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Main entry:

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Cross references to main entry:

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New York Road Hone Company  
Nineveh Sons of Temperance  
Susquehanna Valley Telephone Company  
Broome County (Nineveh)  
Chenango County (Afton)  

Accounts (carriage factory)  
Education (school district records)  
Insurance  
Investments (mortgages)  
Investments (real estate)  
Legal profession  
Politics (Chenango County)  
Politics (Broome County)  
Telephone companies  
Temperance
Four items removed from the Hobbs Papers for use in an exhibit on bicycling (Summer 1957); filed separately in manuscript file under #1641. They include:


4. Broadside issued by the Brewster Manufacturing Company, Holly, Michigan:

   "PRICES CUT IN TWO. LIST PRICE $1.00. 1896 Brewster. OUR PRICE $50. [over]
   PRICES SLASHED! $100 High-Grade Bicycles Only $50. List Price $100. 1896 Maple Leaf. Our Price $50. [over] NOT IN MS. FILE. [transfered to Br. Coll.]

   when MSS. files put in jute folders, 9/62. Br. #2279. 21 1/4" h.x14" w.

   Black print on dull light red background.

   Card entries: 

   Bicycling (2 cards)  Brewster Manufacturing Company (Holly, Michigan)

   Broadside card:  Eclipse Machine Company (Elmira, New York)

   Bicycles (sale of)  Morgan & Wright (Chicago, Illinois)

   [refers to item: #4 only]

   Cross references:  Morse Manufacturing Company (Hartford, Connecticut)

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Three items removed from Br. Coll. and transferred to Trade cards coll. as follows:

Ayer's Hair Vigor, Lowell, Mass., n.d. (formerly Br. #3162)
Ayer's Sarsaparilla, Lowell, Mass., n.d. ("Br. #3163)
Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, Lowell, n.d. ("Br. #3168)
Des. for 1958-1962 Report:

HOBBS FAMILY. Accounts, June 4, 1908-May 1, 1909; 1 vol. This additional daybook [see 1954-1958 Report] deals with the expenditures, income, and daily activities of George W. Hobbs of the carriage manufacturing family of Nineveh, Chenango County.

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Brought in June 14, 1960 by Charles Decker, Afton, N.Y.

NOTE: This item included in main entry card made 7/66; acc. sheet corrected to include it, also.
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[Rough list of remainder of collection]

Loose volumes:

Hobbs Brothers

- Day Book, 1868, 1876, 1880, 1891-1896
- Ledger, 1880, 1891-94, 1874 or 1894
- Order book, 1884, 1901-1912

J. W. Hobbs

- Acct. book, 1863
- 2 Day books, 1852 and 1859 (blacksmith)
- Diary, 1893-1902
- Legal memo, 1891
- Misc.: 3 acct. books, one of general items, including total inventory

Box #: 

1-3 16" file boxes: letter copy books, 1869-1924

- (2) 4" ms. boxes carriage catalogs
- (2) 4" ms. boxes saddle and harness
- (1) 4" ms. box "parts" carriage, auto and cycle
- (1) 4" ms. boxes J. W. Hobbs: legal and finances—some carriage (also see boxes 38, 40, 43, 44, 50 on 1st page)
- (1) 4" ms. box Hobbs Brothers: legal and financial papers (also see boxes 34-36, 41, 45 on 1st page)

Rough list of trade journals:

- The Carriage Dealers' Journal—February and May, 1905; February, March, May, July, August, 1907; January, March, April, June, July, August, October, November, December, 1906.
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(29) 4" ms. boxes correspondence, 1878-1929: Hobbs Bros.
    chattel and land mortgages
    1902 carriage
    1904-05 carriage
    1911 carriage
    auto bodies
    real estate

(? )Mrs. S. F. Humphreys
    1918 real estate
    general insurance
    1924 real estate
    insurance
    investments in oil (Texas stock)
    1929 real estate
    general insurance

(2) 4" ms. boxes diaries, memos, etc.:
A. J. W. Hobbs diaries, 1875-1895
B. W. Hobbs diaries, 1868-1894
B. Hobbs Bros.--Memos, cash book, orders, acct., time &
    address book, bank book
C. J. W. Hobbs--signal and carriage; memo, acct., time
    book
D. C.H. and J. W. Hobbs--acct., and memos, personal
    (also see Boxes 38 and 39)

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