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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Windsor and Ford Business Records
<b>Date:</b>	1859-1906
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0019
<b>Creator:</b>	Windsor & Ford (Brick Manufacturing Company). Charles Ford (company). Ford & Brother
<b>Extent:</b>	4.3 Cubic feet (14 boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	Records of Windsor & Ford Business Records, manufacturer of bricks.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Collection purchased through Raymond J. Staffieri, 1987.

### Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Ceramics and Glass (now the Division of Culture and Community Life) on April 19, 1983.

### Processing Information

Collection processed by Robert Harding, archivist, 1983; revised Alison Oswald, archivist, 2018.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

Windsor & Ford, a brick manufacturing company in Washington, D. C., was operated by Charles and Samuel Ford and David A. Windsor. It supplied bricks for several federal and district buildings in the city. In addition, the Fords operated a brick manufacturing company and real estate business as Ford and Brother.

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## Biographical / Historical

Collection documents business activities of David A. Windsor and Charles Ford.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consists of invoices and receipts documenting the sale of bricks, purchase of supplies, and expenses for the real estate business; account books, ledgers, and a business diary showing employment records and the shipment of bricks by land and water. Records of Ford and Brother are primarily represented by Charles Ford, and later accounts are with his estate. Also included is correspondence concerning financial transactions of several companies and business cards of other local brick manufacturers.

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## Arrangement

The collection is divided into three series.

Series 1: Windsor & Ford, 1859-1890

Series 2: Charles Ford, 1879-1900

Series 3: Ford & Brother, 1886

Series 4: Estate of Charles Ford, 1868-1906

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Brickmakers -- 1850-1910
- Brickmaking -- 1859-1906 -- Washington (D.C.)
- Bricks -- Manufacturing -- 1850-1910 -- Washington (D.C.)
- Real estate -- Washington (D.C.)

Types of Materials:

- Account books
- Business cards
- Business records -- 1850-1900
- Correspondence -- 1930-1950
- Invoices
- Ledgers (account books)

Receipts

Names:

Ford, Charles  
Ford, Samuel  
Windsor, David A.

Places:

Washington (D.C.)

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Windsor and Ford, 1859-1890

Box 1, Folder 1	Windsor and Grayson, 1875
Box 1, Folder 2-7	Invoices and Receipts, 1859-1875
Box 1, Folder 8	Invoices and Receipts, 1864
Box 1, Folder 9	Invoices and Receipts, 1865
Box 2, Folder 1-7	Invoices and Receipts, 1871
Box 2, Folder 8	Invoices and Receipts, 1872
Box 3, Folder 1-7	Invoices and Receipts, 1873
Box 3, Folder 8-10; Box 4, Folder 1	Invoices and Receipts, 1873-1874
Box 4, Folder 2-3	Invoices and Receipts, 1875
Box 4, Folder 4-6	Invoices and Receipts, 1876
Box 4, Folder 7; Box 5, Folder 1	Invoices and Receipts, 1877
Box 5, Folder 2-4	Invoices and Receipts, 1878
Box 4, Folder 5-8; Box 6, Folder 3	Invoices and Receipts, 1879
Box 6, Folder 1	Invoices and Receipts, 1871-1890
Box 6, Folder 2	Invoices and Receipts, 1876-1889
Box 6, Folder 4-5	Invoices/Receipts, 1880
Box 6, Folder 6	Invoices/Receipts, 1886-07-1886-09
Box 6, Folder 7	Invoices/Receipts, 1886-10-1887-01

Box 6, Folder 8	Invoices/Receipts, 1886-1887
Box 7, Folder 1	Invoices/Receipts, July 1, 1888 - January 1, 1889
Box 7, Folder 2	Invoices/Receipts, 1888
Box 7, Folder 4-5	Invoices and Receipts, 1889
Box 14, Folder 5	Business Diary (loose pages only), 1866
Box 14, Folder 6	Ledger, Wood Account Book, 1866
Box 14, Folder 7	Daybook, 1866-02-1866-04
Box 14, Folder 8	Ledger, 1866

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## Series 2: Charles Ford, 1879-02-1900

Box 7, Folder 7	Invoices and Receipts, 1885
Box 7, Folder 8	Invoices and Receipts, 1886
Box 7, Folder 9	Invoices and Receipts, 1885-1886
Box 8, Folder 1-2	Invoices and Receipts, 1888
Box 8, Folder 3-4	Invoices and Receipts, 1891
Box 8, Folder 5-6; Box 9, Folder 1-2	Invoices and Receipts, 1892
Box 9, Folder 3-4; Box 10, Folder 1-3	Invoices and Receipts, 1895
Box 10, Folder 4-5	Invoices and Receipts, 1896
Box 10, Folder 6-7	Invoices and Receipts, 1897
Box 11, Folder 1-2	Invoices and Receipts, 1898
Box 9, Folder 5	Invoices and Receipts, 1899-1900
Box 9, Folder 6	Invoices and Receipts, 1900
Box 14, Folder 9	Daybook, 1879-02-1880-05

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## Series 3: Ford and Brother, 1886

Box 11, Folder 3-4

Invoices and Receipts, 1886

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## Series 4: Estate Charles Ford, 1868-1906

Box 11, Folder 5	Invoices and Receipts, 1868-1894
Box 11, Folder 6-7	Invoices and Receipts, 1890-1891
Box 12, Folder 1-4	Invoices and Receipts, 1900
Box 12, Folder 5-9; Box 13, Folder 1-3	Invoices and Receipts, 1901
Box 13, Folder 4-9; Box 14, Folder 1-2	Invoices and Receipts, 1903
Box 13, Folder 3-4	Invoices and Receipts, 1906

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