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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department
Creator:	Henry, William
Creator:	Davis, Frank N.
Title:	Henry and Davis Family Papers
ID:	SpC MS 1739
Date [inclusive]:	1839-1942
Date [inclusive]:	1903-1904 (bulk)
Physical Description:	1 linear foot (2 boxes)
Physical Location:	
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	William Henry's business correspondence includes regular updates sent to him in Calais from several employees in Cooper, including his son, W.W. Henry, concerned with whether equipment is in working order and hiring an engineer and crew. Frank N. Davis' business letters are primarily from those working at other gas light companies in the United States and Canada, including the National Electric Light Association and Northern Light Company (both in New York,) the Canadian Electrical Association in Toronto, the Fredericton Gas Light Company in New Brunswick, and St. Croix Electric Light Co. in St. Stephen, New Brunswick.

Preferred Citation

Henry and Davis Family Papers, SpC MS 1739, [Box No.], [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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Historical Note

William Henry was the Superintendent of Mines for American Molybdenum Company in the Washington County town of Cooper, Maine. In an article for the Portland, Maine publication, Board of Trade Journal (Volume 19, March, 1907) Henry noted that "about three years" prior to his writing, an owner of the Cooper property suspected molybdenite was present in area rocks. The mineral was in demand internationally for strengthening steel, particularly recommended for large forgings of marine engines, large guns, boiler plates and for high-speed steel tools. After samples sent for analysis looked promising, Boston capitalists visited the site. Crews put down a shaft of 55 feet and a cut to the south of 25 feet. Molybdenite was present the full length. The American Molybdenum Company was formed and owners purchased the property. By 1903, the Cooper mine was one of the principal deposits mentioned in Mineral Resources of the United States by J.H. Pratt. It is not clear how long William Henry served as superintendent. Many envelopes are addressed to Mr. Wm. Henry (Supt. of Mines), Lock Box 247, Calais, Maine during the years of 1903 and 1904.

Frank N. Davis was the manager of St. Croix Gas Light Company in Calais, Maine. Letters in the collection addressed to him date from 1897 to 1912, but it is not clear whether that was the full length of time he was employed by the company. A Calais business directory lists he and his wife, Inez H., as living in Calais in 1935.

The relationship between these two Calais businessmen is not apparent from materials within the collection.

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Arrangement

Arranged in three series: I. William Henry business correspondence, II. Henry family correspondence, III. Frank N. Davis business correspondence, IV. Davis family correspondence, V. Additional family papers.

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Purchased in 2012.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Mines and mineral resources -- Maine -- Washington County -- History
- Electric utilities -- Maine
- Industrialization -- Maine
- Cooper (Me.)
- Calais (Me.)
- Correspondence
- Henry, William
- Davis, Frank N.
- Henry family
- Davis family
- American Molybdenum Company
- St. Croix Gas Light Company

Collection Inventory

William Henry business correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
Attorney at Law William Freeman, Cherryfield, Maine, Nov. 1903 - May, 1904	box 1

	folder 1
Banking: Calais National Bank, Merchants Bank of Canada, Merrill Trust Company, 1903 - 1904	box 1 folder 2
City of Calais, Office of the City Solicitor, Nov. 7, 1903	box 1 folder 3
Employee related: letters from Myron P. Ayers, Dec., 1903 - Jan., 1904	box 1 folder 4
Employee related: reports from Mrs. Edith M. Cary, Cooper, Maine, 1903 - 1904	box 1 folder 5
Employee related: claims, requests from employees for payment, Aug., 1903 - Jun., 1904	box 1 folder 6
Employee related: reports signed by "Perley", Jul. - Aug., 1904	box 1 folder 7
Employee related: reports from W.W. Henry (Dear Father), Cooper, Maine, Jan. - Aug., 1904	box 1 folder 8
General business correspondence, 1903 - Mar. 1904	box 1 folder 9
General business correspondence, Apr. 1904 - Mar. 1905, Dec. 24, 1909	box 1 folder 10
Investment related, 1903-1904	box 1 folder 11
Investment related, from Cash Buyers Union, First National Co- operative Society, Chicago, Jan. - Aug., 1904	box 1 folder 12
Investment related, from D.N. Graves, Mutual Rubber Production company, Boston, 1904	box 1 folder 13
Manufacturing, equipment, tools, Aug. 1903 - Feb. 1904	box 1 folder 14
Manufacturing, equipment, tools, Mar. - Jul., 1904	box 1 folder 15
Office equipment: telephone, typewriter, filing cabinets, 1900-1904	box 2 folder 1
Patent related, Jan. 23, 1904	box 2

	folder 2
Publications, advertisements, subscriptions, 1903-1906	box 2
	folder 3
Specimens of molybdenum ore, 1903-1904	box 2
	folder 4

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Henry family correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
Personal letters written to William Henry, 1903-1904	box 2
	folder 5
Letter to Elizabeth Henry, Jun. 1904	box 2
	folder 6

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Frank N. Davis business correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
St. Croix Gas Light Company, Calais, Maine, 1897-1912	box 2
	folder 7

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Davis family correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
Personal letters written to Frank N. Davis (Dear Uncle, Brother, Nephew, Son, and Papa), 1895-1914	box 2
	folder 8
Letter to Mrs. Frank N. Davis (Dear Aunt Mary[?]), Jul. 18, 1901	box 2
	folder 9
Letter to Mrs. Mary C. Davis, Aug. 19, 1908	box 2
	folder 10

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Additional family papers

Title/Description	Instances
Letters to Margaret L. Reed, Cumberland, Maine (Dear Mother), 1839, 1841	box 2 folder 11
Letter to Mrs. Catherine Perce, Southport, Maine, from bother Murdock, 1867	box 2 folder 12
Letter to G.H. Smith, Lake Village, New Hampshire, from Wm. W. Jones, 1876	box 2 folder 13
Document, W. F. Cappers allotment of quarters, Hotel Washington [no city identified], 1913	box 2 folder 14
Dear Co-Worker letter, International Church of the Air, with missionary offering envelope, 1942	box 2 folder 15

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