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**085-02**  
**David Law Aldrich business records**  
**1867-1877**

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Number: 085-02

Title: David L. Aldrich business records

Creator: Aldrich, David Law

Dates: 1867-1877

Quantity: 1 folder (total .8 linear feet)

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition: Unknown

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

Custodial history: Unknown

Processed by: The collection was processed by Janaya Kizzie in 2012 as part of the RI Manuscript Collection. Reprocessed as distinct collection by Kate Wells in 2019.

Conservation: Not applicable.

Language: Materials are in English.

**RIGHTS AND ACCESS**

Access: This collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Providence Public Library, Special Collections department.

Preferred Citation: Researchers are requested to use the following citation format:  
*[item title], David Law Aldrich business records, Special Collections, Providence Public Library*

Property Rights: Property rights have been assigned to Providence Public Library.

**INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS**

Separated material None

Published description Not applicable.

Location of originals	Not applicable.
Location of copies	Not applicable.
Publication note	Not applicable.
Subject headings	Richmond (R.I.) Hopkinton (R.I.) Plainville (R.I.) Textile factories. Mills and mill work - Rhode Island

**SEE ALSO**

Not applicable.

**HISTORICAL NOTE**

David Law Aldrich (1822-1889) was a mill owner in Richmond, Rhode Island. He was born to David and Hope Aldrich in North Scituate, R.I. and was educated at Smithville Seminary. He leased the Godfrey Arnold cotton mill in Hopkinton, R.I. with his partner Barber Reynolds in 1851. The partnership was dissolved in 1857 and Aldrich expanded the business into the Hope Valley Manufacturing Co. which manufactured twine, carpet warps and yarn. Following Aldrich's death in 1889, the mill was sold to Sabin A. Owen.

Additional business interests included a woolen mill in Plainville, R.I. which he erected in 1863 and sold in 1880, as well as the Moosup Mill in Woosup, Conn. and the mills at Arcadia. He was one of the projectors of the Richmond Band which merged with the First National Bank of Hopkinton. He was president of the Wood River Branch railroad.

Mr. Aldrich was married twice. First to Susan W. Sheldon of Cranston in 1846. They had three children including Joseph S., at the age of twenty-four; Laura, at the age of five; and David L., Jr., who died in his twenty-fourth year. After the death of Susan in 1870, he married Mary M. Carpenter, of Providence in 1872. They had two children, William S., and a daughter, Mary A..

**SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION**

The collection includes business records including correspondence, receipts for payments and insurance policies. The records related primarily to the Hope Valley Manufacturing Co., but also include documents relating to Aldrich's purchase of the Plainville Mill in 1874.

**ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION**

Items are organized chronologically.