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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title: Frick Company Records
Identifier: NMAH.AC.0293
Date: 1852-1961
(bulk 1860-1920)
Extent: 26 Cubic feet (49 boxes, 4 oversize folders)
Source: Engineering and Industry, Division of, NMAH, SI.
Frick Company, George (Waynesboro, Pa.)
Language: English
Some materials are printed in Spanish and Japanese.
Collection is in English.
Summary: This collection documents, in correspondence, publications, forms, paperwork, drawings, newspaper clippings, diplomas and photographs, the operations and products of the Frick Company of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, manufacturers of steam-powered engines (portable, stationary, and traction), sawmills, threshing machines, grain separators and other mechanized agricultural harvesting implements, refrigeration, mechanical cooling systems, and ice making plants, from its founding in 1852 through 1961.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information
Collection donated by the Frick Company, through Terry Mitchell in 1961.

Provenance
An addenda of 6.6 cubic feet of material was transferred to the Archive Center from the Division of Work and Industry in 2007 and was incorporated into the original transfer of 1988.

Provenance
Transferred from the Division of Engineering and Industry on February 11, 1988.

Separated Materials
The Division of Work and Industry holds artifacts related to this collection. See acquisition numbers AG79A09.1, MC 319243.12 and .13, and 58A9.
Related Materials

The Archives Center holds several collections that may be of interest to researchers in relation to the Frick Company Collection.

For related material on Corliss engines, see the following collections:

Chuse Engine and Manufacturing Company Records (AC 1088)
Corliss Steam Engine Album (AC 1016)
Corliss Steam Engine Reference Collection (AC 1329)
Nagle Engine and Boiler Works Records (AC 1083)
Providence Engineering Works Records (AC 1076)
Skinner Engine Company Records (AC 1087)
Robert Weatherill Company Records (AC 0992)

For related material on threshing machines and agricultural machinery, see the following collections:

John K. Parlett Collection (AC 3066)
Warshaw Collection of Business Americana (AC 0060)

For related material on refrigeration machinery, see the following collections:

Madison Cooper Papers (AC 1105)
Nickerson and Collins Photography (AC 1044)
Southwork Foundry and Machine Company Records (AC 1107)

Processing Information

This collection was minimally processed by Craig Orr, archivist, and volunteer Don Darroch, upon transfer to the Archives Center in 1988.

Collection was fully processed in July and August of 2016 by intern Sarah Hedlund, supervised by Alison Oswald, archivist.

A large portion of the material in Series 2 was unfolded from stacked bundles and reordered by company name and/or date. Two scrapbooks of newspaper clippings in Subseries 3.4 were photocopied and the originals were discarded. Photographs in Series 5 were removed from wax paper sleeves.

Boxes 34 and 35 exclusively contain material that was removed, for preservation purposes, from the bound volume Samples of Printed and Advertising Forms, which is housed in box 49. Some material remains in the book as it was not able to be removed without damage to the material.

Preferred Citation

Biographical / Historical

Founded in 1852 by engineer and inventor George Frick (1826-1892), Frick Company has been an innovative machinery design leader in many areas of the agricultural and refrigeration industries over the last 160 years. Frick began building steam engines and threshing machines in a small shop in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

Frick quickly gained a reputation for quality in the growing field of mechanized agriculture. His designs for early portable engines—transported and driven by horsepower—soon evolved into self-propelling, steam-powered vehicles that could be driven into the fields and then used to run the grain separating, cleaning and bagging machines that were revolutionizing the farming industry, increasing production at exponential rates.

In addition, Frick's stationary engines were put to use in mills of all kinds (grist, flour, paper, and woolen) to augment or replace their dependence on unreliable natural water power, including sawmills, of which Frick was soon building a line of portable, steam-driven versions. Between the mid-1850s and the early 1870s, the company continued to expand, outgrowing three different shops before building the final location of the works in Waynesboro. George Frick himself was continuously active in the company through the end of the nineteenth century as a mechanical engineer and product designer, as well as a frequent consultant, traveling to confer with clients on specifications for their orders.

Beginning in 1872, George Frick's business and personal life took a downturn with the deaths in quick succession of both his oldest son Frank and his new business partner C.F. Bowman, as a result of a typhoid fever epidemic that swept through the area. Additionally, the financial Panic of 1873 nearly closed Frick's company along with thousands of other American businesses that year, but thirteen local businessmen formed a partnership, putting forth the necessary capital to keep the manufacturing plant afloat. George Frick sold his controlling interest to the partnership, but remained as general manager of the company.

