

## Dickerman & Company Records, 1887-1945

### Administrative Information

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Dickerman & Company  
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Woodworth & Company

**Language:**

The materials in this collection are in English

**Extent:**

18 boxes, 47 bound volumes, and 1 oversized folder ; 15 linear feet

**Abstract:**

Dickerman & Company, founded around 1887, was a wholesale grocery business that supplied institutions and retail stores in New Hampshire from its base in Concord. The business merged with or acquired the Woodworth Company (also wholesale grocers, founded around 1875) in about 1930. For a few years it was known as Dickerman-Woodworth Company, but again became Dickerman & Company by 1940. The records consist of several types of bound volumes such as ledgers (purchase, sales) as well as pages removed from loose-leaf binders that show orders placed, receipts for orders placed and delivered, records of cash received, etc. The materials were kept in different formats at different stages of the company's existence. The company was no longer in existence by 1950.

## Access and Use

### **Acquisition Information and Provenance:**

New Hampshire Historical Society collection. The Dickerman & Company Records were accessioned in 1994.

### **Processing Information:**

This collection was processed by Sandra L. Wheeler in September-October 2021 after an unknown person had apparently removed some items from loose-leaf binders. The finding aid was written by Sandra L. Wheeler in October 2021. This finding aid follows the standards set forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

### **Access Restrictions:**

Available for research.

### **Location:**

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

### **Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:**

The Dickerman & Company Records are paper based. Some are in folders in archival boxes, while others are large bound ledgers. The bound volumes are sometimes very large and heavy, and often the spines are brittle and are detached.

### **Copyright/Conditions Governing Use:**

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### **Preferred Citation:**

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## Collection Overview

### **Administrative Information:**

Dickerman & Company, a wholesale grocery business located in Concord, New Hampshire, was the surviving company after a merger with or acquisition of the Woodworth Company sometime in the late 1920s or early 1930s. For a few years, it was known as Dickerman-Woodworth Company, but by 1940 it was called Dickerman & Company. By 1950, it was no longer in existence.

The original Dickerman, Leavitt & Company was founded about 1887 by George O. Dickerman (1847-1904) and Edward P. Leavitt. By 1889 the firm was Dickerman & Co. After George's death, the business was carried on by John J. Bartlett (president) and George N. Woodward (treasurer), though his daughter, Edith Gertrude Dickerman (1872-1930), was the secretary of the

company between around 1910 and 1930, after which there was no family involvement. Dickerman & Company was located at 10-14 Bridge Street, Concord.

The Woodworth Company (also a wholesale grocer in Concord, NH) was founded by brothers Albert B. Woodworth (1850-1903) and Edward B. Woodworth (1847-1901) around 1875. In 1887 it was located at Hills Avenue at the corner of Railroad Square, where it remained. After the deaths of the founders, no family member was directly involved in running the company until the two businesses merged in the late about 1930, when Edward K. Woodworth (1876-1938), an attorney and son of Albert B. Woodworth, was listed as the president of the Dickerman-Woodworth Company. After the companies merged, the original Woodworth location was no longer used, but there were several smaller and independent "Woodworth Stores," apparently retail establishments, in Concord.

In 1938 the business was called Dickerman & Company again, still located at 10-14 Bridge Street, with Bartlett and Woodward resuming their duties as president and treasurer. Edward K. Woodworth focused on his law firm and as president of the New Hampshire Savings Bank. Dickerman & Company shut down in 1949.

**Collection Scope and Content Note:**

The Dickerman & Company records are of two wholesale grocery businesses located in Concord, New Hampshire, that merged around 1930: Dickerman & Company, and Woodworth & Company. There are 47 bound volumes of various kinds: check registers, inventories, debit/credit ledgers, receipts for items sold and purchased. In addition, there are 18 boxes of loose records consisting of auditors reports and pages from order books. The records of the businesses vary over time and in completeness; there is no full run of any one kind of record.

The order books reflect the food rationing during World War II (it began in 1942, but different foods were added over the course of the following months), with some pages listing the rationed items purchased.

There is no correspondence and no information about the founding of the companies, their merger, or the demise of the surviving Dickerman & Company. Personal information about founders, employees or officers is not present. There are no photographs.

