These are papers of Dr. Alexander Johnston, Chief Surgeon of the Missouri Lumber and Mining Company at Grandin, Carter County, Missouri. The collection consists primarily of records of the Employees Hospital Association of the lumber company, with miscellaneous material from the Congregational Church at Grandin.

Only a handful of items in the collection are obviously personal papers of Dr. Johnston, who was not only the chief medical officer for the lumber company, but was also a medical examiner for the Hartford Life Insurance Company, the treasurer of the Congregational Church of Grandin, vice president of the Grandin State Bank, and the town’s postmaster.

The Missouri Lumber and Mining Company operated in Shannon, Ripley, Reynolds, Butler, Carter, and Wayne counties, with general offices at Grandin in Carter County. The company was incorporated in 1880, and its charter was renewed in perpetuity in 1930.

A much larger collection of business records of the Missouri Lumber and Mining Company has been cataloged previously as collection number C2557 at the Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Columbia. There is a doctoral dissertation on the history of the firm: Leslie Hill, “The Missouri Lumber and Mining Company” (call number 378.7-M71-y1949-H.553 at UM-Columbia’s Ellis Library). There also is a doctoral dissertation on John Barber White, an officer of the firm: John A. Galloway, “John Barber White: Lumberman” (call number D13.71961-.G3 at UM-Columbia’s Ellis Library).

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