



*New York State Archives*

**Records of the East Boston Timber Company A1220**

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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This series consists of business records of the East Boston Timber Company, a private company that owned Grand Island and a number of lake boats. The state seized these records after the company went bankrupt. Records include bills; receipts; expense accounts; orders and promises to pay; correspondence; and payments to workers, listing the dates and number of hours worked. Also included are records of the Steamboats Red Jacket and Victory and other shipping records.
<b>Creator:</b>	New York (State). Comptroller's Office
<b>Title:</b>	Records of the East Boston Timber Company
<b>Quantity:</b>	4.2 cubic feet
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1833-1840
<b>Series:</b>	A1220

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## Administrative History

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The East Boston Timber Company was incorporated on March 28, 1834, "for the purpose of sawing and preparing at East Boston, by steam or water power or otherwise, and of vending ship and other timber, plank, boards, staves, joist, scantling, and all and every other article prepared and manufactured from wood." The charter authorized the company to hold and manage real estate up to \$75,000 in value, as well as personal property up to the same amount. The directors and major stockholders of the company were Stephen White, General W. H. Sumner, Francis J. Oliver, L. F. Allen, and a Dr. Barstow of Salem. William Fettyplace was the superintendent of the company, and Seth Brooks served as surveyor. The East Boston Timber Company went bankrupt in 1840.

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## Scope and Content Note

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These are business records of a private company, the East Boston Timber Company, which owned Grand Island as well as a number of lake boats. The records include bills; receipts; expense accounts; orders and promises to pay; correspondence; and payments to workers, listing the dates and number of hours they worked. Papers of company agents, J. H. Lathrop and Julius Gerber, are strongly represented in the series. There are also records of the Steamboats Red Jacket and Victory, and other shipping records. These records were seized by the state after the company went bankrupt in 1840.

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of the material.

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## Access Terms

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- Lumber trade
- Accounting
- New York (State)
- East Boston Timber Company
- New York (State). Department of Audit and Control