

LETTER BOOKS (letterpress vols.) Stack II, Tier 3

The original labelling of these vols. is rather confusing. On Shelf 4 are 15 vols; on shelf 5 are 13 vols., 2 boxes of unbound vols., and 1 box of modern typed copies of faded pages in the vols. In Stack II, Tier IV, shelves 5 & 6 (also 1 item on shelf 7) are 20 cartons of carbon letters that continue the letterpress series above. All of these letterpress & carbon copies are quite distinct from the so-called Toomey File (q.v.) of letterpress volumes & carbon copies tho' also originating in Hill's office but not thro' his dictation. Preceding the first letterpress vol. is one that begins in Feb. 1899 as J.N.Hill's book

while v.p. of Eastern Ry. of Minn. and continued in Sept. of that year by L.W. Hill when he became vice pres. of the same road. The next vol. is in black & tan binding (3/2/07-3/13/09). It is followed by black & tan vol. 5/15/09-12/24/1910. Another black & tan vol. runs thro' 1911 and 1912. Then begins a continuous series of numbered vols. in grey cloth binding (except for vols. 9 & 10 & 11, which are in a still different binding) beginning with no. 1. These continue until 1922, when a new series of carbon sheets appears in carton form. It has no indexes, unlike the vols. above. One great value of the letterpress vols. is their indexes, which give date, page, and recipient of letters. Most letters in letterpress vols. are to be found also in Personal Papers.