

**Page and Mallett (Fort Kent, Me.) daybook, 1886**

**MCC-00342**

**Finding Aid**

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**Title:** Page and Mallett (Fort Kent, Me.) daybook

**Creator/Collector:** Page and Mallett (Fort Kent, Me.)

**Collection number:** MCC-00342                      Shelf list number: AB-342

**Dates:** 1886

**Extent:** 1 volume (.30 cubic feet)

**Provenance:** Material was acquired from Roger Paradis, 2009.

**Language:** English.

**Conservation notes:** None.

**Access restrictions:** No restrictions on access.

**Physical restrictions:** None.

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**Separated materials:** Not applicable.

**Related materials:** Not applicable.

**Location of originals:** Not applicable.

**Location of copies:** Not applicable.

**Published in:** Not applicable.

**Organizational history:**

Page and Mallett was formed in 1880 as a partnership between B.W. Mallett and I.H. Page, both of Fort Kent, Maine. Their business was lumber trade. In 1888, Page sold his company portion to Mallett.

B.W. Mallett (b. ca. 1822) was a merchant and lumber operator in Fort Kent. He first moved to Fort Kent from Lee, Maine, in April of 1853. Previously, he worked in the

lumber business in Portage Lake for four years. In 1853, he worked for Major Dickey in the mills on the Fish River. The next year, he bought a mill from Isaac Hacker; during this time, he also manufactured and sold clapboards. In 1855, Mallett moved to St. Frances, where he ran a store for six years. In 1861, he began working for the Aroostook Land Co.; for five years he worked for the company, scaling logs and supervising "wild lands." Mallett returned to Fort Kent in 1866, where he bought a house on Main St. He formed a partnership with W.H. Cunliffe: B.W. Mallett & Co. The company established a store in New Brunswick, across the border from Fort Kent in Canada. There, they bought, sold, and traded shaved cedar shingles. This company dissolved in 1875. Five years later, Mallett formed the partnership with I.H. Page. Mallett was married to Isabell O. Mallett, according to the 1880 Aroostook County census.

Isaac H. Page (b. 1840), the son of David Page, moved to Fort Kent with his father in 1847. He spent many of his young adult years working as a clerk throughout Aroostook County: in 1856 he clerked for Rufus Mansur, then Patrick Collins, in Houlton; he then clerked for Hon. Isaac Hacker in Fort Fairfield for two years. During this time, he also ran Hacker's store in Van Buren for a year and a half. Page then spent two years working for C.F.A. Johnson in Presque Isle. In 1864, he was appointed a clerkship in the Quartermaster's Department in the Army of Virginia. He held this position for the remainder of the Civil War, and then returned to Fort Kent, where he worked for his brother-in-law, George Seely. In 1866, they formed the partnership of Seely & Page. When Seely died in 1874, Page continued the firm on his own for an additional two years. In 1880, he formed the partnership with Mallett. In May 1889, a year after selling Mallett his portion of Page and Mallett, Page was appointed Deputy Collector of Customs in Fort Kent.

(Most of this history was found in Edward Wiggings and George H. Collins, *History of Aroostook, Vol. 1*... (Presque Isle, Me.: George H. Collins; Star-Herald Press, c.1922) p.176)

***Scope and content:***

This collection consists of a daybook from Page and Mallett of Fort Kent, Maine. The volume spans from March 5 through November 27, 1886, and contains entries for many local people.

***Inventory:***

Volume 1: Page and Mallett daybook, 1886.

***Processing action:***

The bound volume, in fair condition, was wrapped in tissue paper and stored in an archival box for preservation with shelf list number AB-342