

# Inventory of the Ernest Stuart Elsea Ledgers 1944-1968

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## Overview of the Collection

### Identification:

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### Language of Materials

The papers are in: English

### Abstract:

This collection contains nine volumes of Ernest Stuart Elsea's business records dating from 1944 to 1968. The ledgers detail the accounts for Elsea's business which operated under the following names: Elsea's Esso Station, Stuart's Service Station, Stuart's Esso Station, and Elsea's Esso Garage. Elsea's station sold gasoline, auto supplies, and basic groceries. The station also provided an automobile repair service.

### Creator:

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### Quantity:

1.00

**Alternate Extent Statement:**

9 vols.

**Repository:**

Special Collections Research Center

## Administrative Information

**Conditions Governing Access**

Collection is open to all researchers.

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**Acquisition Information**

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## Additional Information

### Scope and Contents

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## Index Terms

This Collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

**Corporate Name:**

Esso Petroleum Company, Ltd.

**Genre/Form of Material:**

Account books  
Business records

**Topical Term:**

Service stations

## Detailed Description of the Collection

**Elsea's Esso Station Account Book, May 22, 1944-January 27, 1945,****Scope and Content**

Station sold gasoline, auto supplies, and basic groceries. Station provided automobile repair service. Ledger lists names of customers, items bought/services performed and prices. Daily entries list cash sales service, cash sales store, charges service and charges store.

**Elsea's Esso Station Account Book, November 20, 1944-July 12, 1945,**

**Scope and Content**

Ledger begins with table of contents for various supplier accounts. Ledger details accounts with various suppliers such as Coca Cola, Pepsi Cola, Esso, Valley Service Station, Goodyear, etc.

**Stuart's Service Station Account Book, January 2, 1945-August 20, 1945,****Scope and Content**

Station sold gasoline, auto supplies, and basic groceries. Station provided automobile repair service. Ledger begins with table of contents for various accounts. Accounts detail items bought/services provided and corresponding prices.

**Elsa's Esso Station Account Book, January 25, 1945-June 1, 1948,****Scope and Content**

Station sold gasoline, auto supplies, and basic groceries. Ledger begins with table of contents for supplier and customer accounts. Account details items bought and corresponding prices.

**Elsa's Esso Station Account Book, July 16, 1945-December 1947,****Scope and Content**

Ledger lists costs such as number of gallons per month and amount paid, rent due and amount paid per month, debit and credit per month, monthly labor costs, etc.

**Stuart's Esso Station Account Book, January 15, 1946-September 3, 1947,****Scope and Content**

Station sold gasoline, auto supplies, and basic groceries. Station provided automobile repair service. Ledger begins with table of contents for various accounts. Accounts detail items bought/services provided and corresponding prices.

**Stuart's Esso Station Account Book, March 1, 1947-January 1, 1949,****Scope and Content**

Ledger begins with table of contents for accounts. Accounts detail items bought/services provided and corresponding prices.

**Elsa's Esso Station, January 12, 1949-August 4, 1951,****Scope and Content**

Station sold gasoline, auto supplies, and basic groceries. Station provided automobile repair service. Accounts in ledger detail items bought/services provided and corresponding prices.

**Elsa's Esso Garage Account Book, August 13, 1953-April 18, 1968,****Scope and Content**

Garage sold auto parts and provided automobile repair service. Ledger details services provided/items bought and corresponding prices.