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## Guide to the E. Howard Clock Company Records

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	E. Howard Clock Company Records
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0776
<b>Date:</b>	1862-1930
<b>Extent:</b>	6 Cubic feet (21 boxes)
<b>Creator:</b>	Howard, Edward E. Howard Clock Co. Blackwell, Dana
<b>Language:</b>	Collection text is in English.
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection consists of business records for E. Howard Clock Company and document watch and clock orders, as well as stockholder and directors' meeting minutes.
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): E. Howard Clock Company Records</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by Verna Blackwell, October 2008.

### Available Formats

Series 7: Clock Orders and Series 10: Customer Lists digitized in 2011. Archival scanning done by The Crowley Company of Frederick, Maryland. The National Watch & Clock Museum, Columbia, Pennsylvania also holds digital copies.

### Processing Information

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## Biographical / Historical

E. Howard Clock Company was established in Boston in 1842 by Edward Howard. The business originally limited itself to the building of clocks, but soon expanded to watches, and later to tower and street clocks.

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## Scope and Contents

Business records of the E. Howard Clock Company, 1862-1930.

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## Arrangement

The records are arranged into ten series.

**Series 1, Stockholders and Directors Meeting Minutes, 1900-1930**

**Series 2, Watches, 1862-1869**

**Series 3, Watches (N Size), 1870-1904**

**Series 4, Watches (J Size), 1891-1904**

**Series 5, Watches (L Size), 1869-1904**

**Series 6, Watches (G Size), 1874-1893**

**Series 7, Clock Orders, 1871-1899**

**Series 8, Clocks and Watchmans, 1904-1918**

**Series 9, Tower Clocks, 1888-1905**

**Series 10, Customer Lists for Clocks**

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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:

Clock and watch makers  
Clock and watch making  
Clocks and watches

Types of Materials:

Business records -- 1860-1930

Names:

Blackwell, Dana

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Stockholders and Directors Meeting Minutes, 1900-1930

Box 17                      Stockholders and Directors Meeting Minutes, April 25, 1900-January 30, 1930

Box 18                      Stockholders and Directors Meetings , June 17, 1919 - January 30, 1930

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## Series 2: Watches, 1862-1869

Box 1 [Volume] (Serial Numbers 18,201-23,270), September 2, 1868 - November 17, 1869

Box 1 [Volume] (Serial Numbers 3,301-8,960), December 1862 - January 30, 1866

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**Series 3: Watches (N Sizes), 1870-1904**

Box 2	[Volume] (Serial Numbers 23,301-32,800), 1870 January 05-1872-January 30
Box 3	[Volume] (Serial Numbers 32,251-38,200), 1872 February 9-1874 October
Box 9	Volume 8 (Serial Numbers 206,011-212,000), June 5, 1886 - February 4, 1888
Box 3	[Volume] (Serial Numbers 38,201-44,170), 1873-11 - 1878
Box 4	[Volume] (Serial Numbers 44,171-49,999), 1878 May-1883 September 20
Box 9	Volume 6 (Serial Numbers 200,001-206,010), 1883 September 29-1885 December 12
Box 10	Volume 9 (Serial Numbers 212,001-218,000), 1888 February 4-1889 May 18
Box 10	Volume 10 (Serial Numbers 218,001- 225,380), 1889 May 24, 1889-1893 February 25
Box 11	[Volume] (Serial Numbers 225,381-250,010), 1893 June 17-1904 April 4
Box 11	Volume 7 (Watch-Open Face) (Serial Numbers 300,001-305,970), 1884 May 3-1891 July 17
Box 12	Volume 12 (Serial Number 305,971-310,00), 1891 July 9-1903 August 14
Box 12	[Volume] (Serial Numbers 400,001-405,000), 1890 January 28-1894 April 6

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## Series 4: Watches (J Size), 1891-1904

Box 13

[Volume] (Serial numbers 500,001-501,400), 1891 August 6-1899 March 30

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## Series 5: Watches (L Size), 1869-1904

Box 5	[Volume - with Index] (Serial numbers 50,021 -55,980), 1869 September 2- 1875 February
Box 6	[Volume] (Serial numbers 56,101- ), 1878 February- 1887 January
Box 7	[Volume] (Serial numbers 61,741-68,670), 1886 December 18-1891 May 9 <i>Serial numbers 61,741-68,670</i>
Box 8	Volume 11 (Serial numbers 68,671-70,300), 1891 May 9-1896 March 16
Box 8	Volume 11 (Serial numbers 700,001 - 701,330), 1895 May 29-1905 December 28
Box 13	[Volume] (Serial numbers 816,363-816,390), 1904 January 8-1904 January 22