After this brief period of struggle, Frick and Company began again to expand its product line as well as its reputation. The new works in Waynesboro were modern and efficient, enough to warrant a feature article in *Scientific American* in 1881. The following year, the company built its first refrigeration machine, and a whole new direction of production opened up. Automatic and traction engines were still in demand, being constantly improved and updated, but refrigeration was the new frontier. Frick rose to become one of the leaders in development of high quality, durable, and functional refrigeration machinery. George's son A.O. Frick, now an engineer with the company, partnered with Edgar Penney, another design engineer, to develop the Corliss engine line, which would run the large ammonia compressors, creating what was called a refrigeration machine. They were initially used to power ice plants, which were being built all over the world after the mild winter of 1890 tipped the natural ice industry into decline. They also used cold storage/mechanical cooling units, of which breweries and meat packing plants were the earliest adopters, followed by cold food stores, florist shops, and fur storage, as well as the dairy and shipping industries. The Armour Packing Plant in Kansas City, Missouri was the proud owner of "The Largest Ice Machine in the World," built by Frick and shipped by train via specially-reinforced rails in 1896. At the turn of the
twentieth century, hotels, restaurants, hospitals and industrial plants soon began to rely on refrigeration units for daily operations, and Frick's business was booming.

As gas-powered engine technology began taking over in the first decades of the twentieth century, Frick moved away from steam engines and focused on more specialized farm equipment such as dehydrators, peanut pickers, combines, balers and silo fillers. Their line of sawmills was also still in high demand. But increasingly, Frick was focused on steadily refining and improving its refrigeration equipment. Ammonia, while highly efficient as a coolant, had its dangerous downsides: it could be fatal if leaked, and could contaminate plant ice easily. Although many of Frick's ammonia compression refrigeration machines were still in use forty or more years after installation and were still preferred for industrial use, the technology needed to improve in order to be viable for the general public. Several publicized accidents led eventually to the preferred use of chloroflorocarbons as a coolant, and Frick developed enclosed-type CO2 compressors and eventually freon units. Other Frick refrigeration products included machinery for making dry ice, air conditioning units, and temperature controls for test plants, as well as marine refrigeration (developed during the First World War) for shipping food between continents. Frick did contract work for the US military during and following World War II, and was a major company involved in the development of quick-freezing systems to support the growing frozen food industry starting in the late 1940s.

Frick Company positioned itself as a permanent leader in the food production and distribution industry by the 1950s. The company is still in operation today, though it has been purchased several times, most recently by Johnson Controls, which maintains a product line bearing the name Frick.

Scope and Contents

This collection documents the founding and business operations of the Frick Company* of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, manufacturers of portable, stationary, and traction engines, threshing machines, sawmills, and refrigeration and ice making machinery. The collection covers the period from 1852 to 1961, with the bulk of the material dating from 1860-1873 and from 1880 through the 1920s and illuminates the evolution of mechanized agriculture and refrigeration technology from the mid-nineteenth century to the mid-twentieth century.

The largest portion of the collection contains photographs of Frick engines and refrigeration machinery, taken both in the foundry and in various installations worldwide, as well as original drawings of Frick machines, parts, and components used to illustrate catalogs and trade publications. Another large portion of the collection is correspondence, containing communication from clients ordering Frick products for their farms or businesses, as well as receipts and correspondence from local and regional suppliers of raw materials and components for the construction of Frick products.

The collection also contains numerous examples of operational paperwork from the 1880s-1890s, such as letterheads, order forms, contracts, test logs, and timesheets, as well as a significant amount of trade literature largely from 1880-1920, such as price lists, catalogs, product pamphlets, and advertising material.

There are several published company histories, technical drawings/blueprints of Frick products, diplomas awarded to Frick machinery presented at expositions and fairs (including the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, 1893), full-color posters advertising Frick & Co., agent supplies (including telegraph cipher code books), accounting paperwork, payroll records, communications with shareholders, and significant documentation of the highly publicized labor dispute/strike at Frick in 1946.

This collection would be of interest to researchers in the areas of: agricultural machination and invention in the nineteenth century, steam and horse-powered engines, the development of refrigerating and ice
making equipment in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, business operations and financial transactions in the nineteenth century, Pennsylvania history and companies, industrial photography, and nineteenth and twentieth centuries industrial trade literature.

*The name of the company was modified several times over the history of its operation, variations including George Frick, Frick & Bowman, Frick & Co., and Frick Company, depending on the time period in question. Efforts have been made to align the description of the materials throughout the collection with the correct company name at the time of their creation.

