

Inventory of the

Lindenwood Grain Co-op
Lindenwood, Illinois

Collection

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INTRODUCTION

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Lindenwood Collection traces the economic development of an agricultural co-operative from 1919 to 1956. The materials are arranged in a series of three record groups all providing a comprehensive account of the co-op's fiscal operations.

The first series consists of the co-operative's general business files, 1921-1947; included in this series are correspondence, receipts, tax returns, and annual reports. Also included are several folders of material concerned with the implementation of the War Food Administration and other governmental agencies during World War II.

The Co-operative's bound business volumes, dating from 1919 to 1949, make up the second series of records. In the series are journals of daily entries from sales and other operating income to total operating expenses.

The third series, contains loose ledger sheets. The ledgers date from 1920 to 1956. This last series of records provides both weekly and monthly summaries of financial transactions including an analysis of general business accounts and expenses.

The researcher should note that portions of the Lindenwood Collection are incomplete. Missing are Board of Director's minutes, stock records, articles of incorporation, and by-laws. There remains with the Lindenwood Co-op Exchange a sizeable amount of records that complete this collection. For related material, please see the H.W. Colwill Collection, Regional History Collection 47.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Farmer's Cooperative Grain Elevators grew as a safeguard against abuses in the grain distributing system as handled by local grain dealers and the line elevator companies. The unregulated predatory combination of dealers and their fixed prices forced the farmer to meet

competition by forming cooperatives. In 1889, the first Farmer's Elevator Company was organized in Rockwell, Iowa, where farmers leased an elevator and proceeded to buy and sell grain.

The Lindenwood Grain Elevator was first organized in the late 1880's as a privately owned company operated by three individuals at different times. In 1920, the elevator company became the Lindenwood Co-operative Exchange, Incorporated. The objectives of this agricultural co-operative were to carry on the business of buying, selling, and storing seeds, coal, lumber and other commodities. During the early years of its existence, the cooperative was supervised by President, James F. Elliot; Secretary, D. D. Carmichel; Treasurer, Joe Holmes and a board of four directors. Because of their success in developing a comprehensive marketing system, the Lindenwood Co-operative Exchange, Incorporated, built up a capital structure which supported its success to the present day.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Agricultural Cooperatives
Grain
Lindenwood
Lindenwood Grain Co-op
World War II

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Series I. General Business Files		
1	1	General letters and receipts, 1921
	2-3	Letters, receipts, A-T, 1921
	4	General letters and receipts, 1922
	5-7	Letters, receipts, A-Z, 1922
	8-10	General receipts, letters, 1923
	11	Receipts, A-Z, 1923
	12	Lindenwood prices, accounts, 1924
	13-15	Receipts, A-T, 1924
	16	General receipts, letters, 1925
	17	General receipts, letters, 1925
	18-20	Receipts, A-Z, 1925
2	21	Lindenwood inventories, accounts, 1925
	1-4	Letters, A-W, 1925
	5-6	Receipts, L-Z, 1926
	7-10	Receipts, A-W, 1927
	11	Lindenwood Taxes, inventories, accounts, 1927
	12	Grain speculation, 1927
	13	Inventories, tax return, 1928
	14-15	Letters, receipts, A-W, 1928
	16-18	Receipts, A-W, 1928
	19	Chicago Producers Commission Association, 1928
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2-6		Receipts, A-W, 1929
7-8		Letters, receipts, A-Q, 1929
9		Letters, receipts, R-W, 1929
10-15		Chicago Producers Commission Assoc., 1929-1932
16		Lindenwood Reports, 1928-1931
17		Income Tax, annual report, 1929
18		Inventory, 1929
19-23		Letters, receipts, A-E, 1930
4	1-4	Letters, receipts, F-S, 1930
	5	Letters, receipts, T-Y, 1930
	6	Inventory, 1930

