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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Robert Wetherill Company Records
Date:	circa 1875-1930
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0992
Source:	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)
Creator:	Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company (Creator) Wetherill Company (Creator)
Extent:	80 Cubic feet (51 boxes)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Immediate source of acquisition unknown.

Ownership and Custodial History

Donated by the Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company to the Division of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, National Museum of History and Technology (Now the National Museum of American History) in 1965. Transferred to the Archives Center in 2007 by the Division of Work and Industry.

Processing Information

Collection processed by NMAH staff, 2009.

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Scope and Contents

These records document the activities of the Wetherill Plant of the Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, originally the Wetherill Company, particularly the manufacture of steam and diesel engines. Included are engine specification cards; bound lists and charts of specifications and prices; a bound index of drawing numbers, 1886-1928; steam engine catalogs, ca. 1895-1910; drawings and plans for compound and Corliss steam engines, 1875-1921; engine record books, 1876-1902; order books, 1888-1891, 1895-1912; a delivery book, 1916; ledgers, 1876-1885; and drawings for the SunDoxford diesel engine, ca. 1920-1930.

Arrangement

1 series. Arrangement: By type of material.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Diesel engines
- Steam-engines

Types of Materials:

- Card files
- Drawings
- Ledgers (account books)
- Specifications
- Trade catalogs

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
- Wetherill Company

Container Listing

Series 1: Order Books, 1891-1912

Box 6	Order Book, Volume 1, 1880-1884-04
Box 7	Order Book, Volume 2, 1884-05-1887-02
Box 50	Order Book, Volume 4, 1888-12-1890-06
Box 50	Order Book, Volume 5, 1890-06-1892-02
Box 8	Order Book, 1891 February-1892 March
Box 9	Order Book, Volume 6, 1892-02-1894-04
Box 9	Order Book, Volume 7, 1894-04-1896-11
Box 10	Order Book, Volume 9, 1899-04-1901-04
Box 10	Order Book, Volume 10, 1901-04-1902-12
Box 11	Order Book, 1895 January-1895 December
Box 12	Order Book, 1895 December-1896 September
Box 13	Order Book, 1896 September-1897 August
Box 14	Order Book, 1901 October-1902 June
Box 15	Order Book, 1902 June-1902 December
Box 16	Order Book, 1903 January-1903 August
Box 17	Order Book, 1903 August-1904 April
Box 18	Order Book, 1904 October-1905 June
Box 19	Order Book , 1905-03-1907-03
Box 19	Order Book, Volume 14, 1909-08-1911-12
Box 20	Order Book, 1905 June-1905 December

Box 21	Order Book, 1905 December-1906 June
Box 22	Order Book, 1906 June-1907 February
Box 23	Order Book, 1907 February-1907 October
Box 24	Order Book, 1907 October-1908 July
Box 25	Order Book, 1908 July-1909 April
Box 26	Order Book, 1909 April-1909 November
Box 27	Order Book, 1909 November-1910 May
Box 28	Order Book, 1910 May-1910 December
Box 29	Order Book, 1910 December-1911 July
Box 30	Order Book, 1911 July-1912 February
Box 31	Order Book, Volume 15, 1911-12-1914-04
Box 31	Order Book, Volume 22, 1918-05-1919-03
Box 32	Order Book, Volume 23, 1919-03-1920-02
Box 32	Order Book, Volume 25, 1921-02-1922-04
Box 33	Order Book, Volume 26, 1922-04-1922-12
Box 33	Order Book, Volume 27, 1922-12-1923-06
Box 34	Order Book, Volume 28, 1923-06-1924-02
Box 34	Order Book, Volume 29, 1924-02-1924-09
Box 35	Order Book, Volume 48, 1934-12-1935-08
Box 35	Order Book, Volume 49, 1935-08-1936-03
Box 36	Order Book, Volume 50, undated
Box 51	General Orders, Shop Orders, and Stock Orders, 1881-1884

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Series 2: Letterbooks, 1888-1914

