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Guide to the Riggs & Brother Company Records

Creator: Riggs & Brother Company

Dates: 1887 – 1929

Quantity: 50 volumes and 5 boxes

Call Phrase: Riggs & Brother

Provenance: Donation. ISM number: 1985.020

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Historical note: Riggs and Brother, a Philadelphia chronometer and nautical instrument manufacture and import company, was founded in 1818 by William H. C. Riggs. The firm, located at 310 Market Street, was also a retailer of navigating instruments and publisher of a nautical almanac.

Scope and content: The business records of the company include cash books, invoice books, day books, inventories and correspondence.

Item list:

Riggs & Brother

Cash book, July 2, 1887 – October 1, 1889

Cash book, November 17, 1890 – January 21, 1892

Cash book, July 1, 1899 – September 29, 1900

Cash book, January 7, 1904 – December 6, 1904

Cash book, December 6, 1904 – December 19, 1905

Cash book, February 1, 1921 – February 12, 1923

Cash book, February 14, 1923 – January 30, 1925

Cash book, September 2, 1924 – December 22, 1925

Cash book, December 14, 1926 – December 29, 1927

Cash book, February 1, 1927 – February 28, 1929

Day book, April 1921 – December 1921

Day book, January 1926 – July 1929

Day book, August 1927 – May 1929

Riggs & Brother, Nautical Department

Cash book, December 22, 1905 – November 30, 1908
Cash book, December 1, 1908 – November 6, 1912
Cash book, November 11, 1912 – October 9, 1916
Cash book, October 12, 1916 – March 28, 1919
Invoice book, April 2, 1896 – September 28, 1900
Invoice book, October 6, 1900 – August 31, 1903
Invoice book, September 1, 1903 – March 1, 1907
Invoice book, March 1, 1907 – December 26, 1908
Invoice book, January 1, 1912 – December 31, 1913
Invoice book, January 1, 1914 – February 29, 1916
Invoice book, March 1, 1916 – April 1, 1919
Invoice book, April 1, 1919 – July 31, 1920

Riggs & Brother, Watch Department

Cash book, November 25, 1901 – December 29, 1902
Cash book, August 1, 1910 – October 11, 1911
Cash book, October 13, 1911 – December 18, 1912
Cash book, December 19, 1912 – March 17, 1914
Cash book, March 19, 1914 – July 27, 1915
Invoice book, July 1, 1898 – March 29, 1901
Invoice book, April 1, 1901 – October 31, 1902
Invoice book, December 1, 1906 – December 26, 1908
Invoice book, January 1, 1914 – February 29, 1916
Invoice book, March 1, 1916 – April 1, 1919
Watch book #23, December 28, 1895 – May 15, 1899
Watch book #25, July 23, 1901 – June 20, 1903
Watch book #25 Index, July 23, 1901 – June 20, 1903
Watch book #26, June 22, 1903 – April 29, 1905
Watch book #33, August 10, 1916 – August 12, 1918
Watch book #33 Index, August 10, 1916 – August 12, 1918
Watch book #35, June 22, 1920 – March 15, 1922
Watch book #35 Index, June 22, 1920 – March 15, 1922