**Arrangement:**

The Dickerman & Company Records are arranged in chronological order, though the oversize bound volumes are separate from small notebooks and pages removed from loose-leaf order books, which have been placed in folders in archival boxes. The oversize bound volumes are listed below, after the box and folder lists for the other material. Due to the varying conditions of the oversize bound volumes, a brief description of their condition is listed in brackets in the content list below.

Within a given year, the order of the loose pages in company order books is inconsistent. Sometimes they are organized by printed page numbers, other times by the name of the salesman responsible for the sale, other times alphabetically by purchaser, yet others in no discernable order within the year.

The arranger of the collection has titled folders and bound volumes in the lists below with information found on the item (“orders,” “ledger,” etc.). These are inconsistent in the originals.

When the name of the company on the letterhead is not Dickerman & Company, it is given on the folder or volume title. Default assumption should be that either there is no company indicated or that it is Dickerman & Company.

## Contents List

### Box 1

Folder 1	Accounts Receivable A-Br, 1914-1916
Folder 2	Accounts Receivable Bu-Cu, 1914-1916
Folder 3	Accounts Receivable D-F, 1914-1916
Folder 4	Accounts Receivable G-J, 1914-1916
Folder 5	Accounts Receivable K-N, 1914-1916
Folder 6	Accounts Receivable O-R, 1914-1916
Folder 7	Accounts Receivable S, 1914-1916
Folder 8	Accounts Receivable T-Z, 1914-1916
Folder 9	Accounts Receivable (section 2) A-M, 1914-1916
Folder 10	Accounts Receivable (section 2) N-Z, 1914-1916
Folder 11	Items Sold [bound], 1917-1918
Folder 12	Private Sales Ledger [bound], 1917-1919

### Box 2

Folder 1	Ledger – expenses [bound, no covers], 1917-1919
Folder 2	Woodworth & Company Auditor reports, 1918-1920
Folder 3	Woodworth & Company, Private Journal E, 1920-1921
Folders 4-5	Woodworth & Company orders, 1930 January
Folder 6	Woodworth & Company orders, 1930 July
Folders 7-8	Woodworth & Company orders, 1931 January
Folders 9-10	Woodworth & Company orders, 1931 July
Folder 11	Purchase/sales lists, 1931 May-October
Folder 12	Order book, 1932 June
Folder 13	Order book, 1932 July
Folder 14	Ledger, 1932 April-1933 December

### Box 3

Folder 1	Ledger, 1934, January-1936 June
Folder 2	Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 1-125, 1934 July
Folder 3	Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 126-250, 1934 July
Folder 4	Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 252-375, 1934 July
Folder 5	Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 376-500, 1934 July
Folder 6	Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 501-625, 1934 July
Folder 7	Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 626-750, 1934 July
Folder 8	Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 751-925, 1934 July

- Folder 9 Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 926-1050, 1934 July
- Folder 10 Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 1051-1188, 1934 July

**Box 4**

- Folder 1 Dickerman-Woodworth Co order book A-L, pages 1-125, 1935 January
- Folder 2 Dickerman-Woodworth Co order book A-L, pages 126-250, 1935 January
- Folder 3 Dickerman-Woodworth Co order book A-L, pages 251-376, 1935 January
- Folder 4 Dickerman-Woodworth Co order book A-L, pages 377-500, 1935 January
- Folder 5 Dickerman-Woodworth Co order book A-L, pages 501-625, 1935 January
- Folder 6 Dickerman-Woodworth Co order book A-L, pages 626-750, 1935 January
- Folder 7 Dickerman-Woodworth Co order book A-L, pages 751-875, 1935 January
- Folder 8 Dickerman-Woodworth Co order book A-L, pages 876-1000, 1935 January
- Folder 9 Dickerman-Woodworth Co order book A-L, pages 1001-1121, 1935 January
- Folder 10 Dickerman-Woodworth Co order book M-Z, pages 1-125, 1935 January

