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**L. H. Alden and Company (Aldenville, Pa.)  
Records**

**1829-1883**

**82 volumes, 11.5 lin. feet**

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**Abstract**

L. H. Alden and Company was a leather-tanning company founded by Levi Hathaway Alden (1793-1850) of Windham, New York. Prior to his foray into the leather business, Alden served as a sergeant in a New York militia regiment during the War of 1812. He also owned a blacksmith and carriage-making shop in Windham, but retired from these businesses in 1836. Around 1841, he bought property in Wayne County, Pennsylvania, and by the end of the decade, had established L. H. Alden and Company. The tannery remained in existence for at least forty years with the help of his sons and managers Julius and Levi. Alden's property became known as "Aldenville," and his tannery was its sole industry.

This collection provides somewhat richly detailed documentation of the sole industry in a small Pennsylvania town. It appears that the company was involved in many aspects of the town's economy, such as running a general store and providing medical care to their workers. It is made up entirely of volumes such as daybooks, journals, ledgers, cashbooks, tanning and leather registers, leather shipping books, wage contracts and payment books, factory accounts, and grist mill accounts.

## Separation report

None.

## Related materials

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Horstmann-Lippincott family papers (Collection 1899)  
Meredith family papers (Collection 1509)  
C. Schrack and Company records (Collection 2080)

At the Center for American History of the University of Texas at Austin:

L. H. Alden papers (MS 69-1915)

*Abstract: Correspondence relates to leather business in Aldenville and New York, including information concerning the trading of Texas hides.*

## Bibliography

*Eilab Alden of Middleborough, Massachusetts, and Cairo, New York: His Alden Ancestors and Descendants.* Boston: privately published, 1905.

[Available online through Google Book Search at <http://books.google.com/books?id=CzcxAAAAMAAJ>]

## **Administrative Information**

### **Restrictions**

The collection is open for research.

### **Acquisition information**

Purchased, 1949.

### **Preferred citation**

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### **Processing note**

All volumes have been checked for mold.

## Inventory of volumes

**NOTE:** The numbers in parentheses at the end of each volume title, e.g. (136), were found in the original inventory and on each book tab when the collection was re-examined. While the origin of these numbers is unclear, the volumes have been kept in the order found and, to aid in accessibility, re-numbered sequentially from 1 to 82.

**Volume    Volume title**  
**number**

1	L.H. Alden, Invoice Book, 1883 –1888 (136)
2	Account Book, 1867 – 1871 (137)
3	A. & C., Weight Book/Job Book, 1869 – n.d. (138)
4	A. & C., Cash Book, 1865 – 1870 (139)
5	Alden & Cumming, Account Book, 1866 – 1869 (140)
6	James R. Dickson, Blotter [personal account book], 1862 (141)
7	Alden & Cumming, Account/Current, 1866 – 1871 (142)
8	L.H. Alden & Co., Account Book [Day Book?], 1871 – 1874 (143)
9	L. H. Alden & Co., Accounts, 1865 – 1867 (298)
10	L.H. Alden & Sons, Journal, 1849 – 1887 (299)
11	Account Book, 1856 – 1861 (300)
12	L. H. Alden, Day Book, 1871 – 1878 (301)
13	L. H. Alden, Weigh Book, Unionville, n.d. (302)
14	L.H. Alden, Day Book, 1863 – 1865 (303)
15	L.H. Alden, Day Book, 1874 – 1880 (304)
16	L.H. Alden & Co., Journal, 1861 – 1870 (305)
17	L.H. Alden, Day Book, 1862 – 1863 (306)
18	Pratt & Alden, Journal, 1852 – 1854 (307)
19	L. H. Alden, Ledger, 1849 – 1855 (308)
20	Account Book, 1870 – 1887 (309)
21	Pratt & Alden, Journal, 1849 – 1852 (310)
22	L. H. Alden, Account Book, 1853 – 1856 [Alden & Cumming?] (311)
23	L. H. A. & Co., Journal “B”, 1864 – 1868 (312)
24	L. H. Alden & Co., Cash, 1861 – 1871 (313)
25	L. H. Alden, Account Book (Windham & Passaic), 1833 – 1866, 1883 (314)
26	Alden, Patterson & Co., Day Book, 1861 – 1868 (315)
27	Alden & Cumming, Ledger, 1862 – 1871 (316)
28	Pratt & Alden, Account Book, 1849 – 1866 (317)
29	L. H. Alden, Account Book, 1872 – 1878 (318)
30	L. H. Alden & Co., Inventory, 1868 – 1875 (319)
31	L.H. Alden, Journal, 1868 – 1871 (320)
32	L. H. Alden & Co., Cash Book, 1879 – 1881 (321)
33	L. H. Alden, Journal, 1862 – 1864 (322)
34	L. H. Alden & Co., Journal “A” & “C”, 1855 – 1861 (323)

