I. Title

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 1/2
Approximate number of items: 40 (incl. 3 vol.)

IV. Restrictions: none

V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of
in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of
the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated
to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.

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 accomplish-
ments 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

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 parenthesis 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.  
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Folders  B - C Photographs

Folder  B - Benedict Arnold House, 1863.  
          (2)

          C - Lampson Lumber Co., n.d.  
          (8)

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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