**Arrangement**

This collection is divided into six series:

**Series 1: Publications, 1852, 1874-1875; 1880-1932; 1942-1943; 1953; 1961**

Subseries 1.1 Company History, 1928; 1953

Subseries 1.2 Trade Literature, 1874-1875; 1880-1926; 1930; 1932; 1943; 1952-1953; 1960-1961

Subseries 1.3 Advertising Material, 1852; 1880-1899; 1905; 1909-1929; 1942

**Series 2: Correspondence, Receipts, and Ledger Books, 1852-1873; 1890-1902; 1914; 1924-1925**

Subseries 2.1 Receipts and Business Correspondence: by company, 1855-1873

Subseries 2.2 Receipts and Business Correspondence: miscellaneous, 1852-1873; 1890; 1895

Subseries 2.3 Ledger Books, 1872; 1896-1898; 1892-1894; 1900-1902

Subseries 2.4 Other Correspondence, 1861-1873; 1898-1901; 1914; 1917; 1924-1925

**Series 3: Company Management, 1856-1873; circa 1880s-1890s; 1917; 1927-1929; 1945-1946**

Subseries 3.1 Accounting, 1856-1897

Subseries 3.2 Sales, circa 1880s; 1917; 1927

Subseries 3.3 Communications, 1860-1917

Subseries 3.4 Public Relations, 1928-1929; 1945-1946

**Series 4: Foundry Operations, 1859-1872; 1877-1879; circa 1880s-1890s; 1900-1903; 1911; 1921; 1929**

Subseries 4.1 Orders, 1859-1872; circa 1880s-1890s; 1900-1902

Subseries 4.2 Drawings/Blueprints, 1871-1911; 1921; 1929

Subseries 4.3 Shipping and Receiving, 1860-1873; circa 1880s-1890s

Subseries 4.4 Timesheets and Testing, 1860; 1868; 1877-1879; circa 1880s-1890s; 1903

**Series 5: Photographs and Artistic Renderings, circa 1880-1950**

Subseries 5.1 Frick Buildings, Offices, and Operations, circa 1880-1910
Subseries 5.2 Portable, Stationary, and Traction Engines, 1889; 1893-1896; 1906-1908; 1912-1915; 1925

Subseries 5.3 Other Machinery, circa 1890s

Subseries 5.4 Ice Making and Refrigeration Machinery: Vertical Compressors, 1883-1906; circa 1920s

Subseries 5.5 Ice Making and Refrigeration Machinery: Horizontal Compressors, circa 1910-1920

Subseries 5.6 Ice Making and Refrigeration Machinery: CO2 Compressors and Later Models, circa 1920-1950; 1940-1941

Subseries 5.7 Ice Making and Refrigeration Machinery: Ice Plants, 1889; 1904; 1920-1927

Subseries 5.8 Ice Making and Refrigeration Machinery: Cold Storage Units, 1889; 1925; 1933; undated

Subseries 5.9 Installations: Ice Plants, 1892-1896; 1900-1933; 1945

Subseries 5.10 Installations: Refrigeration and Cold Storage Units, circa 1890-1905; circa 1915-1920

**Series 6: Trade Shows and Exhibitions, 1877-1885; 1893; 1895; 1904; 1926**

Subseries 6.1 Awards, Certificates, and Diplomas, 1877-1884; 1893; 1895; 1904

Subseries 6.2 Promotional Material, 1884-1885; 1926

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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:**
- Engineers
- Harvesting machinery
- Refrigeration and refrigerating machinery -- 1860-1960
- Steam-engines

**Types of Materials:**
- Account books
- Clippings
- Commercial correspondence
- Payrolls
- Photographs -- 20th century
- Purchasing records
- Scrapbooks -- 1840-1990

**Names:**
- Engineering and Industry, Division of, NMAH, SI.
- Frick, George, 1826-1892
Container Listing


This series contains material published by Frick Company, including advertising and trade publications as well as three narrative histories of the company and its founder, George Frick. One published in 1928 and reprinted in 1944, was published in 1953, and a third unpublished narrative based largely on the 1953 publication.

The trade publications include catalogues, product pamphlets, flyers, and price lists of parts, engines and machinery, the bulk of which describes material produced from 1874 into the 1920s, with a few publications dating into the 1930s-1960s.

The advertising material includes trade cards and other complimentary items, as well as a few posters and newspaper advertisements, including a photo-negative print of George Frick's announcement of his shop opening in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania in 1852.