35	L. H. Alden, Journal, 1852 – 1858 (324)
36	L. H. Alden, Account Book, 1849 – 1854 (325)
37	L. H. Alden & Co., Tanning Register, 1855 – 1857 (326)
38	Alden & Cumming, Leather Register, 1865 – 1870 [other Alden companies also included] (327)
39	L. H. Alden & Co., Cash Book, 1871 – 1884 (328)
40	L. H. Alden, Day Book, 1854 – 1864 (329)
41	L. H. Alden, Index [1 entry], n.d. (330)
42	L. H. Alden, Index, n.d. (331)
43	L. H. Alden, Blotter, 1861 – 1863 (332)
44	L. H. Alden, Blotter, 1861 – 1862 (333)
45	L. H. Alden, Ledger, 1855 – 1861 (334)
46	L. H. Alden, Day Book [of company store?], 1831 – 1832 (335)
47	Pratt & Alden, Ledger, 1849 – 1851 [cumulative; probably refers to more detailed accounts] (336)
48	Alden & Cumming, Shipping Register, circa 1868 (337)
49	L. H. Alden & Co., Hides Received and Leather Shipped, 1876 – 1877 (338)
50	L. H. Alden & Co., Account Book to Trowbridge & Shalen Co., 1867 – 1869 (339)
51	L. H. Alden & Co., Cash Book, 1867 – 1873 (340)
52	Female Shanty, Jan – April 1850, Record of Medications administered? (341)
53	L. H. Alden, Cash Book, 1849 – 1852 (342)
54	L. H. Alden, Scrap Book, Passaic, N.J., 1879 [newspaper clippings pasted over another medications administered volume] (343)
55	L. H. Alden, Hides Received and Leathers Shipped, 1877 [1 page Frank Haligan, in account with Charles Wilmarth, 1863] (344)
56	L. H. Alden, Business Directory [alphabetical listing of companies by city and state], n.d. (345)
57	L. H. Alden, Employee Journal, 1851 – 1870 [brief notes on 1871 – 1876] (346)
58	L. H. Alden, Journal, 1854 – 1857 (347)
59	Alden & Emmon [?], Invoice of Stock, 1857 (348)
60	L. H. Alden, Cash Book, 1859 – 1867 (349)
61	A. & E. [Emmon?], 1857 – 1858 (350)
62	L. H. Alden, Ledger & Journal Together, Passaic, N.J., 1880 – 1892 (351)
63	L. H. Alden, Receipts, 1873 – 1880 (352)
64	L. H. Alden, Receipts, 1870 – 1873 (353)
65	L. H. Alden, Receipts, 1867 – 1870 (354)
66	L. H. Alden, Receipts, 1861 – 1867 [includes tax stamps] (355)
67	L. H. Alden, Receipts, 1858 – 1887 [includes tax stamps] (356)
68	Alden & Cumming, Cash Book “A”, 1865 – 1870 (357)
69	L. H. Alden & Co., Ledger, 1865 – 1866 (358)
70	L. H. Alden, Ledger “A”, 1865 – 1870 (359)
71	L.H. Alden, Journal, 1860 – 1868 (360)
72	Jackson, Denton, & Marks (Binghamton, NY, Pork Dealers), Stock on Hand, 1862 – 1864 (361)
73	L.H. A. & Co., Account Book, 1861 – 1881 (362)

74	L.H. A. & Co., Bills Receivable & Payable, 1831 – 1835 (363)
75	Alden & Cumming, Day Book & Journal “C”, 1869 – 1871 (364)
76	Alden & Cumming, Day Book & Journal, 1865 – 1867 (365)
77	L. H. Alden, Day Book & Journal “A”, 1867 – 1869 (366)
78	Alden & Cumming, Balance Ledger, 1865 – 1870 (367)
79	Alden & Cumming, Commission Sales “A”, 1865 – 1871 (368)
80	Atlas of Luzerne County, Pa., (A. Pomeroy & Co., Phila., 1873) (369)
81	Atlas of Wayne County, Pa., (A. Pomeroy & Co., NY, 1872) (370)
82	Centennial and Illustrated Wayne County, 1900. (Benjamin F. Haines, Honesdale, Pa., 1900) (371)