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## Guide to the Frederick Fleischer Collection of Bridgeport Business Bills and Receipts

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Fleischer, Frederick

**Title:** Frederick Fleischer Collection of Bridgeport Business Bills and Receipts

**Dates:** 1891-1939

**Quantity:** 1 manuscript box

**Abstract:** Collected by Frederick Fleischer, this collection of bills and receipts reflect the variety of Bridgeport businesses as the 19<sup>th</sup> Century became the 20<sup>th</sup>. Looking at the various purchases helps to shed light on the shopping habits of the time period.

**Language:** English

**Repository:** Bridgeport History Center

### **Biographical History**

As the 19<sup>th</sup> century became the 20<sup>th</sup>, the City of Bridgeport was an industrial powerhouse. It boasted factories like the Locomobile Company of America, the Warner Brothers Corset Company, Bridgeport Brass, and a great many others that meant there was no shortage of smaller, local businesses to provide every day needs.

This collection, assembled by Frederick Fleischer, is a sampling of these various locally owned businesses. The totals, items purchased, and variety of businesses are a snapshot of everyday life in the city's economy.

### **Scope and Content note:**

This material reflects the scope of Bridgeport businesses at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and into the 20<sup>th</sup>. Grocers, lumber mills, real estate, and event arts and crafts stores are represented along with what individuals bought in each store.

### **Arrangement Note:**

Series 1 is alphabetical by business name. Series 2 is arranged by greatest volume of material present, such as leases being placed first.

### **Administrative information:**

**Provenance:** Gift of Frederick Fleischer

### **Preferred Citation:**

Frederick Fleischer Collection of Bridgeport Business Bills and Receipts (BHC-MSS 0080), Bridgeport History Center, Bridgeport Public Library.

### **Names and Subject Tracings**

*Personal names*

A.W. Burritt Company

*Subject tracings*

Bridgeport, Conn.

Bills

**Detailed box and folder listing**

Box 1

Series I, Bills

1. Anderson and Co, 1906
2. Benham, Ray, and Hawley Company, 1988
3. Berkshire Mill, 1900-1907
4. L.C. Billings, 1900
5. H.L. Blackman, 1896
6. J.F. Brady and Brothers, 1903-1905
7. Bridgeport Hydraulic Company, 1899-1901
8. Bridgeport Veterinary Hospital, 1900
9. W.S. Bullard, 1897-1900
10. Burns Company, 1909-1918
11. A.W. Burritt Co., 1907
12. City of Bridgeport, 1900-1907
13. William H. Clark, 1917-1918
14. Conlin Company, 1919-1924
15. Coughlin Brothers, 1897
16. C.S. Eames and Company, 1918
17. Electric Maintenance Service Company Incorporated, 1939
18. Frank Mill Lumber Company, 1905-1910
19. David Ginand and Son, 1906
20. William B. Glover, 1908
21. L and D Goldberg, 1907-1910
22. Goester Brothers, undated
23. W.D. Hayden, 1898
24. H.M. Purdy Company, 1907
25. Hollister and Kelsey, 1902
26. J.C. Fowler and Company, 1905
27. J.L. Tomlinson Lumber Company, 1905-1908
28. Lyon and Grumman, 1895
29. McElroy Brothers, 1896
30. L.H. Mills, 1984
31. Muriheads arts and crafts shoo, 1890-1917
32. Peck and Lines Company, 1907
33. Pierce Manufacturing Company, 1906-1907
34. Prindle and Col, 1902-1903

35. Harry Rider, 1907
36. John J. Scanlon, 1907
37. Howard Scribner, 1900
38. Sillman and Godfrey, 1900
39. Wilmont E. Squires, 1919
40. A.L. Stewart, 1918
41. Wheeler and Company, 1919
42. Elbridge Wheeler, 1908
43. W.F. Swords Lumber Company, 1897
44. R.T. Whiting, 1919
45. F.N. Yarrington, 1895  
    Series 2, other documents
46. Leases, 1891-1920
47. Marsh, Merwin, and Lenmon real estate correspondence, 1895-1903
48. Information about properties owned by the Beach family, undated
49. Receipts, 1891-1919
50. Library correspondence, 1915
51. Mutual Life Insurance Company portfolio for Samuel Beach, undated
52. Other handbills and ads, 1891-1920
53. Donor's inventory