Subseries 1.1: Company History, 1928, 1953

Box 1, Folder 1  Seventy-Five Years of Progress, 1928

Box 1, Folder 2  A History of Frick Company: Celebrating a Century of Engineering Service, 1953

Box 1, Folder 3  Condensed History of Frick, by Terry Mitchell, circa 1953


Box 1, Folder 4  Illustrated and descriptive catalogues, 1880, 1881, 1875, 1874

Box 34, Folder 1  Descriptive catalogue: Eclipse portable steam engine, circa 1880

Box 34, Folder 2  Price lists: threshers and vibrating grain separators, 1881, undated

Box 34, Folder 3  Illustrated and descriptive catalogues, circa 1881-1882

Box 34, Folder 4  Price lists: Eclipse engines and other machinery, 1880, 1883, 1884

Box 34, Folder 5  Price lists on cards: machinery, 1883

Box 34, Folder 6  Catalogue from Pioneer Branch Works (Frick & Co.), Covington, Georgia, circa 1883
Box 1, Folder 5  Descriptive catalogues, 1882-1883
Box 1, Folder 6  Illustrated catalogues, 1883-1884
Box 34, Folder 7  General catalogues, 1883-1884
Box 34, Folder 8  Price list of secondhand machinery, 1885
Box 1, Folder 7  Price lists of new and secondhand machinery, 1885-1899
Box 34, Folder 9  Price lists of miscellaneous machinery, 1885
Box 34, Folder 10  Price list (and supplement) of repairs or extras: Eclipse engines and separators, 1885
Box 1, Folder 8  Product pamphlets: automatic engines, refrigerating machines, 1885
Box 1, Folder 9  Machinery catalogues, 1885-1886
Box 34, Folder 11  Machinery catalogues, 1885-1886
Box 1, Folder 10  Price lists, 1886-1887
Box 2, Folder 1  Price lists, miscellaneous, 1886-1897
Box 2, Folder 2  Machinery repair lists, 1886, 1890
Box 2, Folder 3  Product pamphlets: Eclipse Corliss Engines, 1887-1888
Box 2, Folder 4  General catalogue, 1888
Box 2, Folder 5  Product pamphlets: Eclipse Refrigeration Machinery, 1888
Box 2, Folder 6  Flyers/pamphlets for engines and farm machinery, circa 1880s-1890s
Box 34, Folder 12  Brochures and flyers for farm machinery and saw mills, 1883-1885
Box 36, Folder 1  Brochures and flyers for farm machinery and saw mills, circa 1883-1885
Box 2, Folder 7  General catalogue, 1890
Box 2, Folder 8  Product pamphlet: Ice Making and Refrigerating Machinery, 1890
Box 2, Folder 9  Book of Instructions; Factory List, 1891, 1890
Box 2, Folder 10  Price lists, 1890, 1892
Box 2, Folder 11  Price lists: automatic engines and refrigeration, 1895
Box 3, Folder 1  Price lists, 1897, 1898, 1900
Map-folder 1  Price lists, undated
Box 3, Folder 2  List of users, circa 1897
Box 3, Folder 3  Ammonia Fittings & Supplies Catalogue ("First Edition"), circa 1890s
Box 3, Folder 4  Ammonia Fittings & Supplies Catalogue, circa 1890s
Box 3, Folder 5  Ammonia Fittings & Supplies Catalogue, circa 1890s
Box 3, Folder 6  Capacity and dimensions of Frick products, circa 1890s
Map-folder 1  Weights and details of Eclipse Corliss engine, undated
Box 3, Folder 7  Product pamphlet: Refrigerating and Ice Making Machinery [Red Book], circa 1890s
Box 3, Folder 8  General catalogue, 1899
Box 3, Folder 9  Product pamphlet "Twentieth Century Greeting" Red Book, 1899
Box 3, Folder 10  Product pamphlet: Red Book, 1900
Box 3, Folder 11  Product pamphlet: Landis Eclipse Thresher , 1900
Box 3, Folder 12  Repair list for refrigerating machines, circa 1900
Box 4, Folder 1  Engine repair lists, 1900, 1907
Box 4, Folder 2  Eclipse Corliss Engine: users' guide, 1902
Box 4, Folder 3  Price lists, 1902-1911
Box 4, Folder 4  General catalogues, 1907, 1906, 1904
Box 4, Folder 5  Directory/list of users: refrigerating and ice making machinery, 1906, 1914, 1911

Box 4, Folder 6  *The Erecting and Operating Engineer's Guide*, 1910

Box 4, Folder 7  Bulletins and supplements: refrigeration, 1918, 1911, 1913, undated

