

Knight's Garage Records, 1914-1956

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

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Knight's Garage

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

18 volumes ; 5 linear feet

Abstract:

Fred W. Knight established Knight Automobile Sales and Repairing in Durham, NH, in 1907, with customers all over southern New Hampshire. These volumes of financial records from 1914 to 1956 show the cost of gasoline and car repairs during that period.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Knight's Garage Records were in the New Hampshire Historical Society for an unknown amount of time, found with other collections from 1994. The records were not accessioned until 2021, when the descendants were consulted (the Garage is still in business). They agreed that the ledgers be given to the Society.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Sandra L. Wheeler in October 2021. 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:

This collection consists of 18 bound ledgers. Some are very heavy; others have loose or unattached spines and covers. A book cradle should be used when viewing these volumes.

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Collection Overview

Administrative Information:

In 1907, Fred W. Knight (1885-1951) established Knight Automobile Sales and Repairing in Durham, New Hampshire. His descendants continued the business after Knight's death, and it is still in operation at the time of writing this finding aid (October 2021).

Biographical Information:

Fred Willis Knight, the only child of John H. and Kate E. (Robinson) Knight, was born June 18, 1885 at Newmarket, NH. On January 20, 1905 at Kingston, NH, he married Evelyn E. Bentley. The daughter of John R. and Elizabeth (Miller) Bentley, Evelyn was born March 25, 1888 at Truro, Nova Scotia. Fred and Evelyn had two boys: John B. (1906-1952), and Harold R. born circa 1912. They lived in Newmarket until 1931 when they moved to Durham, NH.

Fred died at Durham on June 25, 1951. Evelyn died there on June 29, 1966.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The 18 volumes of the Knight's Garage Records consist of Day Books and Journals that show the cost of gasoline and automobile repairs between 1914 and 1956.

Arrangement:

The volumes are arranged in chronological order.

Contents List

Volume 1	Daybook, filling station and auto repair, 1914-1915
Volume 2	Daybook, cash sales, filling station and auto repair, 1925 January-May
Volume 3	Journal, filling station and auto repair, 1930
Volume 4	Daybook, filling station and auto repair, 1934; 1947 September-December
Volume 5	Journal, filling station and auto repair, 1935-1936
Volume 6	Daybook, filling station and auto repair, 1937-1938; 1948 January-April
Volume 7	Accounts Receivable, 1937-1942
Volume 8	Daybook, filling station and auto repair, 1942-1943
Volume 9	Journal, filling station and auto repair, 1942-1944
Volume 10	Daybook, filling station and auto repair, 1945 May-November
Volume 11	Journal, filling station and auto repair, 1945-1946
Volume 12	Journal, filling station and auto repair, 1947
Volume 13	Journal, filling station and auto repair, 1948-1949
Volume 14	Daybook, filling station and auto repair, 1948-1950
Volume 15	Journal, filling station and auto repair, 1950-1951
Volume 16	Journal, filling station and auto repair, 1952-1954
Volume 17	Daybook, filling station and auto repair, 1953 March-December
Volume 18	Journal, filling station and auto repair, 1954-1956

Subject Terms**People:**

Knight, Fred W., 1885-1951

Organizations:

Knight's Garage

Subjects:

Account books
Automobiles
Automobiles--Maintenance and repair
Business
Garages
Service stations

Locations:

Durham, NH

Occupations:

Automobile mechanics