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## Guide to the John Souther Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	John Souther Collection
<b>Date:</b>	1867-1918
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0953
<b>Creator:</b>	Souther, John (Creator) Globe Iron Works (Boston, Massachusetts)
<b>Source:</b>	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering (Collector) National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of History of Technology (Collector) National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry (Collector) Souther, Marguerite (Donor)
<b>Extent:</b>	0.3 Cubic feet (1 box)
<b>Language:</b>	Collection text is in English.
<b>Summary:</b>	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.

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## 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

Processed by Marlin Olivier, intern, 2015; supervised by Alison Oswald, archivist.

### Preferred Citation

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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.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged into one series.

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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:

Iron and steel industry

### Types of Materials:

Business records -- 1850-1900  
Correspondence -- 19th-20th century  
Invoices  
Legal records  
Receipts

### Names:

National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of History of Technology  
National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering  
National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry  
Souther, Marguerite

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## Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Bills and receipts, 1867-1872 Notes: 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 Notes: Settlement documents related to the case of <i>John Souther et al. v. The Globe Works and Others</i> .
Box 1, Folder 6	Patent 459,420, "Scow," 1891 September 15 Notes: 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 Notes: One share of Globe Locomotive Works stock.
Box 1, Folder 8	Transcript: Monument Bank vs. Globe Works, 1868 September 11-12 Notes: One and two of the <i>Monument Bank vs. Globe Works</i> 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 Notes: Parts three and four of the <i>Monument Bank vs. Globe Works</i> 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 Notes: Part five of the <i>Monument Bank vs. Globe Works</i> 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 Notes: Documents related to Josiah Quincy's trusteeship.
Box 1, Folder 12	Weather Diary, 1898 Notes: 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