

Lamson & Goodnow Papers

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Begun as a small mill manufacturing scythe snaths by Silas Lamson in Cummington, Mass., in 1834, the company moved to Shelburne Falls in 1837. Lamson was joined by his sons, Ebenezer and Nathaniel, and by Ebenezer and Abel Goodnow. Incorporated in 1851 as the Shelburne Falls Manufacturing Co., the name was changed to Lamson & Goodnow in 1853 after most operations had moved to the Buckland, Mass., side of the Deerfield River. Lamson & Goodnow manufactured scythes and cutlery for more than 175 years, closing their factory in 2006.

The collection, which spans the period 1835 to 2006, consists of invoices, receipts, and some correspondence documenting the sale of their products. Many of the items were the gift of William Lamson Warren (1984; 1993) and Ross Anderson (2016).

See also Lamson Family Papers

Container List:

Box 1

Fol. 1: Silas Lamson – facsimile patent for "Snath," and facs. handbills (4 items)

Fol. 2: Stock accounts; business correspondence, 1846-1903

Fol. 3: Company history, clippings, photocopies, catalogs, etc.

Receipts:

1844, Aug.-Nov.

1845, Jan.-May

1845, July-Sept.

1845, Oct.-Nov.

1845, Dec.

1846, Jan.-Feb.

1846, March

1846, Apr.-May

1846, June-Aug.

1846, Sept.-Dec.

1847, Jan.-March

1847, Apr.-July

1847, Aug.-Dec.

1848, Jan.-July

Undated

Bound volume: Company accounts, Jan.-July 1861; daybook of the Shelburne Falls "Acqueduct Co." kept by Ebenezer Lamson, 1871-1884; genealogical record of the Lamson Family

Binder: history of Lamson & Goodnow Co., biographical information, newspaper and magazine clippings, etc. (photocopies)