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## Series 6: Watches (G Size), 1874-1893

Box 8

[Volume] (Serial Numbers 100,001-105,200), January 11, 1874 - February 11,  
1893

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## Series 7: Clock Orders, 1871-1899

## 14 Volumes

- Box 19                    E. Howard Clock Orders Ledger [book], 1871 April 22-1874 May 5  
*1 Volume (Ink on paper; 7.9" x 5.3".)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
[Digital Content](#)  
 E. Howard Clock Co., Author  
 English.  
 (AC\*0776.07.01)  
 Listing of clock orders.
- Topic:                    Clock and watch makers  
                               Clock and watch making  
                               Clocks and watches
- Place:                    Boston (Mass.) -- 19th century  
                               Massachusetts -- 19th century
- Genre/Form:            Ledgers (account books) -- 1840-1900  
                               Ledgers (account books) -- 20th century
- Box 19                    [E. Howard Clock Orders Ledger Volume 2, book], 1874 May 1- 1876 April 19  
*1 Volume (Ink on paper; 7.6" x 5.4".)*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
[Digital Content](#)  
 E. Howard Clock Co., Author  
 English.  
 (AC\*0776.07.02)  
 Listing of clock orders.
- Topic:                    Clock and watch makers  
                               Clock and watch making  
                               Clocks and watches
- Place:                    Boston (Mass.) -- 19th century  
                               Massachusetts -- 19th century
- Genre/Form:            Ledgers (account books) -- 1840-1900  
                               Ledgers (account books) -- 20th century
- Box 19                    [E. Howard Clock Orders Ledger Volume 03], 1876 April 25-1878 September 28  
*1 Volume (Ink on paper; 7.9" x 5.3".)*  
[Image\(s\): Volume 3](#)  
 E. Howard Clock Co., Author  
 English.  
 (AC\*0776.07.03)  
 Listing of clock orders.

Topic: Clock and watch makers  
Clock and watch making  
Clocks and watches

Place: Boston (Mass.) -- 19th century  
Massachusetts -- 19th century

Genre/Form: Ledgers (account books) -- 1840-1900  
Ledgers (account books) -- 20th century

Box 19

[E. Howard Clock Orders Ledger Volume 4, book], 1878 October 1-1880  
December 13

*1 Volume (Ink on paper; 8.1" x 5.6".)*

[Image\(s\): Volume 4](#)

[Digital Content](#)

E. Howard Clock Co., Author

English.

(AC\*0776.07.04)

Listing of clock orders.

Topic: Clock and watch makers  
Clock and watch making  
Clocks and watches

Place: Boston (Mass.) -- 19th century  
Massachusetts -- 19th century

Genre/Form: Ledgers (account books) -- 1840-1900  
Ledgers (account books) -- 20th century

Box 19

[E. Howard Clock Orders Ledger Volume 5, book], 1882 April 28-1883 August  
10, December 27, 1880 to April 28, 1882

*1 Volume (Ink on paper; 8.2" x 6.1".)*

[Image\(s\): \[E. Howard Clock Orders Ledger Volume 5, book\]: December 27, 1880  
- April 28, 1882](#)

[Image\(s\)](#)

[Digital Content](#)

E. Howard Clock Co., Author

English.

(AC\*0776.07.05)

Listing of clock orders.

Topic: Clock and watch makers  
Clock and watch making  
Clocks and watches

Place: Boston (Mass.) -- 19th century  
Massachusetts -- 19th century

Genre/Form: Ledgers (account books) -- 1840-1900  
Ledgers (account books) -- 20th century

- Box 19 [E. Howard Clock Orders Ledger Volume 6, book.], 1882 April 27-1883 August 10  
*1 Volume (Ink on paper; 7.9" x 6.2".)*  
[Image\(s\): \[E. Howard Clock Orders Ledger Volume 6, book\]](#)  
[Digital Content](#)  
E. Howard Clock Co., Author  
English.  
(AC\*0776.07.06)
- Listing of clock orders.
- Topic: Clock and watch makers  
Clock and watch making  
Clocks and watches
- Place: Boston (Mass.) -- 19th century  
Massachusetts -- 19th century
- Genre/Form: Ledgers (account books) -- 1840-1900
- Box 19 [E. Howard Clock Orders Ledger Volume 6, book.], 1883 August-1886 August  
*1 Volume (Ink on paper; 8.1" x 6.6".)*  
[Image\(s\): Volume 6 \(addendum\)](#)  
E. Howard Clock Co., Author  
English.  
(AC\*0776.07.07)
- Listing of clock orders.
- Topic: Clock and watch makers  
Clock and watch making  
Clocks and watches
- Place: Boston (Mass.) -- 19th century  
Massachusetts -- 19th century
- Genre/Form: Ledgers (account books) -- 1840-1900
- Box 19 [E. Howard Clock Orders Ledger Volume 7, book.], 1886 August-1888 March  
*1 Volume (Ink on paper; 8.1" x 6.1".)*  
[Image\(s\): Volume 7 \(Addendum\)](#)  
E. Howard Clock Co., Author  
English.  
(AC\*0776.07.08)
- Listing of clock orders.
- Topic: Clock and watch makers  
Clock and watch making  
Clocks and watches
- Place: Boston (Mass.) -- 19th century