Box 4, Folder 8  Eclipse Engine Repair List; Engine, Sawmill and Thresher Repair List, 1912

Box 4, Folder 9  Supply Catalog No. 5, 1913

Box 4, Folder 10  Refrigeration/Ice Making product viewbook, 1913

Box 5, Folder 1  Product pamphlet: Refrigerating and Ice Making, 1914

Box 5, Folder 2  Product pamphlet: Refrigerating and Ice Making, circa 1915

Box 5, Folder 3  Product pamphlet: Refrigerating and Ice Making, circa 1916

Box 5, Folder 4  Price Lists, No. 50-59, circa 1915-1919

Box 5, Folder 5  Traction Engine Repair List, 1917

Box 5, Folder 6  Portable, Stationary and Traction Engine Repair Lists, 1925, 1919-1920

Box 5, Folder 7  Product pamphlets: Refrigeration and Ice Making, circa 1920s

Box 5, Folder 8  Product pamphlet: Eclipse Corliss Engines, undated

Box 5, Folder 9  Product pamphlets: Refrigeration and Ammonia Fittings, undated

Box 5, Folder 10  Compressors: illustrations and descriptions for trade publications, undated

Box 5, Folder 11  Ice and refrigeration parts and components: Illustrations and descriptions for trade publications, undated

Box 6, Folder 1  *Ice and Frost*: Series A (selections), circa 1920s

Box 6, Folder 2  *Ice and Frost*: Series B, C, D, F (selections), circa 1920s

Box 6, Folder 3  *Ice and Frost*: Spanish version *Hielo Y Escarcha*, circa 1920s
Box 6, Folder 4  Ice and Frost: proof copy with edits, 1926

Box 6, Folder 5  Ice and Frost: pull-outs, circa 1920s

Box 6, Folder 6  Ice and Frost: newsletter, 1930 January 16

Box 6, Folder 7  Parts and Supply Catalogue, 1932

Box 6, Folder 8  War Department Maintenance Manual and Parts Catalog (ice making), 1943

Box 6, Folder 9  Newsletters and pamphlets, 1960-1961, 1952-1953


Box 6, Folder 10  Waynseboro Village Record: advertisement of Frick shop opening, 1852 December 23

Box 6, Folder 11  Trade cards, circa 1880s

Box 34, Folder 13  Trade cards, 1883-1884, 1880

Box 34, Folder 14  Frick & Co. complimentary tear-off calendar posters, 1885, 1884

Box 34, Folder 15  Full color folded booklets: Frick & Co. engines, boilers, sawmills, threshers, circa 1885

Box 6, Folder 12  Mounted trade cards, circa 1890s

Box 6, Folder 13  Mailings to clients, circa 1880s-1890s

Box 6, Folder 14  Full page ads, undated

Map-folder 3  Keystone Gazette, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania: supplement page advertising Frick products, 1883 April 4

Map-folder 3  1 Document (20 in x 26 in)

Box 36, Folder 2  American Machinist: descriptive article on Frick Eclipse machine, 1887 November 19
Box 36, Folder 3  
*The Western Brewer:* double-sided ad for Frick Co. refrigeration machines, 1892 August 15

Box 48, Item 1  
Scrapbook of advertisements for Frick products, including logos and clippings from Frick publications, 1909-1913, circa 1920s

Map-folder 3  
Advertising posters for Frick refrigeration, circa 1920s  
*3 Posters (18 in x 24 in)*  
*4 Posters (11 in x 17 in)*

Map-folder 3  
Japanese-language newspaper page, related to the Tobata Ice Plant, 1929

Map-folder 3  
World War II scrap metal newspaper advertisement, circa 1942  
*1 Document (17 in x 23 in)*

Box 6, Folder 15  
Miscellaneous, 1913, 1905, 1895  
*Image(s)*
Series 2: Correspondence, Receipts and Ledger Books, 1890-1902, 1914, 1852-1873, 1924-1925

This series contains voluminous records of correspondence between the Frick Company and its clients regarding orders, as well as bills and receipts from its numerous suppliers of raw materials and components. The bulk of the material documents business transactions, both on printed letterhead and plain paper, between 1859 and 1873, with additional copy books and ledgers documenting the period between 1892-1902.

Subseries 2.1 largely contains receipts with some business correspondence, arranged alphabetically by company in order to highlight those suppliers with whom Frick interacted the most in the first few decades of its existence.

