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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Robert Wetherill Company Records
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0992
<b>Date:</b>	ca. 1875-1930.
<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)
<b>Creator:</b>	Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company (Creator) Wetherill Company (Creator)
<b>Extent:</b>	80 Cubic feet (48 boxes )
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## 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.

### Preferred Citation

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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.

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## Arrangement

1 series. Arrangement: By type of material.

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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:

- 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

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Order Books, 1891-1912

Order Book, 1891 February-1892 March

Order Book, 1895 January-1895 December

Order Book, 1895 December-1896 September

Order Book, 1896 September-1897 August

Order Book, 1901 October-1902 June

Order Book, 1902 June-1902 December

Order Book, 1903 January-1903 August

Order Book, 1903 August-1904 April

Order Book, 1904 October-1905 June

Order Book, 1905 June-1905 December

Order Book, 1905 December-1906 June

Order Book, 1906 June-1907 February

Order Book, 1907 February-1907 October

Order Book, 1907 October-1908 July

Order Book, 1908 July-1909 April

Order Book, 1909 April-1909 November

Order Book, 1901 November-1910 May

Order Book, 1910 May-1910 December

Order Book, 1910 December-1911 July

Order Book, 1911 July-1912 February

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## Series 2: Letterbooks, 1888-1914

Letterbook Vol. 5, 1888 December-1889 March

Letterbook Vol. 6, 1889 March-1889 May

Letterbook Vol. 7, 1889 May-1889 July

Letterbook Vol. 8, 1889 July-1889 September

Letterbook Vol. 9, 1890-October-1890 November

Letterbook Vol. 10, 1890 November -1891 January

Letterbook Vol. 8, 1888 July-1911 September

Letterbook Vol. 7, 1907-1908 July

Letterbook Vol. 9, 1911 October-1914 June

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## Series 3: Drawings, 1886-1928

Record of Drawings Vol. 4, 1886 January-1928 October

Index of Shop Drawings (#169-#172), undated

Drawing, 1891 March

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## Series 4: Cost Books, 1876-1885

Cost Books, 1876-December-1880 February

Cost Books, 1880 November-1881 November

Cost Books, 1884 April-1885

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## Series 5: Engine Records, 1872-1902

Engine Record Vol. A (#1-#568), 1872 June-1894 March

Engine Record Vol. B (#569-#831), 1893 December-1902 March

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## Series 6: Miscellaneous, 1895-1916

Philadelphia Tractor Company Vol. 3, 1895 January-1895 July

Delivery book Vol. A-Z

Finance Building—Elevators [Chester Pennsylvania?], 1914 January-1916  
May

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