Massachusetts -- 19th century

Genre/Form: Ledgers (account books) -- 1840-1900

Box 13

[E. Howard Clock Orders Ledger Volume 8, book.], 1888 February 1- 1889  
November 1*1 Volume (Ink on paper; 11.6" x 9.8".)*[Image\(s\): Clock Orders](#)

E. Howard Clock Co., Author

English.

(AC\*0776.07.09)

Listing of clock orders.

Topic: Clock and watch makers  
Clock and watch making  
Clocks and watchesPlace: Boston (Mass.) -- 19th century  
Massachusetts -- 19th century

Box 14

[E. Howard Clock Orders Ledger Volume 9, book.], November 1, 1889 - April 1,  
1891*1 Volume (Ink on paper; 11.4" x 8.8".)*[Image\(s\): Volume 9](#)

E. Howard Clock Co., Author

English.

(AC\*0776.07.10)

Listing of clock orders.

Topic: Clock and watch makers  
Clock and watch making  
Clocks and watchesPlace: Boston (Mass.) -- 19th century  
Massachusetts -- 19th century

Genre/Form: Ledgers (account books) -- 1840-1900

Box 14

[E. Howard Clock Orders Ledger Volume 11, book.], November 14, 1892 -  
September 14, 1894*1 Volume**1 Item (11.2" x 9.0".)*[Image\(s\): Volume 11 \(includes time locks\)](#)

E. Howard Clock Co., Author

English.

(AC\*0776.07.11)

Listing of clock orders.

Ink on paper.

Topic: Clock and watch makers  
Clock and watch making  
Clocks and watches

Place: Boston (Mass.) -- 19th century  
Massachusetts -- 19th century

Genre/Form: Ledgers (account books) -- 1840-1900

Box 15 [E. Howard Clock Orders Ledger Volume 12, book.], 1894 September 17-1896  
December 29

*1 Volume (Ink on paper; 11.5" x 9.1".)*

[Image\(s\): Volume 12](#)

E. Howard Clock Co., Author

English.

(AC\*0776.07.12)

Listing of clock orders.

Topic: Clock and watch makers  
Clock and watch making  
Clocks and watches

Place: Boston (Mass.) -- 19th century  
Massachusetts -- 19th century

Genre/Form: Ledgers (account books) -- 1840-1900

Box 15 [E. Howard Clock Orders Ledger Volume 13, book.], 1897 January 14-1899  
January 10

*1 Volume (Ink on paper; 11.7" x 9.0".)*

[Image\(s\): Volume 13](#)

E. Howard Clock Co., Author

English.

(AC\*0776.07.13)

Listing of clock orders.

Topic: Clock and watch makers  
Clock and watch making  
Clocks and watches

Place: Boston (Mass.) -- 19th century  
Massachusetts -- 19th century

Genre/Form: Ledgers (account books) -- 1840-1900

Box 17 [E. Howard Clock Orders Ledger, New York office, Volume 14, book.], 1881  
December 14-1884 November 11



*1 Volume (Ink on paper; 15.6" x 9.7".)*

[Image\(s\): \[Volume\] \(New York Office\)](#)

E. Howard Clock Co., Author

English.

(AC\*0776.07.14)

Listing of clock orders.

Topic:           Clock and watch makers  
                  Clock and watch making  
                  Clocks and watches

Place:           Boston (Mass.) -- 19th century  
                  Massachusetts -- 19th century

Genre/Form:    Ledgers (account books) -- 1840-1900

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## Series 8: Clocks and Watchmans, 1904-1918

English.

Box 16 [E. Howard Clock Watchclocks Ledger, Volume 1, book.], 1904 January 16 - 1918 October 31

*1 Item (Ink on paper; 10.3" x 7.6")*

E. Howard Clock Co., Author

English.

