

**The Vermont Marble Company
Treasurer's Records
1849-1940 (bulk 1866-1884)
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Introduction

The Vermont Marble Company Treasurer's Records are letters, financial, and legal papers kept by Adolphus Smedberg of New York City, treasurer of the Rutland Marble Company and then treasurer of the Vermont Marble Company. The papers were acquired in 1991 from Robert E. Johnson (ms. acc. no. 91.20). The papers were found ca. 1983 in the attic of the West Rutland, Vermont, house once owned by Vermont Marble Company president, Mr. Montgomery. They are stored in six record storage boxes and occupy six linear feet of shelf space. The arrangement of the papers was completed and this guide prepared in 1996 as part of a project funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Agency Sketch

The Rutland Marble Company was originally a quarry in West Rutland operated by William Barnes. It then passed into the hands of General Horace Henry Baxter who operated the quarry with the help of his younger brother John N. Baxter (1822-1898). The business was incorporated in New York City and became known as the Rutland Marble Company. It included the Barnes/Baxter quarry and the quarry of (Charles) Clement and Sons. By 1880 the Rutland Marble Company had quarries in West Rutland, Center Rutland, and Salem, New York. Redfield Proctor was named manager of the company in 1880 by its president, Elisha Riggs, and soon after merged it and the Sutherland Falls Marble Company, which he had managed since 1870, to create the Vermont Marble Company.

Scope and Content

The Vermont Marble Company Treasurer's Records are the business records kept by Adolphus Smedberg of the Rutland Marble Company and its successor, the Vermont Marble Company. The collection includes correspondence, financial statements, bills and receipts and contracts, agreement and other legal papers, 1866-1884.

The correspondence includes letters from marble dealers, lawyers, bankers, and other marble companies in the Rutland area including Sheldon and Sons, Clement and Sons, and Ripley Sons. There are letters from Redfield Proctor of the Sutherland Falls Marble Company as a competitor before their merger in 1880, and once Proctor has taken control of the Rutland Marble Company there is some very interesting correspondence with Smedberg, seeking his advice and telling him plans for the creation of the Vermont Marble Company.

Because Smedberg was in New York it was necessary for his quarry managers to send letters reporting the amount and types of marble quarried, sales, and monthly financial statements. The reports came on the letterhead of the Rutland Marble Company in West Rutland and Center Rutland, Vermont, and Salem, New York, and the correspondents were John N. Baxter, J. B. Holley, Charles A. Frost, B. F. Woodruff, John D. Allan, N. P. Simon, H. H. Love, C. Clark, E. F. Dana, and J. Clark. There is also similar correspondence from the Baxter Manufacturing Company in Salem, New York, by Charles A. Frost, John D. Allan, and Charles L. Sanford. Beginning in 1880 there are letters on Vermont Marble Company letterhead from Redfield Proctor discussing management issues, and from J. Clark, and William W. Clark continuing to report on the financial conditions of the Vermont quarries.

Also included in the correspondence file are letters about the maintenance and rental of properties Smedberg owned in New York City.

A major project of the Vermont Marble Company was providing the marble for the Indiana State House, 1880-1884, and the correspondence and notes on specifications and estimates are included in this collection.

There are a few papers of the board of directors of the Rutland Marble Co. and the Vermont Marble Co. including notice of meetings, and excerpts from the minutes, 1863-1881. There are also lists of stockholders, 1866-1880, and copies of ballots from unidentified stockholders meetings.

The remaining papers in the collection are a series of legal papers and a series of financial papers. The legal papers are deeds, contracts, agreements, stockholders proxies and stockholder agreements about bonds, transfer of stocks, and payment of dividends. There are copies of the incorporation and by-laws of the marble companies and copies of settlements of lawsuits and legal decisions about disputes. This series also includes several insurance policies.

The financial papers are bills, receipts, notes, checks, etc., and statements, balances and accounts of the Rutland Marble Company quarries in West Rutland and Center Rutland and the Salem mill in Salem, New York. There are also accounts of the Baxter Manufacturing Company and the Vermont Marble Company. Although the connection is not clear there are reports of a grist mill, 1881-1885, kept on Vermont Marble company paper. There are also statements of Clement and Sons, 1872-1873, Ripley Sons, 1872-1873, 1881-1882, and the Sutherland Falls Marble Company, 1880.