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
4	7	Taxes, annual report, 1930
	8-18	Letters, receipts, A-W, 1931
5	1	Inventory (1930-1932)
	2-3	Grain speculation, 1930
	4-5	Grain speculation, 1931
	6	Freight bills, 1933
	7	Inventory, (1933-1934)
	8	Taxes, annual report, 1931
	9-17	Receipts, A-Z, 1932
	18	Legal papers, 1932
	19	Inventory, 1932
	20	Freight bills, 1932
	21-22	Receipts, A-Case, 1933
6	1-6	Receipts, C-Z, 1933
	7-13	<u>Ogle County Record</u> , vols. 3-9, 20-21
	14-16	Grain speculation 1932-1933
	17-19	Letters, A-R, 1934
	20	Letters, S-W, 1934
	21	Letters, A-B, 1935
7	1-5	Letters, C-Z, 1935
	6	Inventory, 1933
	7	Taxes, annual report, 1933
	8	Freight bills, bills of lading, 1934
	9-12	Receipts, A-W, 1934
	13	Taxes, annual report, 1934
	14	Freight bills, bills of lading, 1935
	15	Inventory, 1934
	16-21	Receipts, A-U, 1935
	22-23	Grain speculation, 1934-1935
24	Inventories, (1936-1937)	
8	1	Inventories, (1936-1937)
	2	Freight records, 1936-1937
	3-16	Receipts, A-W, 1936
	17-18	Receipts, A-C, 1937
	19-20	Receipts, Case-W, 1937
9	1-8	Receipts, Case-W, 1937
	9	Taxes, annual reports, 1935-1937

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9	10-14	Grain speculation, 1936-1937
	15	Taxes, annual report, 1937-1939
	16	Freight bills, 1937-1939
	17	Inventory, 1938
	18-21	Receipts, A-H, 1938
10	1-3	Receipts, J-W, 1938
	4-10	Receipts, A-W, 1939
	11	Taxes, annual report, 1936-1939
	12	Inventory, (1938-1939)
	13	FTC "Farm Machinery Inquiry", 1936
	14-16	Letters, A-Case, 1938
	17-20	Letters, D-Z, 1938
	21-22	Letters, A-C, 1939
11	1-3	Letters, D-W, 1939
	4-7	Grain speculation, 1938-1939
	8	Freight bills, 1939-1940
	9-10	Inventories, (1939-1940)
	11	Freight bills, 1942
	12	Taxes, annual reports, 1938-1942
	13	Lindenwood Co-op shareholders
	14-20	Receipts, A-R, 1940
12	1-2	Receipts, S-Z, 1940
	3	Taxes, annual reports, 1939-1941
	4	Inventory, (1940-1941)
	5	Freight bills, 1939-1941
	6-9	Receipts, A-H, 1941
	10-12	Receipts, I-W, 1941
	13-18	Letters, A-W, 1940
13	1-6	Letters, A-W, 1941
	7-11	Grain speculation, 1940-1941
	12	Taxes, 1941-1942
	13	Licenses, taxes, price lists, 1941-1942
	14-19	Receipts, A-W, 1942
14	1	Taxes, annual reports, 1943
	2	Freight bills, 1943
	3	Licenses, 1943
	4-5	Receipts, A-Case, 1943

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14	6-9	Receipts, Case-W, 1943
	10-16	Letters, A-W, 1942
	17-20	Letters, A-O, 1943
15	1	Letters, R-W, 1943
	2-6	Grain speculation, 1942-1943
	7	OPA, correspondence, 1944
	8	War Food Administration, 1944
	9	War Bond regulations
	10-11	Illinois Material & Lumber Dealers Assoc., 1942-1943
	12	Coal regulations
	13	Implement regulations
	14	Office of Defense Transportation
	15	Maximum Price regulation
	16	Regulation W
	17	Fertilizer regulation
	18	Victory Tax
	19	Transportation Tax
	20-21	Lumber & Repair Certificates, 1943-1944
22-23	Grain speculation, 1944	
24	Letters, receipts, 1945	
25-27	Receipts, A-W, 1946	
16	1-4	Receipts, A-L, 1947
	5-7	Letters, receipts, M-W, 1947
	8-9	Repair orders, 1943-1949

Series II. Bound Business Volumes

	10-13	Sales Journals, 1920-1927 (24 volumes total)
17	1-13	Sales journals, 1927-1944
18	1-7	Sales journals, 1944-1948, (volumes missing: 1945-1946)
	8-13	Cash records, 1929-1935 (19 volumes total)
19	1-13	Cash records, 1935-1949, (volumes missing: 1945-1946)
20a-20b	47 volumes	Commodity records, 1920-1949, (volumes missing: 1945-1946)
20b	1 volume	Invoice Book, 1919-1921
	1 volume	Daybook, 1921-1923

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20b	1 volume 1 volume	Grain Records, 1935-1944 Coal Sales Records, (1927-1936)
21	1 volume	Coal Sales Records, (1944-1945)
Oversize	1 volume	Voucher Register, 1930-1932
Oversize	1 volume	Lumber Sales Records, 1952
Series III. Loose Ledger Sheets		
21-39	21 volumes	Business Ledgers, (1920-1956)