Metal File Box

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Boston and Lowell Railroad Contracts

*The documents in the box are numbered serially by stamp. Items 1 through 20 were inventoried by Matthew Donovan, UMass Lowell intern, in March 2021. These items were transferred to a legal-size folder and placed in a Hollinger box. Other items remain in the metal box and must be inventoried. FNN III, April 4, 2021.*

Item 1. Agreement between James Abbott and B&L and N&L to run an express business between Boston and Lawrence, Mass., Apr. 1, 1878. Term 3 years and 6 months.

Item 2. Agreement made between James G. Abbott and the B&L, Jul. 31, 1883. For a 5 year term Abbott will run a freight express over B&L between Lawrence and Boston, Mass.

Item 3. Agreement made between the B&LRR and the Armstrong Transfer Company, Nov. 30, 1882. B&L leases the exclusive right to Armstrong Transfer to transfer passenger passing over its road to Boston, as well as baggage transfer.

Item 4. File “Transferred to Deed BL 33.” Atlantic Cotton Mills-Lawrence-Mag-17-1883. N.B. *Original document likely moved during application of new filing system.*

Item 5. TBD; *needs repair work.*

Item 6. Boston and Lowell Railroad transferred to CM 708. date Nov. 12, 1887. *Original document transferred elsewhere.*

Item 7. Document signed Oct. 26, 1883 from J.E. Bartlett to Isaac Story regarding dredging in unspecified location.

Item 8. Agreement made between the Bethlehem Iron Co. of Bethlehem, Pa. and the B&L RR Co., signed Mar. 17, 1883 – the former agreeing to furnish the latter with 1000 tons of steel rails on or before the month of May 1883 – cash on delivery.

Item 9. Agreement between the Bethlehem Iron Co. and the B&L RR Co. signed Nov. 23, 1883 – the former to furnish the latter with 1000 tons of steel rails on or before Mar. 1, 1884.

Item 10. Agreement between Bethlehem Iron Co. and B&L RR Co. signed Aug. 29, 1884. Bethlehem Iron sold 2500 lbs. [tons?] of steel rails to B&LRR; 1000 lbs. [tons?] to be delivered in September 1884, the remaining 1500 lbs. [tons?] delivered on or before March 1885.

Item 11. Agreement made Apr. 1, 1875 between Richard D. Blumin of Lexington [Mass.] and the B&L RR Co. The former agreeing to operate an express business on B&L rails for 3 years, 6 months. 2 copies included.

*No Item 12 – perhaps out of order or 12 is the second copy of the previous item.*

Item 13. Agreement between the City of Boston and the B&L RR Co., Nov. 15, 1882, relating to the postponement of a hearing regarding an assessment of damages. Includes a note related to this document signed 1883.

Item 14, 16, 17. *Stuck together; all three transferred as is to Hollinger box.*

Item 15. *Placed after 14, 17, 17, as all three were stuck together*. Agreement between the City of Boston and the B&L RR Co., signed Sep. 13, 1881. City agrees to pay for the right of way for a new branch track from Medford to Somerville.

Item 18. Contract between B&L RR Co. and the Boston Commercial Exchange, signed 1885. BCE to operate grain transportation business on B&L tracks.

Item 19. Contract between Boston, Concord and Montreal Railroad as 1st party, and B&L RR Co. and N&L RR Co. as second parties, allowing transportation of passengers and freight on each other’s tracks starting Oct. 1, 1886.

Item 20. *Original document transferred elsewhere.*