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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	John Souther Collection
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0953
Date:	1867-1918
Extent:	0.3 Cubic feet (1 box)
Creator:	Souther, John Globe Iron Works (Boston, Massachusetts) Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Division of [former name], NMAH, SI. History of Technology, Division of, NMAH, SI Work and Industry, Division of, NMAH, SI Souther, Marguerite
Language:	English Collection text is in English.
Summary:	The collection documents entrepreneur and inventor John Souther and his manufacturing companies Globe Works and American Steam Locomotive. Much of the collection consists of documentation and correspondence related to Globe Works' legal affairs.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by Marguerite Souther, circa 1969.

Provenance

Donated to the Museum's Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering, now the Division of Work and Industry. Transferred by the Division of Work and Industry to the Archives Center in 2007.

Processing Information

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Scope and Contents

Papers relating to the Globe Iron Works. The collection includes a handwritten transcript of testimony in the case of *Monument Bank vs. Globe Works*, 1868; correspondence relating to payment for work with the Navy; 1895-1918; and invoices for transactions with other companies Globe Works had business with, 1871-1872.

The correspondence consists of documentation related to Globe Works and other businesses associated with John Souther. Much of the correspondence is between Souther and his lawyer John S. Blair, often discussing Globe Works' legal case against the federal government regarding payment for construction on the *USS Suncook*. Other legal correspondence concerns the role of Nathaniel McKay and Globe Works treasurer Daniel N. Pickering in the federal legal case of the construction of the *USS Masaoit* and *USS Losco*, civil lawsuits, and matters of the Souther estate, and Souther's inheritance of the company from his father.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Iron and steel industry

Types of Materials:

Business records -- 1850-1900

Correspondence -- 19th-20th century

Invoices

Legal records

Receipts

Names:

History of Technology, Division of, NMAH, SI

Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Division of [former name], NMAH, SI.

Souther, Marguerite

Work and Industry, Division of, NMAH, SI

Container Listing

- Box 1, Folder 1 Bills and receipts, 1867-1872
Contains receipts, bills, and material documenting financial transactions with John Souther and Company.
Correspondence
- Box 1, Folder 2 Correspondence , 1894-1905
- Box 1, Folder 3 Correspondence, 1906-1909
- Box 1, Folder 4 Correspondence, 1910-1918
- Box 1, Folder 5 Massachusetts Supreme Court Settlement, 1895 November 14
Settlement documents related to the case of *John Souther et al. v. The Globe Works and Others*.
- Box 1, Folder 6 Patent 459,420, "Scow," 1891 September 15
Issued by the United States Patent Office, acknowledging a "Scow" patent issued to Charles H. Souther and James E. Chapman.
- Box 1, Folder 7 Globe Locomotive Works stock certificate, 1903 December 19
One share of Globe Locomotive Works stock.
- Box 1, Folder 8 Transcript: *Monument Bank vs. Globe Works*, 1868 September 11-12
One and two of the *Monument Bank vs. Globe Works* court transcripts which include the testimony of Daniel N. Pickering and Warren Sanger.
- Box 1, Folder 9 Transcript: *Monument Bank vs. Globe Works*, 1868 September 22-23
Parts three and four of the *Monument Bank vs. Globe Works* court transcripts which include the testimony of Warren Sanger, Charles A. Welch, Isaac M. Bates, Aristides Talbot, and John Souther.
- Box 1, Folder 10 Transcript: *Monument Bank vs. Globe Works*, 1868 September 24
Part five of the *Monument Bank vs. Globe Works* court transcripts which include the testimony of John Souther, Edward H. Barton, and Aristides Talbot.
- Box 1, Folder 11 Trusteeship , 1877 January 22, 1881 September 16
Documents related to Josiah Quincy's trusteeship.
- Box 1, Folder 12 Weather Diary, 1898
John Souther's daily observations and weather notes. The file also contains three four-leaf clovers.
- Box 1, Folder 13 Miscellaneous, 1893, 1896, 1882, undated