Listing of clock serial numbers.

Topic: Clock and watch makers  
Clock and watch making  
Clocks and watches

Place: Boston (Mass.) -- 19th century  
Massachusetts -- 19th century

Genre/Form: Ledgers (account books) -- 20th century

Box 16 [Volume], (Serial numbers 23/1714-34/7331), 1904 January 16-1918 October 31  
*1 Volume*

[Image\(s\)](#)

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## Series 9: Tower Clocks, 1888-1905

- Box 20                      Volume 1, 1888 March-1901 December  
*1 Volume*  
[Image\(s\): \[E. Howard Clock Tower Clocks Ledger, Volume 1, book\]](#)  
[Digital Content](#)  
 (AC\*0776.09.01)
- Box 20                      [E. Howard Clock Tower Clocks Ledger, Volume 1, book.], March 1888 to  
 December 1901  
*1 Item (Ink on paper; 10.6" x 8.3".)*  
[Image\(s\): \[E. Howard Clock Tower Clocks Ledger, Volume 1, book\]](#)  
[Digital Content](#)  
 E. Howard Clock Co., Author  
 English.  
 Listing of tower clock orders.
- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Topic:          | Clock and watch makers<br>Clock and watch making<br>Clocks and watches          |
| Place:          | Boston (Mass.) -- 19th century<br>Massachusetts -- 19th century                 |
| Genre/<br>Form: | Ledgers (account books) -- 1840-1900<br>Ledgers (account books) -- 20th century |
- Box 16                      Volume 2 (Serial numbers 18,787-24,2361), circa 1900  
*1 Volume*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
[Digital Content: \[Volume\] \(New York Office\)](#)  
 (AC\*0776.09.02)
- Box 16                      [E. Howard Clock Tower Clocks Ledger, Volume 2, book.], Circa 1900  
*1 Item (Ink on paper; 10.6" x 8.2".)*  
[Image\(s\): Volume 2 \(Serial numbers 18,787-24,2361\)](#)  
[Digital Content](#)  
 E. Howard Clock Co., Author  
 English.  
 Listing of tower clock serial numbers 18/787 to 24/2361.
- |        |  |
|--------|--|
| Topic: | Clock and watch makers<br>Clock and watch making<br>Clocks and watches |
| Place: | Boston (Mass.) -- 19th century<br>Massachusetts -- 19th century        |

Genre/ Ledgers (account books) -- 1840-1900  
Form: Ledgers (account books) -- 20th century

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## Series 10: Customer Lists for Clocks, undated

Box 17                      Clocks, Customer Lists , Undated  
                                   1 Volume  
                                   [Image\(s\)](#)  
                                   (AC\*0776.10.01)

Box 17                      [E. Howard Clock customer lists, Volume 1, book.], Circa 1900  
                                   1 Item (Ink on paper; 14.5" x 9.1")  
                                   [Image\(s\): Clocks, Customer Lists](#)  
                                   [Image\(s\)](#)  
                                   E. Howard Clock Co., Author  
                                   English.  
                                   Listing of customer names.

Topic:	Clock and watch makers Clock and watch making Clocks and watches
Place:	Boston (Mass.) -- 19th century Massachusetts -- 19th century
Genre/ Form:	Ledgers (account books) -- 19th century Ledgers (account books) -- 20th century

Box 17                      Clocks, Customer Lists, Index , Undated  
                                   1 Volume  
                                   [Image\(s\)](#)  
                                   (AC\*0776.10.02)

Box 17                      [E. Howard Clock customer lists, Volume 2, book.], Circa 1900  
                                   1 Item (Ink on paper; 14.1" x 9.5")  
                                   [Image\(s\): Clocks, Customer Lists, Index](#)  
                                   E. Howard Clock Co., Author  
                                   English.  
                                   Listing of customer names.

Topic:	Clock and watch makers Clock and watch making Clocks and watches
Place:	Boston (Mass.) -- 19th century Massachusetts -- 19th century
Genre/ Form:	Ledgers (account books) -- 1840-1900 Ledgers (account books) -- 20th century

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Box 21, Folder 1            The Howard Clock Building, 1999-12-28

*1 electronic\_discs\_dvd*

*1 Videocassettes (VHS)*

Tour of the historic Howard Clock building in Waltham, Massachusetts before its scheduled destruction. Narrated by Steve Abrams.

Box 21, Folder 2

Waltham Watch documentation

Includes photocopies of photographs, "The Story in a Watch," and articles.

Box 21, Folder 3

Howard Clock Products, Inc. documentation