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Abstract

This collection contains an 1872 patent transfer for Movable Comb Bee-Hives to Willis E. Franklin from Lorenzo L. Langstroth, the inventor of the modern Langstroth beehive.

Creator

Franklin, Willis E.

Creator

Langstroth, L. L. (Lorenzo Lorraine), 1810-1895

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Biographical Note

Lorenzo L. Langstroth created what is referred to as the "modern beehive" in 1851. Langstroth's beehives attached the frames to the top of the beehive leaving 3/8 inch between the walls and the core of the beehive. 3/8 of an inch is the perfect amount of space to keep bees from building comb. This design was said to also agitate the bees less.

No information could be found about Willis E. Franklin. Source:

"American Beekeeping History: The Bee Hive," <http://outdoorplace.org/beekeeping/history1.htm>.

Scope and Content

This collection contains an 1872 certificate indicating the sale of a patent "Movable Comb Bee-Hives or "Improvements in Bee-Hives"" from L. L. Longstroth of Oxford, Ohio, to Willis E. Franklin of Concord, Campbell County, Virginia, for \$10 on June 5th, 1872. The patent was obtained on October 5th, 1852, and later reissued on May 26th, 1863, and October 5th, 1866. On the patent is a 5 cent stamp with a portrait of George Washington.

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