Box 37	Letterbook, Volume 5, 1888 December-1889 March
Box 37	Letterbook, Volume 6, 1889 March-1889 May
Box 38	Letterbook, Volume 7, 1889 May-1889 July
Box 38	Letterbook, Volume 8, 1889 July-1889 September
Box 39	Letterbook, Volume 9, 1890-October-1890 November
Box 39	Letterbook, Volume 10, 1890 November -1891 January
Box 40	Letterbook, Volume 8, 1888 July-1911 September
Box 40	Letterbook, Volume 7, 1907-1908 July
	Letterbook, Volume 9, 1911 October-1914 June

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Series 3: Drawings, 1886-1928

Box 41	Record of Drawings, Volume 4, 1886 January-1928 October
Box 42	Index of Shop Drawings (#169-#172), undated

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Series 4: Cost Books, 1876-1885

Box 43	Cost Books, 1876-December-1880 February
Box 44	Cost Books, 1880 November-1881 November
Box 45	Cost Books, 1884 April-1885

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Series 5: Engine Records, 1872-1902

Box 46	Engine Record Volume A (#1-#568), 1872 June-1894 March
Box 47	Engine Record Volume B (#569-#831), 1893 December-1902 March
Box 3, Folder 1	Engine Records, 1908
Box 3, Folder 2	Schedule of Engine Detail, 1098-1199, 1909
Box 3, Folder 3	Schedule of Engine Detail, 1000-1097, 1906
Box 4, Folder 1	Schedule of Engine Detail, Miscellaneous, 1891
Box 4, Folder 2	Schedule of Engine Detail, 462-499, 1891
Box 4, Folder 3	Schedule of Engine Detail, 500-599, 1892
Box 4, Folder 4	Schedule of Engine Detail, 600-699, 1895
Box 4, Folder 5	Schedule of Engine Detail, 700-799, 1899
Box 5, Folder 1	Schedule of Engine Detail, 1200-1299, 1912
Box 5, Folder 2	Schedule of Engine Detail, 1300-1332, 1915

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Series 6: Miscellaneous, 1895-1985

Box 48	Philadelphia Tractor Company Volume 3, 1895 January-1895 July
Box 42	Delivery Book Volume A-Z, 1916-04-1916-10
Box 49	Finance Building—Elevators [Chester Pennsylvania?], 1914 January-1916 May
Box 51	Pattern Specification Book, undated
Box 1, Folder 1	Wetherill Engines in Media
Box 1, Folder 2	New Orleans Exhibition, R.M Vogel, 1884
Box 1, Folder 3	Erecting Dept. Chester, Pennsylvania, 1911
Box 1, Folder 4	Corliss Rolling Mill Engine for John A. Roebling & Sons
Box 1, Folder 5	Cross-compound Corliss Installed at Eastman-Kodak, Rochester, New York
Box 1, Folder 6	Corliss Engine at Mt. Vernon St. Power House, Philadelphia Rapid Transit
Box 1, Folder 7	Corliss Installed by Chas. E. March at Eastman-Kodak Co. Rochester, New York
Box 1, Folder 8	Unlabeled Film/Prints
Box 1, Folder 9	Corliss Engine and New Style of Automatic Cut-Off Governor
Box 1, Folder 10	Factory Images, Prints
Box 1, Folder 11	Engine and Mechine Works Prints
Box 1, Folder 12	Corliss Steam Engine Ad
Box 1, Folder 13	Vertical Corliss Engine Print
Box 1, Folder 14	Corliss Steam Engine, Steam Boilers, Power Transmiting Machinery, 1985
Box 1, Folder 15	Corliss Steam Engine, Steam Boilers, Power Transmiting Machinery, 1984
Box 1, Folder 16	Main Office and Works, Chester, Pennsylvania, Bulletin G and Print Scans, 1910
Box 2, Folder 1	Schedule of Engine Detail, 800-899, 1901
Box 2, Folder 2	Schedule of Engine Detail, 900-999, 1908

Box 5, Folder 3	Drawing
Box 5, Folder 4	Corliss Engine- Alphabetical List of Customers, Engine Numbers- 55-1317
Box 5, Folder 5	Corliss Engine Photographs and Prints
Box 51	Production Sheets

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