

Guide to the Lion Dry Goods Company Financial Records (ID: MSS-056)

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Summary Information

Repository:	Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections
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Biographical / Historical

1857. Frederick Eaton forms F. Eaton & Co., dry goods store, at 115 Summit St.

1859-1872. Asa Backus becomes partner; store known as Eaton & Backus.

1885. George M. Fisher acquires controlling interest; firm name changed to Fisher, Eaton, and Company.

1890. Fisher becomes sole owner; organizes Lion Dry Goods Company.

by 1921. Buildings at 325-331 Summit St., 311-313 Summit St., and 321-323 Adams St. joined to form store.

1980. Downtown store closed; two other Lion Stores exist in Toledo's periphery.

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Scope and Contents

Although this collection lacks material such as catalogs and advertising circulars which might shed light on the development of merchandise and services offered by the Lion Store, it does contain a substantial amount of financial records. These records include daily sales summaries from 1897 to 1905 and from 1913 to 1943; a journal, 1898-1912; and appraisals and related materials from the late 1930s and 1940s. What exists, then, does offer the researcher sources sufficient to provide a picture of the economic health of the business over a long period.

Sales summaries record daily sales and are arranged by date so that comparisons of sales on a particular date from year to year can be made. The journal is probably less useful, but it does show where the firm purchased its merchandise. The appraisals list floor space and value of electrical fixtures, furniture, heating equipment, and other fixed items in the building.

The condition of the sales summaries is rather poor, as they have suffered from mildew. The other materials have been reasonably well preserved.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Business and Commerce
- Toledo History

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Daily Sales Summaries, 1897-1943 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Linear Feet	box 1	folder 1
Journal, 1898-1912 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Linear Feet	box 1	folder 1
Accounting Manual, 1959 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Linear Feet	box 1	folder 2
Appraisals, 1937 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Linear Feet	box 1	folder 3
Depreciation Summary, 1937 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Linear Feet	box 1	folder 4
Annual Revisions, 1938	box 1	folder 5

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Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet

Annual Revisions, 1945	box 1	folder 6
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Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet

Annual Revisions, 1946	box 2	folder 1
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Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet

Depreciation Summary, 1946	box 2	folder 2
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Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet

Inventory of furniture and fixtures, 1946	box 2	folder 3
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Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet

New building estimate, 1946	box 2	folder 4
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Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet

Financial Records Scrapbook, 1897-1959	box 3	
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Physical Description: 1 Volumes

Language of the Material: English.