

H.K. Webster and Blue Seal Feeds Collection, 1875-1993

General Information

Repository: Lawrence History Center

Creator: H.K. Webster Co., and Blue Seal Feeds, Inc.

Dates: 1875-1993

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Quantity: 1 Bankers Box, 1 Hollinger Box

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Access: Open for research

Provenance: These records were created by the H.K. Webster Co., Robert & Douglas Company, Haskins & Sells, McGladrey & Pullen, and Blue Seal Feeds, Inc. They were donated to the Lawrence History Center on 9/21/2005 by Dean Webster.

Historical Note: The H.K. Webster Co. was founded in Lawrence, Massachusetts in 1868 by Henry Kingman Webster, with the intention of providing high quality feed to fill the demands of the horse and buggy era. Webster was born in Manchester, New Hampshire in 1835, and came to Lawrence in 1858 at the age of 23, when Lawrence was undergoing its first development boom. After fighting in the Civil War, Webster returned to Lawrence to continue his job as a clerk at the Furness and Giles grain store, until leaving to start the H.K. Webster Co. in 1868. Webster was also a dedicated Mason, and a member of the Tuscan Lodge in Lawrence. Webster also served one-term as mayor of Lawrence.

In 1910, the H.K. Webster Co. adopted the name Blue Seal Feeds for its products in order to establish their high nutritious quality for poultry and livestock. According to the Blue Seal Feed website, "Implementation of a "batch" mixer for the mechanical blending of products was one of the earliest attempts in the Northeast to provide scientifically formulated feeds for livestock. This was the beginning of a string of innovations that included more mechanization and automated systems."

In 1915, Dean K. Webster succeeded Henry Kingman Webster as president of the company, after the elder Webster retired upon his 80th birthday. Dean K. Webster led the company until his death in 1983.

In 1988 the H.K. Webster Co. was dissolved and sold to Blue Seal Feeds, Inc., which continues today to provide high-quality feed for farmers in the New England area. The company no longer operates in Lawrence, and now has its headquarters in Bow, New Hampshire.

Scope and Content: The collection is contained in 1 Bankers Box, and 1 Hollinger Box. Box 1 contains 14 folders, and Box 2 contains 9 folders for a total of 23 folders across the two boxes. An inventory of both boxes is available at the end of the document. Most of the collection is dedicated to financial records including, but not limited to, clerk's record books, financial

reports, and audit reports. The collection also includes information pertaining to the dissolution of the H.K. Webster Co. and its incorporation into Blue Seal Feeds, Inc. There is also a Poultry Instruction Manual from 1943.

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<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>CREATOR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Financial Documents	Financial Documents	H.K. Webster Co.	1904-1930	Ledger
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Clerk's Record Book I	Clerk's Record Book	H.K. Webster Co.	1945-1962	Record Book
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Notebook	Financial Notebook	H.K. Webster Co.	1875-1952	Notebook
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Clerk's Record Book II	Clerk's Record Book	H.K. Webster Co.	1963-1970	Record Book
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Clerk's Record Book III	Clerk's Record Book	H.K. Webster Co.	1969-1976	Record Book
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Clerk's Record Book IV	Clerk's Record Book	H.K. Webster Co.	1977-1988	Record Book

H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Clerk's Record Book V	Clerk's Record Book	H.K. Webster Co.	1978-1987	Record Book
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Audit Report 1935-46	Audit Report	Robert Douglas & Company	9/30/1935	Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Audit Report 1935-46	Audit Report	Robert Douglas & Company	9/30/1939	Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Audit Report 1935-46	Audit Report	Robert Douglas & Company	12/31/1944	Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Audit Report 1935-46	Audit Report	Robert Douglas & Company	12/31/1946	Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Audit Report 1947-51	Audit Report	Robert Douglas & Company	12/31/1947	Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Audit Report 1947-51	Audit Report	Robert Douglas & Company	12/31/1948	Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Audit Report 1947-51	Audit Report	Robert Douglas & Company	12/31/1949	Report

H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Audit Report 1947-51	Audit Report	Robert Douglas & Company	12/31/1950	Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Audit Report 1947-51	Audit Report	Robert Douglas & Company	12/31/1951	Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Audit Report 1953-57	Audit Report	Robert Douglas & Company	12/31/1953	Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Audit Report 1953-57	Audit Report	Robert Douglas & Company	12/31/1954	Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Audit Report 1953-57	Audit Report	Robert Douglas & Company	12/31/1955	Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Audit Report 1953-57	Audit Report	Robert Douglas & Company	12/31/1956	Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Audit Report 1953-57	Audit Report	Robert Douglas & Company	12/31/1957	Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Audit Report 1958-1961	Audit Report	Robert Douglas & Company	12/31/1958	Report

