

JOSEPH FOWLER ACCOUNT BOOK

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library – The Folklife Center
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Joseph Fowler (1840 – 1898)
- Title:** Joseph Fowler Account Book
- Dates:** 1875 - 1895
- Abstract:** The Joseph Fowler account book contains records of assets and liabilities of the various businesses Fowler was associated with, as well as taxes paid, loans and notes and other financial transactions. It appears to contain both business and (some) personal accounts.
- Quantity:** 1 vol., ca. 1 lineal foot.
- Identification:** Archives & Manuscripts: Account Books

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Joseph Fowler was born in Chestertown, Warren County, NY in December, 1840, son of Charles and Eliza Baker Fowler. Charles ran a mercantile business in Chestertown, and his sons Joseph and Byron both became prominent businessmen in Glens Falls. Byron (B.B.) Fowler ran a successful retail business for many years, while Joseph was involved in manufacturing and politics.

Joseph founded the first shirt manufacturing company and was one of the organizers of the Jointa Lime company, the Brick and Terra Cotta company, as well as having stock in several other businesses. He was at various times the supervisor of the Town of Chester, the President of Glens Falls Village, and president of the Glens Falls National Bank and a Director of the Glens Falls Insurance Company.



This picture appeared in the “Distinguished Deceased Citizens” section of Glens Falls: The Empire City (1908) in company with other such mercantile luminaries as Jerome Lapham, James Morgan, William McEchron , George R. Finch, and William E. Spier.

He married Mary Coolidge, daughter of Mary (Wright) and Jonathan Coolidge. Their children were Charles, Mary, Edith, James Irving, Ernestine, and Thomas Coolidge.

Mary and James assumed the management of the shirt and collar company after the death of their father in 1898 and ran it until 1902 when fire destroyed the Glen Street factory. It was subsequently split in two, with the Fowlers retaining the collar business and selling off the shirt business.

Thomas married Helen Wait and lived in New York City. Edith married Edward Rawson. Ernestine married Harold Adamson, and their daughter Emily married T. Coolidge Sherman, a descendant of Augustus Sherman.

Joseph Fowler died 31 October, 1898. He is buried in the Glens Falls Cemetery, in the Fowler – Coolidge plot along with his wife and children, as well as his wife's parents and other relatives.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

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Some pages have been excised from this account book. They appear to have been cut out with a razor. The following pages are missing: 61 – 66 and 105 – 114.

INDEX TERMS

Topics:	Glens Falls business Glens Falls – 19 th Century See Index below for names of specific businesses
Places:	Glens Falls, Warren, NY
Important People:	Fowler, Joseph See Index below
Form/Genre:	Account Book

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

The Fowler Account Book is a leather-bound volume 10.75 inches high and 8 inches wide, containing 298 pages. It has gold tooling on the cover, marbled endpapers and an alphabetical index section in the front. The name "Joseph Fowler" has been cut out from something printed, and pasted on the front cover.

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