Subseries 2.2 contains much of the same type of material, arranged by year, highlighting more of the individual clients’ communication with Frick (mostly farmers and business owners placing and refining orders) as well as receipts from the suppliers with whom Frick had less frequent interaction than those in Subseries 2.1.

Subseries 2.3 contains bound volumes of outgoing correspondence from Frick, as well as incoming bills and receipts from other companies, arranged alphabetically by supply.

Subseries 2.4 contains a mix of business and personal letters from family members and acquaintances of George Frick who were frequent correspondents, including correspondence from his uncle John D. Frick, his business acquaintance Ezra Landis, who was in partnership with Jacob Frick, and his business partner C.F. Bowman, who died of typhoid in 1872. This subseries also contains many letters from young men seeking employment and/or apprenticeship with Frick, as well as a sequence of letters and legal documents from Alexander Reeder regarding his daughter Wilhemina, who became pregnant while living with George Frick’s family in 1867, possibly as a ward or servant. Later correspondence in this series (1898-1901) refers to a three-year-long process to retrieve the body of Frick employee Abram Geist from the Dominican Republic after he died of fever there while supervising the installation of a Frick and Company ice plant, as well as correspondence related to patent infringement issues from 1917 and 1924.

Subseries 2.1: Receipts and Business Correspondence: by Company, 1855-1873 (bulk 1868-1872)

