

Van Fleet Collection

1868 - 1899

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DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:

Creator:	John E. Van Fleet and his son, Jacob Van Fleet
Title:	Van Fleet Collection
Collection Number:	No. 97
Dates of Process:	July 2011
Volume:	.5 cubic feet in one box
Restrictions:	None
Access:	During open library hours of the Society (12 PM to 4 PM every Thursday; 10 AM to 4 PM every 2 nd and 4 th Saturday of each month; and by appointment).
Related Collections:	No. 18, HCHS Collection I; No. 31, the Capner Papers.
Abstract:	The Van Fleet Collection consists of thirteen (13) day books, also known as business ledgers. They cover the time period from 1868 thru 1899 while the Readington Steam Mill operated, and later when the building was used as a store. The Mill was owned and operated by John Van Fleet, and later included participation by D.G. Thomas. Also included are three (3) ledgers documenting the business activities of Jacob Van Fleet, the son of John, while working as a barber.
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:	This collection was donated by Harold Van Fleet, great-great nephew of John Van Fleet and distant cousin of Jacob Van Fleet. John Van Fleet was the proprietor and manager of the Readington Steam Mill. Mill Books document a partnership with D.G. Thomas. Jacob Van Fleet, John's son, was a barber in Readington.
SCOPE AND CONTENT	This collection contains 13 day books and one letter. John Van Fleet was the proprietor and manager of the Readington Steam Mill; his day books contain information concerning customers, purchases, inventories, 'bags lent out' and staff information. Thirteen of the books document the activities at the mill. Two of the books document the accounts and sales while the building was a store. John Van Fleet's son, Jacob worked as a barber and provides three books documenting the activities of his barber shop. The letter was received by John Van Fleet from A. Leod regarding syrup.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1		Jacob Van Fleet, Barber Shop Day Books
Box/Folder		
1	1	Day Book of Jacob Van Fleet, barber. 1868, 1869; 1880, 1882
	2	Day Book of Jacob Van Fleet, barber. 1896 – 1897
	3	Day Book of Jacob Van Fleet, barber. 1898 – 1899
Series 2		John and Jacob Van Fleet, Store Day Books
1	4	Store Ledger between John Van Fleet and Jacob Van Fleet 1888 – 1890
	5	Store Ledger 1887 – 1894
Series 3		Van Fleet and Thomas, Mill Day Books
	6	Mill Book of Van Fleet and Thomas 1882 - 1888
	7	Mill Book No. 1 1886 – 1887
	8	Mill Book No. 2 1887 – 1888
	9	Mill Book No. 3 1888
	10	Mill Book 1888 – 1889
	11	Mill Book 1889 – 1890
	12	Mill Book 1890 – 1891
	13	Mill Book 1892
	14	Letter from A. Leod to John Van Fleet