# Great Northern Paper Company employee ledger and map, 1927-1934

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**Finding Aid** 

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Creator/Collector: Great Northern Company

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Dates: 1927-1934

**Extent:** 1 volume, 1 oversize map (.15 cubic feet)

**Provenance:** Material was acquired from Gary Pelletier, 2010

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*Organizational history:* The Fort Kent Mill Company was founded in 1890 by four brothers, Charles, Christopher, Thomas, and Lester Bradbury, and their brother-in-law, John Mullen, all from New Limerick, Maine. The company's holdings included a sawmill, gristmill, carding mill, store, blacksmith shop, one half of the mill dam. The mill remained in operation until 1915. In 1921, the property was sold to Great Northern Paper Company. Thomas S. Pinkham, Sr. rented and operated the store for the next twenty-nine years

## Scope and content:

This collection consists of a ledger of employee accounts, including wages, hours worked, and materials purchased, 1929-1930. The ledger, marked No.1, most likely belonged to Great Northern Company, as it contains notations of account settlements handled by C.H. Austin (Cash Austin), who later became a subcontractor for Great Northern. It also includes account authorizations by F.W. Austin, who was Cash Austin's father. It appears Cash worked for the company as a young man, under the supervision of his father. Because of the time period and names contained in this ledger, it is most likely that this ledger belong to Great Northern, possibly to either the Fort Kent Mill Co. location or to the Pinkham employee store, as it includes accounts for purchased materials. Also included in the ledger is a loose piece of paper with account notations dating to 1934; while it includes an account dating 1919, the paper seems to have been written at one time, rather as separate entries, with the latest dated 1934.

Also contained in the collection is a topographical map of the Aroostook County, Square Lake Quadrangle, dated 1927. The map, published by the Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, includes the handwritten note "left unfinished, was completed by Taylor in 1928," pointing toward Big California Pond, just north of Eagle Lake.

### Inventory:

Volume 1: No. 1 Ledger.

Map 1: Maine. Aroostook County. Square Lake Quadrangle. Department of the

Interior, U.S. Geological Survey. 898-S-IV-W/2. State of Maine, Public Utilities Commission, Charels G. Gurney, Chairman, Herbert W. Trafton, Albert Greenlaw, Commissioners. Glenn S. Smith, Division Engineer. Topography by Fred Graff, Jr., R.C. Seitz, R.J. Belton, and B.P. Taylor.

Control by U.S. Geological Survey. Surveyed in 1927.

#### **Processing action:** Ledger

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#### Map

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