Miscellaneous papers include an undated map of the property of the Rutland Marble Company in West Rutland, an undated fragment of a map showing the Clement quarry, the Rutland Marble Company, and the Porter property; an 1870 tariff proposal, and an undated broadside of the Rensselaer and Saratoga Railroad listing the tariff for marble and slate; Rutland Marble Company price lists for 1868 and 1869; minutes of the board of trustees meeting of the Raymond Coal Company, 1876; a report on an unidentified marble company, ca. 1874-1875; a blueprint sketch of a "coal shed over

hopper at lime plant," n.d.; account of the work done by Charles and F. J. Monahan in 1916; and an account of unfilled orders and shipments, June 14, 1940.

Organization

The papers are organized in the following series and subseries:

- I. Correspondence (arranged alphabetically)
 - Correspondence from Rutland Marble Co. (arranged chronologically)
 - Correspondence from Baxter Manufacturing Co. (arranged chronologically)
 - Correspondence from Vermont Marble Co. (arranged chronologically)
- II. Indiana State House project
- III. Board of directors and stockholders
- IV. Legal papers, agreements, etc. (arranged by year)
- V. Financial papers (arranged by year)
 - Accounts
 - Rutland Marble Co.
 - Rutland Marble Co., Salem mill
 - Baxter Manufacturing Co.
 - Vermont Marble Co.
 - Grist Mill
 - Other companies
 - Bills, receipts, checks, notes, etc.
- VI. Miscellaneous.

Related Collections

Related collections at the Vermont Historical Society include the Vermont Marble Company records (Doc 79), made up of records of the general store operated by the Rutland Marble Co. and Vermont Marble Co., and records of Freeman Stone Company and the Sheldon Marble Company. There is also the Proctoriana Collection (Doc 126), made up of material on the town of Proctor, Vermont, which includes secondary material on the various marble companies including the Vermont Marble Company.

Inventory

I. Correspondence

Doc 423:1	Correspondence, n.d.
2	_____, 1866
3	_____, 1867
4	_____, 1868, A-G
5	_____, _____, H-Z
6	_____, 1869
7	_____, 1870, A-L

8	_____, _____, M-Z
9	_____, 1871, A-L
10	_____, _____, M-Z
11	_____, 1872
12	_____, 1873, A-D
13	_____, _____, E-H
14	_____, _____, J-Z
15	_____, 1874, A-F
16	_____, _____, G-Z
17	_____, 1875, A-C
18	_____, _____, D-G
19	_____, _____, H-M
20	_____, _____, N-Z
21	_____, 1876, A-B
22	_____, _____, C-L
23	_____, _____, M-N
24	_____, _____, P-Z
25	_____, 1877, A-D
26	_____, _____, E-R
27	_____, _____, S-Z
28	_____, 1878, A-B
29	_____, _____, C-D
30	_____, _____, E-G
31	_____, _____, H-L
32	_____, _____, M
33	_____, _____, N-R
34	_____, _____, S
35	_____, _____, T-Z
36	_____, 1879, A-F
37	_____, _____, G-K
38	_____, _____, L-R
39	_____, _____, S-Z
Doc 424:1	_____, 1880, A-C
2	_____, _____, D-L
3	_____, _____, M-R
4	_____, _____, S-St
5	_____, _____, Su-Z
6	_____, 1881, A-G
7	_____, 1881, H-Z
8	_____, 1882, A-O
9	_____, _____, P-Z
10	_____, 1883, A-Q
11	_____, _____, R-Z
12	_____, 1884
13	Correspondence from Rutland Marble Co., n.d.
14	_____, 1866-1867

15	_____, 1868, January-May
16	_____, _____, June-July
17	_____, _____, August-September
18	_____, _____, October-December
19	_____, 1869, January-February
20	_____, _____, March-April
21	_____, _____, May-June
22	_____, _____, July-August
23	_____, _____, September-October
24	_____, _____, November-December
25	_____, 1870, January-March
26	_____, _____, April-May
27	_____, _____, June-July
28	_____, _____, August-September
29	_____, _____, October-December
30	_____, 1871
31	_____, 1872
32	_____, 1873, January-June
33	_____, _____, July-December
34	_____, 1874, January-August
35	_____, _____, September-December
36	_____, 1875, January-February
37	_____, _____, March-May
38	_____, _____, June-December
39	_____, 1876, January-April
40	_____, _____, May-June
41	_____, _____, July-December
Doc 425:1	_____, 1877, January-March
2	_____, _____, April-May
3	_____, _____, June
4	_____, _____, July
5	_____, _____, August
6	_____, _____, September
7	_____, _____, October
8	_____, _____, November
9	_____, _____, December
10	_____, 1878, January
11	_____, _____, February
12	_____, _____, March-April
13	_____, _____, May
14	_____, _____, June
15	_____, _____, July
16	_____, _____, August
17	_____, _____, September-October
18	_____, _____, November
19	_____, _____, December

