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I. Title: Miner, Read & Tullock, Inc. Records, 1858-1955

II. The papers of Miner, Read & Tullock, Inc. deposited in the Library on June 28, 1983 by Donald R. Eglee as a gift.

III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 2'
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VI. Press release was issued on

VII. Biographical note: See page A

VIII. Analysis: The collection consists of 4 boxes containing business papers, trademarks and photographs, during the period of 1858-1955. The material is arranged chronologically.
Box I - Business papers; Box II - Financial papers; Box III - Trademarks; Box IV - Photographs

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Miner, Read & Tullock, Inc. started around 1852 as a proprietorship of J.[?]L. Stout. The company continued as:

1857 - Stout & Yale (E.P. Yale) [?]
1858 - Stout, Yale & Co. (J.L. Stout, O.E. Yale, L.R. Finch)
1878-1892 - Yale & Bryan succeeded by Yale Bryan and Co.
1870 Mr. Stout withdrew; 1882 Ralph J. Miner & Samuel H. Read were admitted to a partnership.
1885 - Yale, Bryan & Co. moved from upper State St. to 91-115 State, where they erected a 4-storey building 60' X 90'. Three years later, they erected an addition of four stories, 40' X 90' and purchased an adjoining building, 20' X 90' from the McKennan estate.
1892-1900 - Bryan, Miner & Read
1892 - Mr. Yale withdrew.
1899 - Mr. Bryan died.
1900-1910 - Miner, Read & Garrette - offices & warehouses in New Britain, E. Main (1900)
115,000 cubic ft., Meriden, State (1906)
175,000 cubic ft., Bridgeport, Water St. (1907)
220,000 cubic ft.
1900 - Mr. Garrette became a partner.
1907 - Mr. Tullock was given interest in the business. Tullock entered Bryan, Miner & Read as a porter in 1895.
1910 - Mr. Garrette withdrew.
1920-1930 - Miner, Read & Tullock, 1922-1925, Meadow St., Waterbury.
1935 - Miner, Read & Tulluck, Inc., offices & warehouses in New London, Pequot Ave. (1941);
Derby, Winter St. (1946); Ansonia (1949)

The main office was always in New Haven on State and Crown Streets (1 State, where the turnpike crosses at Water St.).

In some of the photographs of the "Coffee Building," it shows a J. McDonnell, who may be either the father or grandfather of the present senior owners of James J. McDonnell, Inc., on Chapel Street (Merchants and Roasters of Coffee & teas).
Samuel H. Read became one of the early partners about 1875. He died in 1920. His wife Minnie E. Sperry Read, of Woodbridge, sold her interest in the company in 1927.

Mr. Read was also president of the Celluloid Starch Company. This company was a sideline of his but did not use Miner, Read & Tullock contacts. Laundry starch was the product.

Mr. R.J. Miner was always an honorable man and fair competitor. He was considered a merchant of masterly ability and high business ideals. Mr. Miner died in 1917. [New Haven Register, Feb. 23, 1917]

New Haven residences:

Ralph J. Miner, 48 Dwight Street
Samuel H. Read, 1298 Chapel Street
Gilbert Tullock, 379 Edgewood Avenue

Miner, Read & Tullock were merchants held in high esteem and their business methods above reproach.

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