

Hemp researcher & Gourmet Hemp Foods owner, Joe Domino, visited the SF National Historical Park Library in Dec. 2020 to research the corporate documents from the TUBBS CORDAGE COMPANY. The reason these documents are important to the hemp industry are because they provide pivotal insight into the cordage companies during the War. Like many cordage companies at the time, such a Plymouth Cordage Co. on the eastcoast, they got their rope-making fiber exclusively from overseas providers such as the Phillipines. The Phillipine climate was optimal for growing Abaca hemp which grew long, durable, and consistent fibers ideal for naval-cordage. When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor they, also, seized American business interest in Manila and actually used Tubbs Cordage plant to make rope for the Axis powers. These circumstances led to the acute demand for domestic hemp fiber.