Box 7, Folder 1 American Steam Gauge Company, 1868-1872
Box 7, Folder 2 Anderson Brothers, 1863-1867
Box 7, Folder 3 John Ashcroft, 1869-1872
Box 7, Folder 4 Ashton, Walker and Co., 1872-1873
Box 7, Folder 5 Baltimore Bell and Brass Works (Joshua Regester; Regester & Webb), 1855-1870
Box 7, Folder 6 Baltimore Steam Boiler Works, 1868-1870
Box 7, Folder 7 W. Barnet le Van, 1867-1869, 1872
Box 7, Folder 8  H. Belfield & Co., 1860, 1864-1866, 1869-1873
Box 7, Folder 9  Biddle Hardware, 1866-1867
Box 7, Folder 10  Bullock & Martin, 1866-1867
Box 7, Folder 11  A.S. Cameron & Co., 1868, 1871-1873
Box 7, Folder 12  Central Iron Works, 1870-1873
Box 7, Folder 13  Chambersburg Woolen Co., 1871-1873, 1869
Box 7, Folder 14  Cowing & Co., 1867-1872
Box 7, Folder 15  Crowell & Davison; Crowell & Co., 1872, 1870, 1868
Box 7, Folder 16  A.W. Denmead & Sons, 1856-1864
Box 7, Folder 17  Henry Disston & Son: Keystone Saw Tool and Steel Works, 1866-1873
Box 8, Folder 1  Duncannon Iron Co., 1870-1872, 1862-1867
Box 8, Folder 2  J.A. Eyster (& Son): Virginia Paper Co., 1869-1872
Box 8, Folder 3  Fenton, Rau and Sibley, 1870-1872
Box 8, Folder 4  M.A. Foltz, 1868-1870
Box 8, Folder 5  Frick & Bowman: Waynesboro Steam Engine Works, 1870-1872
Box 8, Folder 6  Geiser, Price and Co., 1867-1869
Box 8, Folder 7  Girard Tube Works and Iron Co., 1870-1872
Box 8, Folder 8  Gould Machine Co., 1867-1869
Box 8, Folder 9  Hollywell Paper Mill/Franklin Mill (Wm. Heyser & Son), 1872
Box 8, Folder 10  Hooks' Smelting Company, 1870-1873
Box 8, Folder 11  Hoopes & Townsend, 1860-1867, 1869
Box 9, Folder 1  Hoopes & Townsend, 1868-1872
Box 9, Folder 2  Huntoon Governor (J. Augustus Lynch), 1869-1872
Box 9, Folder 3  Chas. E. Inloes & Co., 1869-1871
Box 9, Folder 4  Ezra Landis, 1868-1871
Box 9, Folder 5  Landis, Frick & Co., 1871-1873
Box 9, Folder 6  Legg & Yates, 1872-1873
Box 9, Folder 7  Lenhart & Greth, 1870-1872
Box 9, Folder 8  Lenhart & Greth, 1872-1873
Box 9, Folder 9  MacNeal & Beacham, 1872
Box 9, Folder 10  E.H. Martin, 1872
Box 9, Folder 11  W.G. Maxwell, 1872-1873
Box 9, Folder 12  Mayor & Loewenstein, 1865, 1868-1872
Box 9, Folder 13  McDowell & Baechtel, 1865-1868
Box 9, Folder 14  McNab & Harlin, 1869-1873
Box 10, Folder 1  C.W. & H.W. Middleton, 1872
Box 10, Folder 2  Miller, Protzman & Co., 1868-1869
Box 10, Folder 3  Mont Alto Iron Co., 1868-1873
Box 10, Folder 4  Morris, Wheeler & Co., 1864-1865, 1870-1873
Box 10, Folder 5  William F. Murphy's Sons, 1871-1873, 1869, 1866
Box 10, Folder 6  Joseph Nason/ Nason & Dodge, 1872, 1855-1859
Box 10, Folder 7  New Jersey Steel & Iron Co., 1867-1869
Box 10, Folder 8  Niles Tool Works, 1870-1871
Box 10, Folder 9  Calvin Page, 1867
Box 10, Folder 10  George Page & Co., 1868, 1872, 1870, 1866
Box 10, Folder 11  Geo. W. Parsons, 1868, 1865
Box 10, Folder 12  Pascal Iron Works: Morris, Tasker & Co., 1859-1866
Box 10, Folder 13  Pascal Iron Works: Morris, Tasker & Co., 1867-1869
Box 10, Folder 14  Pascal Iron Works: Morris, Tasker & Co., 1870-1873
Box 11, Folder 1  Paxton Rolling Mills, 1870-1872
Box 11, Folder 2  Pickering & Davis, 1871-1873
Box 11, Folder 3  Pilkington & Schlotterbock, 1870-1871, 1868
Box 11, Folder 4  Pittsburgh Forge & Iron Co., 1868-1873
Box 11, Folder 5  Post & Goddard, 1868-1872
Box 11, Folder 6  William F. Potts, 1860-1862
Box 11, Folder 7  William F. Potts/ William F. Potts, Sons & Co., 1864-1869
Box 11, Folder 8  William F. Potts, Sons & Co., 1870-1873
Box 11, Folder 9  Providence Tool Co., 1866
Box 12, Folder 1  A. Purves & Son, 1865-1873
Box 12, Folder 2  Reading Iron Works: Seyfert, McManus & Co., 1871-1873
Box 12, Folder 3  Rollins & Burbank, 1871-1872
Box 12, Folder 4  Rudy & McKee, 1869-1871
Box 12, Folder 5  Wm. Sellers & Co./Sellers Bros., 1866-1867, 1863
Box 12, Folder 6  Shields & Brother, 1870-1873
Box 12, Folder 7  Shive Governor Co., 1868-1872
Box 12, Folder 8  Chas. H. Smith, 1860-1872
Box 12, Folder 9  S.P. Smith, 1863-1865
Box 12, Folder 10  Stewart & Price, 1870-1873
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This series contains material related to the management operations of Frick and Company, including accounting paperwork such as checks and promissory notes, bank correspondence, balance/cost sheets, and tax receipts; sales paperwork and agent supplies; communications material, including cipher telegraph codes for transmitting orders country-wide as well as telegraph transmission receipts from the Pacific & Atlantic Telegraph Company, and public relations material featuring the newspaper documentation of the labor strike in 1946.

Much of this series, especially in Subseries 3.2 Sales and 3.3 Communications, consists of samples of blank forms and paperwork related to all these activities which date from the 1880s and 1890s, including many examples of Frick letterhead and printed return envelopes, mostly from the Waynesboro factory, but also for road agents and branch offices of the company.

Aside from one folder containing examples of negative press in the late 1920s, Subseries 3.4 contains material taken from scrapbooks of newspaper articles and ad pages about the year-long labor dispute between Frick Company management and its unionized workers in 1945 and 1946, detailing its effect on the Waynesboro community. Also included is correspondence from Frick to its shareholders regarding the strike, and a few letters of support from Frick clients in support of the company.

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This series contains material related to the operations of the foundry and production of Frick and Company at Waynesboro.

Subseries 4.1 Orders includes many sample order forms, mortgage paperwork and contracts for engines, threshers, sawmills, refrigeration machines, cold storage units, ice plants and their component parts, as well as numerous examples of completed contracts specifically for the Geiser-patented grain separator, cleaner and bagger from 1861-1868. There are state-specific chattel mortgage forms and notes, detailing contract loan language in line with the financial restrictions of each state's bank. Other paperwork in subseries one includes handwritten contract agreements from the 1850s-1870s, tickets and tags for in stock identification, packers' memoranda, and general operating directions for various Frick machines that would have been included with delivery.

