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Title DAVID HUNTER McALPIN PAPERS

Approximate inclusive dates 1871-1930

Date of receipt 1935 June

Received from McAlpin estate

Volume on arrival 3 wooden cases; 1 tin case

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 19 cartons; 1 AB; 2 FB (21 linear ft.)

Condition Good-Fair

Restrictions none

Description

see attached sheets

Special Formats  Photographs  Maps  Audio Tapes  Films  Graphics  
 Artifacts  Machine-readable records  
 Other (list) posters, ephemera

Temporary catalog card added entries

Hotel McAlpin  
Hotels, taverns, etc. - New York (N.Y.)  
New York (N.Y.) - History - 1865-1898; 1898-1951

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## DAVID HUNTER McALPIN

### Biography:

David Hunter McAlpin (1816-1901), tobacco manufacturer and philanthropist; owner of the tobacco firm D.H. McAlpin Co.

McAlpin was born in Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, New York on November 8th, 1816. The fourth of eight children, McAlpin was the son of James and Jane Hunter McAlpin. McAlpin moved to New York in 1836, where he opened up a tobacco store. Within a few years, McAlpin expanded to several branches. McAlpin introduced Virginia tobacco to the public known as "Virgin Leaf".

In 1857, McAlpin entered into a partnership with the firm John Cornish & Co., tobacco manufacturers. McAlpin bought the firm out in 1860, and renamed it D.H. McAlpin Co.

McAlpin made substantial investments in real estate. He bought two blocks on Avenue D and 10th Street and established the McAlpine tobacco factory. Another substantial investment was the Hotel McAlpin, 33rd and Broadway, N.Y.C. McAlpin built this hotel between 1911-1912. This building was converted to a luxury co-operative in the mid 1980's. McAlpin also owned a massive estate in Morristown, New Jersey (15,00 acres).

McAlpin was also a director in many corporations, including Home Insurance Company, Manhattan Life Insurance Company, Standard Gas Light Company, Rutgers Fire Insurance Company, Union Trust Company, Eleventh Ward Bank of New York, and the First National Bank of Morristown.

McAlpin was twice married; at the time of his death, he was married to Cordelia Rose the daughter of Joseph Rose a prominent New Yorker, McAlpin children: Edwin A., George L., David Hunter jr., Charles W., William W., Frances Knox and Adelaide McAlpin Stiles (stepdaughters).

David Hunter McAlpin died on February 9, 1901 from apoplexy. The services were held at Brick Presbyterian Church, New York. He is buried in Greenwood cemetery.

The estate was filed for probate on March 4, 1901 by McAlpin's son Edwin A. ; McAlpin left his estate to his family.

Description:

The David Hunter McAlpin Papers, 1871-1930, contain the estate papers of David Hunter McAlpin (1816-1901), tobacco manufacturer, philanthropist, and the owner of the tobacco firm D.H. McAlpin Co.

The estate papers, 1871-1930, by bulk, are the legal and financial documents executed by McAlpins' heirs. The estate papers consist of legal accounts, cash books 1901-1927; journals 1901-1927 and, ledgers 1901-1923.

The remaining papers consist of letters 1871-1894; estate letters 1901-1930; letterbook 1925; scrapbooks of newspaper clippings about McAlpin and photographs. The photographs are pictures of the construction site of the Hotel McAlpin and there are also a few pictures of the Baring Cross Bridge, Arkansas, 1924.

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Container list

- Box 1. McAlpin letters 1871-1894  
Estate correspondence 1901-1930  
Estate letterbook 1925  
Legal Documents 1865-1897  
Last will & testament
2. Legal Documents 1891-1894  
Estate Papers: legal documents
3. Estate Papers: legal documents
4. Estate Papers: legal documents  
McAlpin Trust
5. Stocks (included)
6. Greeley Square- legal documents
7. Insurance leases 1904-1911
8. Surrogate accounts
- 9-10. Income Taxes 1913-1926
11. Accounts  
John J. Crook Co.  
Unrelated McAlpin material
12. Cash Books:  
vol. 1. 1901-1903  
2. 1904-1906  
3. 1907-1913  
4. 1914-1917  
5. 1917-1922  
6. 1922
13. Cash Books: 2nd set  
vol. 1. 1901-1917  
2. 1917-1927

- Box 14. Journals:  
vol. 1. 1901-1917 April  
2. 1917 April - 1924
- vol. 1. Dec. 1905 - April 1917 2nd set  
2. 1917 April - 1927 Oct.
15. Ledgers: Estate of D.H. McAlpin  
vol. 1. 1903-1917 April  
2. 1917 Dec. - 1927 Oct.
16. Ledgers: Realty under the will of D.H. McAlpin  
vol. 1. 1901 April - 1903  
2. 1904-1906  
3. 1913-1917
17. 4. 1917-1923  
5. 1927  
6. 1907-1911
18. Ledger: 1901-1907 1 vol.
19. Map. Sanborn map of Morristown, New Jersey
20. Scrapbooks
21. Scrapbooks  
Artifact: metal horseshoe paper clip
22. Photographs  
Hotel McAlpin 3 vols. ; loose photos 75  
Baring Cross Bridge, Little Rock Arkansas 1924