

The John E. Adriance Papers

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John E. Adriance

Extent

1 linear ft

Dates

Inclusive: 1882 – 1910

Bulk: 1882 – 1910

Conditions Governing Access

No Restrictions

Languages

English

Scope and Content

The collection consists of five letterpress copybooks, a black ledger, and a scrapbook of newspaper clippings. Three of the letterpress copybooks include business correspondence of Adriance, Platt & Co. from 1894-1910. These letters are sometimes signed by John E. Adriance or Albert Glass and concern prices, orders, affairs of their foreign offices in Germany, England, Russia, and France, personnel, labor practices, union agitation, machine design, expansion into other products, and proposed insurance and corporation taxes.

Two letterpress copybooks are from John E. Adriance and primarily concern the business matters of Adriance, Platt & Co. This includes correspondence concerning personnel, financial transactions, and foreign markets and competitors from 1891 until 1904. Material also concerns personal matters such as the Adriance family's health, decoration of their home, items ordered, stamp collecting, and social organizations.

Also included is a scrapbook of clippings on polo matches, obituaries, programs, and the wedding notice of John E. Adriance and Mary Hasbrouck.

Historical Note

John P. Adriance began making harvesting machines in Worcester, Mass., in 1854. He moved to Poughkeepsie, N.Y., in 1857, and began manufacturing the Buckeye mower and reaper. The company name was changed to Adriance, Platt & Co. as early as 1866. In 1867, he was successful in attaching a self-raker to the Buckeye reaper. The name "Buckeye" is a trademark given to the mowing machine, which first successfully introduced two driving-wheels and a double-jointed folding cutter bar. In 1889, Adriance introduced a lighter and more compact rear-discharge harvester and binder. The company was bought out by the Moline Plow Co., Moline, Ill., in 1913 and eventually became part of the Minneapolis-Moline Co.

Provenance

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Subject Headings

Manufacturing industries; Polo; Accounting; Labor unions

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File 7	Scrapbook of clippings concerning John E. Adriance and polo	1882 – 1886