H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Audit Report 1958-1961	Audit Report	Robert Douglas & Company	12/31/1959	Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Audit Report 1958-1961	Audit Report	Robert Douglas & Company	12/31/1960	Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Audit Report 1958-1961	Audit Report	Robert Douglas & Company	12/31/1961	Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Audit Report 1962-63	Audit Report	Robert Douglas & Company	12/31/1962	Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Audit Report 1962-63	Audit Report	Robert Douglas & Company	12/31/1963	Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Financial Statements 1964-68	Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules for 1964	Haskins & Sells		Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Financial Statements 1964-68	Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules for 1965	Haskins & Sells		Report

H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Financial Statements 1964-68	Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules for 1966	Haskins & Sells		Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Financial Statements 1964-68	Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules for 1967	Haskins & Sells		Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Financial Statements 1964-68	Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules for 1968	Haskins & Sells		Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Financial Statements 1969-73	Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules for 1969	Haskins & Sells		Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Financial Statements 1969-73	Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules for 1970	Haskins & Sells		Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Financial Statements 1969-73	Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules for 1971	Haskins & Sells		Report

H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Financial Statements 1969-73	Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules for 1972	Haskins & Sells		Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 1	Financial Statements 1969-73	Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules for 1973	Haskins & Sells		Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	Financial Statements 1973-77	Financial Statements for 1973 and 1974	Haskins & Sells		Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	Financial Statements 1973-77	Financial Statements for 1974 and 1975	Haskins & Sells		Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	Financial Statements 1973-77	Financial Statements for 1975 and 1976	Haskins & Sells		Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	Financial Statements 1973-77	Financial Statements for 1976 and 1977	Haskins & Sells		Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	Financial Statements 1977-85	Consolidated Financial Statements for 1977 and 1978	Haskins & Sells		Report

H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	Financial Statements 1977-85	Consolidated Financial Statements for 1978 and 1979	Haskins & Sells		Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	Financial Statements 1977-85	Consolidated Financial Statements for 1981 and 1982	Haskins & Sells		Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	Financial Statements 1977-85	Consolidated Financial Statements for 1982 and 1983	Haskins & Sells		Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	Financial Statements 1977-85	Consolidated Financial Statements for 1983 and 1984	Haskins & Sells		Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	Financial Statements 1977-85	Consolidated Financial Statements for 1984 and 1985	Haskins & Sells		Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	Financial Statements 1985-88	Consolidated Financial Statements for 1985 and 1986	Haskins & Sells		Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	Financial Statements 1985-88	Consolidated Financial Statements for 1986 and 1987	Haskins & Sells		Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	Financial Statements 1985-88	Consolidated Financial Statements for 1987 and 1988	Haskins & Sells		Report

H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	Special Purpose Statement 1988	Special-Purpose Statement of Net Assets at November 30, 1988 and Independent Auditors' Report	Haskins & Sells	11/30/1988	Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	Balance Sheet 1988	Balance Sheet 1987-88	H.K. Webster Co.		Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	1988 - Sale of Company to Blue Seal Feeds	Purchasing Policy Management and Forwarding Statements	Blue Seal Feeds Inc.		Document
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	1988 - Sale of Company to Blue Seal Feeds	Notice of Special Meeting of Shareholders	Blue Seal Feeds Inc.	11/17/1988	Document
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	1988 - Sale of Company to Blue Seal Feeds	Liquidating Trust			Document
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	1988 - Sale of Company to Blue Seal Feeds	Plan of Liquidation and Dissolution	H.K. Webster Co.		Document
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	1988 - Sale of Company to Blue Seal Feeds	Resolutions of Shareholders	H.K. Webster Co.		Document

H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	1988 - Sale of Company to Blue Seal Feeds	Stock Valuation as of 11/30/1988		11/30/1988	Document
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	1988 - Sale of Company to Blue Seal Feeds	Resolutions with the Board of Directors	H.K. Webster Co.		Document
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	1990-93 Purchasing Policy	Purchasing Policy Management and Forwarding Positions	Blue Seal Feeds Inc.	10/29/1993	Document
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	Blue Seal Feeds, Inc. 1989-91	Balance Sheet October 31, 1991	Blue Seal Feeds Inc.	10/31/1991	Document
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	Blue Seal Feeds, Inc. 1989-91	Purchasing Department Buyer Agreements Envelope	Blue Seal Feeds Inc.	10/30/1990	Envelope
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	Blue Seal Feeds, Inc. 1989-91	Financial Report	McGladrey & Pullen	9/30/1990	Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	Blue Seal Feeds, Inc. 1989-91	Balance Sheet March 31, 1991	Blue Seal Feeds Inc.	3/30/1991	Document

H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	Blue Seal Feeds, Inc. 1989-91	Financial Report	McGladrey & Pullen	9/30/1989	Report
H.K. Webster Co. + Blue Seed Feeds Collection Box 2	Blue Seal Poultry Instruction Manual	Blue Seal Poultry Instruction Manual	H.K. Webster Co.	1943	Booklet