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Deeds, P. Ballantine & Sons

Scope and Content:

A massive, 207-page, 29cm x 40cm manuscript, elegantly bound in morocco over boards, stamped in gold with *Deeds* and *P. B. & Sons* on the spine, this document is a unique hand-written record of deeds and maps for properties acquired by P. Ballantine & Sons from 1842 through 1917. Separately inserted is a detached, alphabetical index for the properties documented in the book.

The book does not contain actual deeds but, rather, provides hand-written copies of them, often with brief commentary. The accompanying property maps utilize a consistent style to copy the original legal documents.

No authorship is noted. The pages are elegantly written in script by several different hands. The purpose of the volume is not clear because there are no introductory or other editorial comments. It does not appear to be an official document of the famed Ballantine Brewery.

Many of the deeds clearly relate to the brewery's main and adjacent properties but several are for scattered properties in Newark and surrounding areas (New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut). Disposals of some properties are indicated in writing by a later hand. (Pg. 116, for example, notes that in 1887 Charles Bradley purchased in trust for P. Ballantine & Sons "The Joseph Sheppard Homestead" in Norwalk, Connecticut. He paid \$1,050.00. It was re-sold in 1890 for \$6,750.00 and the proceeds were turned over to P. Ballantine & Sons.)

The Ballantine family and its brewery were a significant and major force in Newark for several decades in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. This collection of their real estate holdings and transactions is a clear indication of their impact.

Restrictions: None.

Processing Note:

The volume is in excellent condition and presently requires no processing.

Location: SW3, ELC, Shelf 4

Provenance:

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Related Collections:**Index Terms:**

P. Ballantine & Sons
Industries – New Jersey – Newark

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