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- I. Title Lampson Lumber Company, New Haven. Records, 1862-1907.
- II. The papers of Lampson Lumber Company deposited in the Library on May 20, 1981, by William P. Beach In converted the deposit to a gift.
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
Approximate number of items: 40 (incl. 3 vol.)
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- VI. Press release was issued on
- VII. Biographical note: The Lampson Lumber Company was located at 167 Water Street, New Haven. The Lampson firm was an outgrowth of the Sanford and Beckley Company, started in 1862, later known as the W.A. Beckley Company. This lumber company was located on the site of the Benedict Arnold House. In its last years the house was used to store lumber by the W.A. Beckley Company. The Benedict Arnold House was demolished in 1900 to make way for a storage warehouse of the Lampson Lumber Company. The Lampson Lumber Company was incorporated in 1902 by Louis A. Lampson, Frederick Rice, two employees of the Beckley Company, with F. Stanley Bradley and William J. Bradley. Louis A. Lampson was the first president and served in that capacity until his death in 1935. Frederick W. Rice, whose brother Frank J. Rice was mayor of New Haven for eight years, succeeded Lampson as president of the firm. Frederick Rice was president of the company until his death in 1956. The Lampson Lumber Company was one of the largest building materials firms in the area. One of its early accomplishments was supplying building materials to Yale University for various buildings when the University was expanding. In 1914 the firm supplied the form work and lumber for seats and other purposes for the Yale Bowl. Lampson Lumber went out of business in 1971.

See Dana Collection, Water Street 1-A, p. 36.b.

Analysis: The collection consists of one box. It contains materials on the Lampson Lumber Company, J. Gibb Smith and Company, Lumber and Mill Work and W.A. Beckley Company. The materials include photographs, notebooks, licenses, an agreement and contract with the Southern New England Telephone Company and minutes of Lumber Dealers Meetings. Materials are arranged chronologically in each folder. For detailed information see the content guide. Numbers in paranthesis on the right indicate the number of items in the folders.

Box I. Lampson Lumber Co.

- Folder A - Licenses for retail lumber business to Sanford and Beckley 1862, 1863. (2)
- Folders B - C Photographs
- Folder B - Benedict Arnold House, 1863. (2)
- C - Lampson Lumber Co., n.d. (8)
- Folder D - Agreement and exchange contract Southern New England Telephone Co., 1902, 1907. (2)
- Folder E - Small notebooks, F.W. Rice's account book, 1898, J. Gibb Smith & Co., n.d. (2)v.
- Folders F - G Lumber Dealers Meetings
- Folder F - Minutes, (bd.), 1865-1903. (1)v.
- G - Loose materials, from the volume of minutes, 1865-1903. (24)

Box 2 Folder A 2 copper plates of building