



Smithsonian

National Museum of American History Kenneth E. Behring Center

Elihu Thomson Collection

NMAH.AC.0103

Robert Harding

1985

Archives Center, National Museum of American History

P.O. Box 37012

Suite 1100, MRC 601

Washington, D.C. 20013-7012

archivescenter@si.edu

<https://americanhistory.si.edu/archives>

Table of Contents

Collection Overview	1
Administrative Information	1
Scope and Contents.....	2
Biographical / Historical.....	1
Names and Subjects	2
Container Listing	

Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Elihu Thomson Collection
Date:	1900-1932.
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0103
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Electricity and Modern Physics (Collector)
Creator:	Thomson, Elihu, 1853-1937 ((electrical engineer)) (Collector)
Extent:	0.5 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Immediate source of acquisition unknown.

Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Electricity (now Division of Work and Industry), March 30, 1984.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Robert Harding, 1985

Preferred Citation

Elihu Thomson Collection, 1900-1932, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Collection items available for reproduction, but the Archives Center makes no guarantees concerning copyright restrictions. Other intellectual property rights may apply. Archives Center cost-recovery and use fees may apply when requesting reproductions.

Biographical / Historical

Elihu Thomson (1853-1937), scientist, inventor, and electrical manufacturer, did important work in arc lighting, electric welding, and electrical manufacturing.

Scope and Contents

Material documenting the activities of the Thomson Electric Welding Company and the Thomson Spot Welder Company. Includes copies of patents issued to Thomson or his employees, bulletins on electric resistance welding published by the companies, photographs of electric welding equipment, sales literature, historical notes on Elihu Thomson, and a ledger containing a record of the Factory Committee, presumably for one of Thomson's plants, 1911-1913.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Electric welding
- Electrical manufacturing welding

Types of Materials:

- Notes
- Patents
- Photographs -- 1900-1950

Names:

- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Electricity and Modern Physics
- Thomson Electric Welding Company
- Thomson Spot Welder Company