- 20 _____, 1879, January-February
 21 _____, _____, March-April
 22 _____, _____, May-June
 23 _____, _____, July-August
 24 _____, _____, September-December
 25 _____, 1880, January-March
 26 _____, _____, April-May
 27 _____, _____, June-July
 28 _____, _____, August
 29 _____, _____, September-December
 Doc 426:1 Correspondence from Baxter Manufacturing Company, 1868
 2 _____, 1869
 3 _____, 1871, January-July
 4 _____, _____, August-December
 5 _____, 1872, January-June
 6 _____, _____, July-September
 7 _____, _____, October-December
 8 _____, 1873, January-August
 9 _____, _____, September-December
 10 _____, 1874, January-March
 11 _____, _____, April-June
 12 _____, _____, July-December
 13 _____, 1875, January-March
 14 _____, _____, April-June
 15 _____, _____, July-September
 16 _____, _____, October-December
 17 _____, 1876, January-March
 18 _____, _____, April-May
 19 _____, _____, June-December
 20 _____, 1877, January-April
 21 _____, _____, May-June
 22 _____, _____, July-October
 23 _____, _____, November-December
 24 _____, 1878, January-May
 25 _____, _____, June-August
 26 _____, _____, September-December
 27 _____, 1879, January-June
 28 _____, _____, July-September
 29 _____, _____, October-December
 30 _____, 1880
 31 Correspondence from the Vermont Marble Company, n.d.
 32 _____, 1880
 33 _____, 1881, January-April
 34 _____, _____, May-July
 35 _____, _____, August-December
 36 _____, 1882, January-March

- 37 _____, _____, April-September
- 38 _____, _____, October-December
- 39 _____, 1883, January-February
- 40 _____, _____, March-April
- 41 _____, _____, May-December
- 42 _____, 1884

II. Indiana State House

- Doc 427:1 Indiana State House, specifications, drawings, estimates
- 2 _____, correspondence, 1880-1881
- 3 _____, _____, 1882-1884

III. Board of directors and stockholders

- 4 Rutland Marble Company minutes, 1863-1864
- 5 _____, 1865
- 6 _____, 1866-1880
- 7 Rutland Marble Company lists of stockholders, 1866-1880
- 8 Vermont Marble Company minutes, 1880
- 9 _____, 1881
- 10 Stockholders ballots, n.d.

IV. Legal papers, agreements, etc.

- 11 Legal papers, agreements, etc., n.d.
- 12 _____, 1849-1853
- 13 _____, 1863-1865
- 14 _____, 1866
- 15 _____, 1867
- 16 _____, 1868
- 17 _____, 1869
- 18 _____, 1870
- 19 _____, 1871
- 20 _____, 1872
- 21 _____, 1873-1874
- 22 _____, 1875
- 23 _____, 1876
- 24 _____, 1877
- 25 _____, 1878
- 26 _____, 1879
- 27 _____, 1880
- 28 _____, 1881
- 29 _____, 1882
- 30 _____, 1883
- 31 _____, 1884
- 32 _____, _____

V. Financial Papers

- 33 Rutland Marble Company accounts, n.d.
34 _____, 1868
35 _____, 1869
36 _____, 1870
37 _____, 1871
38 _____, 1872
39 _____, _____
40 _____, 1873
41 _____, 1875
42 _____, 1876
43 _____, 1878
44 _____, 1879
45 _____, 1880
46 Rutland Marble Company Salem Mill accounts, 1868
47 _____, 1869
48 _____, 1870
49 _____, 1878-1879
Doc 428:1 Baxter Manufacturing Company accounts, 1868-1870
2 _____, 1871
3 _____, 1874
4 _____, _____
5 _____, 1876
6 _____, 1877
7 _____, 1879
8 Vermont Marble Company accounts, 1880
9 _____, 1881
10 _____, _____
11 _____, 1882
12 _____, 1916
13 Grist Mill accounts, n.d.
14 _____, 1881
15 _____, 1884
16 _____, 1885
17 _____, _____
18 _____, _____
19 Accounts of other marble companies, Clement and Sons, 1872-
1873; Ripley Sons, 1872-1873, 1881-1882; and the Sutherland
Falls Marble Company, 1880
20 Bills, receipts, notes, checks, etc., n.d.
21 _____, 1865
22 _____, 1866
23 _____, 1867
24 _____, 1868
25 _____, 1869
26 _____, 1870
27 _____, 1871

28	_____	_____
29	_____	1872
30	_____	1873
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34	_____	1876
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42	_____	1881
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44	_____	1883
45	_____	1884
46	_____	1885

VI. Miscellaneous

47 Miscellaneous, ca. 1868-1940

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