



Cameron & Barkley Company records, 1866-1990
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Creator: Cameron & Barkley Company.

Description: 7 linear ft.

Biographical/historical note: Cameron & Barkley was first established as a "general supply business" in Charleston, S.C. in 1865. The founding partners were Archibald Cameron (1813-1881), and Rufus Calvin Barkley (1829-1898), the son of Hugh Barkley of Winnsboro, S.C. The company opened a branch in Florida around 1907. For many years Cameron & Barkley was a distributor of industrial and mill supplies as well as building and automotive products, but eventually concentrated on electrical supplies. The company was acquired by Hagemeyer North America in 2000.

Scope and content: Collection consists of correspondence, financial and property records, general business records, and printed material. Also included are records of the Carolina-Florida Realty Company, mostly dating to the early 20th century, which pertain to property transactions in Charleston (S.C.) and Florida. Printed material chiefly consists of catalogs (1903-1968) for machinery, mill supplies, plumbing fixtures, automobile supplies, and other products. Catalog 77 (1941) includes some company history and related photographs. Letterpress copybooks of business correspondence date from 1866 to 1887. Of note in a company history scrapbook is an agreement (1867) between John Fraser & Company and Cameron & Barkley to sell the latter "all the scrap iron at Hampton Plantation near Columbia." The scrapbook also includes biographical and genealogical information on Archibald Cameron and Rufus C. Barkley.

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Search terms:

- Barkley, Rufus Calvin, 1829-1898.
- Cameron, Archibald, 1813-1881.
- Barclay family.
- Cameron & Barkley Company.
- Carolina-Florida Realty Company.
- Distributors (Commerce) -- South Carolina.
- Industrial equipment -- South Carolina.
- Machinery industry -- South Carolina.
- Plumbing equipment industry -- South Carolina.
- Real estate business -- Florida.
- Charleston (S.C.) -- Commerce.

Business records.
Catalogs.

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0437.05.02 *Industrial Distribution* (August 2000), includes article on Cameron & Barkley Company, p. 55-57.

0437.05.03 *Catalogue of Machinery and Supplies for Mills, Mines, Machinists, Lumbermen, Railroads, Contractors, Blacksmiths, Quarries, Engineers, Foundries, etc.*, 1903

0437.05.04 *Illustrated Catalog A, Plumbing Edition: Plumbing Supplies, Fixtures, Tools and Specialties of Every Description; Water, Gas and Steam Supplies*, ca. 1910.

0437.05.05 *Catalogue E: The Cameron and Barkley Company Automobile Supply Catalogue*, 1917.

Catalogs (not boxed, located on shelf with collection):

Machinery and Supplies for Saw Mills, Phosphate Mines, Fertilizer Factories, Oil Mills, Railroads, Contractors, Machinists, Plumbers, etc., *Catalog D*, 1911.

Sanitary Plumbing Fixtures, Catalogue G, 1920.

Mill Supplies, Machinery, Contractors' Equipment, Roofing Material, Catalogue 26, 1926.

Mill Supplies, Machinery, Contractors' Equipment, Roofing Material, Catalogue 26, 1926. (leather-bound volume inscribed J. G. Barkley)

Mill Supplies, Machinery, Contractors' Equipment, Electrical Supplies, Catalog 77, 1941. (includes photographs of the company founders and facilities, with some company history)

Mill Supplies and Machinery, Catalog 83, 1948. (includes images of Matthew Baird Barkley, 1874-1938, and Jessie Gilbert Barkley, 1877-1938, as well as company facilities)

Industrial Supplies, Catalog 103, 1968.