Box 24
1915 Jan.-1915 Apr.	Box 25
1915 May-1915 Sept.	Box 26
1915 Oct.-1915 Dec. and n.d.	Box 27
1916 Jan.-1916 June	Box 28
1916 July-1916 Dec. and n.d.	Box 29
1917 Jan.-1917 June	Box 30
1917 July-1917 Dec. and n.d.	Box 31

1918 Jan.-1918 May	Box 32
1918 June-1918 Dec.	Box 33
1919	Box 34
1920 Jan.-1920 June	Box 35
1920 July-1920 Dec. and n.d.	Box 36
1921 Jan.-1921 June	Box 37
1921 July-1921 Dec. and undated	Box 38

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Additional Printed Material Series, 1920-1924

Physical Description: 1 box

Clippings and various printed material	Box 39
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Original accession, 1898-1938

Physical Description: 3 boxes

Scope and Contents note

Probably the first boxes acquired of this collection. Business correspondence and records, chiefly correspondence to J. Cox from suppliers, creditors, and insurance agencies pertaining to the lumber, textile, and shipping industry in North Carolina, to the establishment of a wagon wheel factory, and to various building projects. Box 40 also includes biographical information on Cox's daughter, Clara I. Cox, a Quaker of High Point, N.C. who was active in civic and humanitarian affairs in that city, and a photocopy of the residence of Jonathan Cox in High Point.

Business and personal papers, 1898-1938	Box 40-42
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Manuscript Volumes Series, 1885-1931

Physical Description: 57 volumes

Scope and Contents note

Bound manuscript volumes belonging to the Cox manufacturing firm and to Jonathan Cox: daybooks, journals, ledgers, trial balance books, personal accounts, receipt books, inventories, and orders. See catalog record listings for individual volumes and their dates and locations.

Box 40-42

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