**Box 5**

- Folder 1 Dickerman-Woodworth Co order book M-Z, pages 127-250, 1935 January
- Folder 2 Dickerman-Woodworth Co order book M-Z, pages 251-375, 1935 January
- Folder 3 Dickerman-Woodworth Co order book M-Z, pages 376-500, 1935 January
- Folder 4 Dickerman-Woodworth Co order book M-Z, pages 501-625, 1935 January
- Folder 5 Dickerman-Woodworth Co order book M-Z, pages 626-750, 1935 January
- Folder 6 Dickerman-Woodworth Co order book M-Z, pages 751-875, 1935 January
- Folder 7 Dickerman-Woodworth Co order book M-Z, pages 876-968, 1935 January
- Folder 8 Dickerman-Woodworth Co order book, pages 1-125, 1936 January
- Folder 9 Dickerman-Woodworth Co order book, pages 126-250, 1936 January
- Folder 10 Dickerman-Woodworth Co order book, pages 251-375, 1936 January

**Box 6**

- Folder 1 Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 376-500, 1936 January
- Folder 2 Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 501-625, 1936 January
- Folder 3 Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 626-750, 1936 January
- Folder 4 Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 751-875, 1936 January
- Folder 5 Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 876-949, 1936 January
- Folder 6 Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 1-125, 1936 July
- Folder 7 Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 126-250, 1936 July
- Folder 8 Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 251-375, 1936 July
- Folder 9 Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 376-500, 1936 July

**Box 7**

- Folder 1 Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 501-586, 638-700, 1936 July
- Folder 2 Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 701-825, 1936 July
- Folder 3 Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 826-950, 1936 July
- Folder 4 Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 951-1075, 1936 July
- Folder 5 Dickerman-Woodworth Company order book, pages 1076-1146, 1936 July
- Folder 6 Order book [notebook], 1936 August-1937 February
- Folder 7 Notes receivable [notebook pages stapled together], 1936 October-1937 August

Folder 8 Dickerman-Woodworth Company, assorted bills and lists, 1936  
Folder 9 Order book [notebook] undated, circa 1936  
Folder 10 Ledger, 1936-1940  
Folder 11 Ledger, 1937  
Folder 12 Dickerman-Woodworth Company, Auditors report, 1937 March 31

**Box 8**

Folder 1 Order book, salesman Bartlett, folios 1-48, 1938 January  
Folder 2 Order book, salesman Giles, folios 1-116, 1938 January  
Folder 3 Order book, pages 1-125, 1938 January  
Folder 4 Order book, pages 126-250, 1938 January  
Folder 5 Order book, pages 251-399 [some pages missing], 1938 January  
Folder 6 Order book, pages 400-525, 1938 January  
Folder 7 Order book, pages 526-650, 1938 January  
Folder 8 Order book, pages 651-775, 1938 January  
Folder 9 Order book, pages 776-892, January  
Folder 10 Auditors report, 1938 March

**Box 9**

Folders 1-2 Order book, salesman Bartlett, 1938 July  
Folders 3-5 Order book, salesman Giles, 1938 July  
Folders 6-10 Order book, salesman Woodward, 1938 July

**Box 10**

Folder 1 Auditors report, 1939 July  
Folders 2-4 Order book, salesman Giles, 1939 July  
Folders 5-7 Order book, salesman Woodward, 1939 July  
Folders 8-9 Order book, unidentified salesperson, 1939 July

**Box 11**

Folder 1 Order book, salesman Bartlett, 1940 January  
Folders 2-4 Order book, salesman Giles, 1940 January  
Folders 5-6 Order book, unidentified salesperson, 1940 January  
Folder 7 Auditors report, 1940 March  
Folder 8 Order book, salesman Bartlett, 1940 July  
Folder 9 Order book, salesman Giles, 1940 July  
Folders 10-11 Order book [pages not in order], 1941 January

**Box 12**

Folders 1-3 Order book [pages not in order], 1941 January  
Folder 4 Auditors report, 1941 June  
Folders 5-7 Order book, 1941 July  
Folders 8-10 Order book, 1942 January

**Box 13**

Folder 1 Order book, 1942 January

Folder 2 Auditors reports, 1942 March, October, December  
Folders 3-8 Order book, 1942 July

**Box 14**

Folders 1-5 Order book, 1942 July  
Folder 6 Auditors report, 1943 January  
Folders 7-8 Order book, 1943 July

**Box 15**

Folders 1-8 Order book, 1943 July  
Folder 9 Order book, 1944 January

**Box 16**

Folder 1 Order book, 1944 January  
Folders 2-7 Order book, 1944 July

**Box 17**

Folders 1-7 Order book, 1944 July

**Box 18**

Folder 1 Order book, 1944 July  
Folders 2-3 Order book, 1945 January  
Folder 6 Orders, Daniels-Cornell Co., undated