Subseries 4.2 Drawings/Blueprints contains technical drawings (several signed by A.O. Frick), scalable according to order, as well as cutaways and schematics of complete machines and component parts. Also included are the technical plans for the ice plant built in Tobata, Japan in 1929.

Subseries 4.3 Shipping and Receiving focuses on the shipping of Frick products, most of the material consisting of load receipts from the horse-drawn wagons that delivered Frick's products to the Cumberland Valley Railroad Company, freight receipts from the railroad, documenting weights and costs of shipping, and much correspondence from handlers at Greencastle Station, who directed the shipments to and from Frick. There is a small representation of sample paperwork for shipping functions as well.

Subseries 4.4 Timesheets and Testing documents processes inside the foundry, including timesheets and other paperwork (mostly blank forms) relating to the workmen, foremen and apprentices, test and repair logs for completed machinery, inspection reports, and materials lists for casting. Included is a list of salaries paid to executive staff in 1888, and a ledger of payroll records for the foundry workers from 1877-1879.

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This series contains photographs and artistic renderings of photographs of Frick products largely used as illustrations in trade literature (catalogs, pamphlets and other publications) and for documentation of production, as well as photography of buildings and offices of Frick and Company. A substantial portion of the product photographs was staged inside the foundry, either as examples of the product line or to document a product built to specification before it was shipped to the buyer. Often the machinery is mounted on blocks and surrounded by drapes to control lighting and ensure a blank background. Occasionally a photograph was then artistically altered for inclusion in a catalog, either being rendered entirely as a drawing, or by altering the photo itself with ink or crayon to adjust lighting and highlight lines. This was also done for parts and components of the larger machines. By the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries (as photography became more practical), Frick was photo-documenting its machinery where it was actually installed, in businesses across the nation and around the world.

Subseries 5.1 Frick Buildings, Offices, and Operations contains photographs and drawings of the Waynesboro foundry, including birds-eye views of the entire factory, interior shots of the machine shops and storage yards, and shots of the offices and workers. There are photos of the many Frick branch offices that had opened across the country by the late 1800s, as well as a photo of George Frick's home in Ringgold, Pennsylvania.

Subseries 5.2 Portable, Stationary, and Traction Engines focuses on Frick's engines of all types, most of which were used on farms and in mills (Eclipse), but some of which (Corliss) developed into the engines that would run refrigeration machinery in the latter decades of the nineteenth century. Some of the latter are also pictured in subseries 4 and 5, in combination with compressors to form refrigeration machines.

Subseries 5.3 Other Machinery includes Frick-produced steam boilers and components, a 20-ton crane and a double-plunger.

Subseries 5.4-5.8 Ice Making and Refrigeration Equipment focuses on photo-documenting Frick's manufacture of innovative refrigeration machinery, including many different forms of ammonia and CO2 compressors, ice making supplies, cold storage units (including brine tanks, condenser pipes and heating/cooling coils), and early combined refrigeration units using Freon. By far the largest representation is the vertical open-type ammonia compressor, the manufacture of which, in combination with the Corliss engine systems, formed the backbone of Frick's refrigeration line from the 1880s through the start of World War I.

Subseries 5.9 and 5.10 Installations contains photographs of Frick ice plants and cold storage as installed in different businesses across the United States and around the world, including installations in Japan, India, South Africa, and Greece. Represented industries include brewing, creamery/dairy plants, meat-packing, frozen fish/bait, food storage, and ice making. Subseries 10 also features a large number of photographs detailing the installation of a ship-wide cold storage unit aboard the S.S. Wheaton, for use in shipping large quantities of frozen fish across the Atlantic Ocean.

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This series contains material relating to the display and promotion of Frick products at trade shows, agricultural expositions, and county fairs in eastern, southern and midwestern states. Frick was most heavily engaged in public exhibition of its products from 1877-1885, and often based its advertising material on prizes won at the events.

Subseries 6.1 Awards, Certificates, and Diplomas contains the certificates of award presented to Frick for its products, which are designed like diplomas (and sometimes called such) with extensive artwork and calligraphy. Most date 1877-1885, with a few outliers in the 1890s (including a document from the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, 1893), and one from 1904.

Subseries 6.2 Promotional Materials contains promotional items for Frick machinery produced exclusively for distribution at fairs and expos, including trade cards, flyers describing the products, announcements of participation in upcoming fairs, and full-color posters for display. Photographs of Frick refrigeration machinery on display at several events are featured in the series as well.

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