

## Finding Aid to the G.W. McNear Collection

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** G.W. McNear Collection

**Date Range:** 1877-1889

**Collection number:** [Accession #84-4](#).

**Extent:** 5 boxes

**Repository:** County History Center, Contra Costa County Historical Society, 724 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553, 925-229-1042

**Legal status:** public

### Information for Researchers

**Access:** Collection is open for research.

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**Scope and Content:** The boxes contain correspondence, shipping records and ledger books from George W. McNear's grain brokerage business in San Francisco and his grain shipping warehouse in Port Costa, which he opened in 1874 after working for his brother's grain business in Petaluma for several years.

**Arrangement of Materials:** Materials are stored in four boxes as described below.

#### **Box 1**

- Letters to G.W.McNear regarding grain shipping from Petaluma to local shippers, 1877.
- Shipping records for McNear, 1882-83. Indexed.

#### **Box 2**

- McNear ledger book, 1886-92.
- McNear ledger book, 1879-82.

#### **Box 3**

- McNear ledger book, 1878-79. Indexed.
- Port Costa Business Accounts book, containing sampling, weighing and shipping charges for McNear's grain brokerage in San Francisco, 1887-95.

#### **Box 4**

- Book of cables regarding prices and market conditions for wheat sales in Europe, 1893-94.
- Book of telegraph confirmations for McNear's grain business, 1889. Indexed.

- 1976 calendar of “Old Concord” donated by Alice McNeil Russi. Note: Alice McNeil Russi’s middle name is sometimes given as McNear. Accession number 84-9.

**Box 5**

- Manilla folder containing a book labelled “Schedules, Rates, Charges and Rents” for the Mersey Docks, Liverpool, 1882 edition.
- Geo. W. McNear book titled “Private Telegraph Code No. 3”
- Small books and records relating to grain trading on the docks at Bristol, England
- Copy of a telegraph cable to George McNear, received at San Francisco May 12, 1876, using code words to relate to grain shipments (code provided also)
- Book of records for McNear’s Port Costa grain warehouse (accession 84-4)

**Indexing Terms:** Agriculture, Business Records, California Wharf & Warehouse, Correspondence, Letters, Port Costa History, Telegraph Code Books