**Bound Volumes**

Volume 1 D L & Co, Ledger A [covers detached], 1887-1891  
Volume 2 Stock [covers loose], 1901-1902  
Volume 3 General Ledger Private, 1907-1908  
Volume 4 Debit/Credit, 1909-1926  
Volume 5 Dickerman & Company, Sales Ledger, 1910-1911  
Volume 6 Dickerman & Company, Sales Ledger, 1912-1913  
Volume 7 W. & Co., General Ledger[spine loose, front cover missing], 1912-1914  
Volume 8 Drafts, 1913-1933  
Volume 9 Dickerman & Company, Sales Ledger, 1914-1915  
Volume 10 W. & Co., Cash 13, 1914 January-1915 May  
Volume 11 W. & Co., Purchase Ledger 12, 1914 January-1917 February  
Volume 12 W. & Co., Cash 14, 1915 May-1917 January  
Volume 13 W. & Co., Debit/Credit, 1916 April-1917 August  
Volume 14 Merchandise Returns [front cover almost completely detached], 1916 January-1921 June  
Volume 15 Dickerman & Company Sales Ledger, 1916-1917  
Volume 16 Ledger, 1916-1919  
Volume 17 W. & Co., Sales Ledger [signs of extensive old water damage inside cover and to first few pages], 1918-1919  
Volume 18 W. & Co., Cash 16, 1918 November-1920 March  
Volume 19 W. & Co., Debit/credit, 1919 September-1923 July

- Volume 20 "City Sales" Ledgers [there are two, no covers], 1920-1921
- Volume 21 Woodworth & Co. Check Registers [spine unattached], 1920 February-1922 February
- Volume 22 Expense ledger [no covers or spine], 1920
- Volume 23 Woodworth & Co. Purchase Record, 1920
- Volume 24 Return Book, 1921 August-1924 January
- Volume 25 W. & Co., Purchase Ledger, 1921-1924
- Volume 26 Woodworth & Co. Purchase Record, 1922
- Volume 27 "City" Ledger [no covers or spine], 1922-1923
- Volume 28 "State" Ledger [no covers or spine], 1922-1923
- Volume 29 Woodworth & Co., Check Register Checks Paid, 1924
- Volume 30 "Burr's Combination Index" [spine broken, some pages detached], 1924-1925
- Volume 31 Ledger [no covers or spine], 1924-1925
- Volume 32 "City" ledger [no covers or spine], 1924-1925
- Volume 33 Ledger, 1924-1927
- Volume 34 W. & Co. Sales Ledger [spine unattached], 1924-1926
- Volume 35 Woodworth & Co., Cash, 1924-1928
- Volume 36 Woodworth & Co., Check Register Cash Paid, 1925
- Volume 37 Woodworth & Co., Purchase Record, 1925
- Volume 38 "State" ledger [no covers or spine], 1926-1927
- Volume 39 "City" ledger [no covers or spine], 1926-1927
- Volume 40 Woodworth & Co., Purchase Record, 1927
- Volume 41 W. & Co., Sales Ledger [spine unattached], 1927-1929
- Volume 42 W. & Co., Purchase ledger [spine missing], 1927-1929
- Volume 43 Ledger, 1927-1931
- Volume 44 Ledger [no covers or spine], 1928-1929
- Volume 45 Ledger [no covers or spine], 1928-1929
- Volume 46 Ledger [no covers or spine], 1932
- Volume 47 Order book, 1934-1937

**Separated Materials:**

The following item has been removed to Oversize Manuscripts Box "D":

"Register for 10,000 Names," pages 1-17, containing dated signatures, 1937

**Subject Terms**

**People:**

- Dickerman, George O., 1847-1904
- Dickerman, Edith Gertrude, 1872-1930
- Woodworth, Albert B., 1850-1908
- Woodworth, Edward B., 1847-1901
- Woodworth, Edward K., 1876-1938

**Organizations:**

- Dickerman & Company
- Dickerman-Woodworth Company
- Woodworth & Company



**Subjects:**

Account books  
Business records  
Grocery trade  
Rationing  
World War, 1939-1945

**Locations:**

Concord, NH

**Occupations:**

Businessmen  
Grocers