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Guide to the Link Belt Company Photographs

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Link Belt Company Photographs
Date:	1915-1967.
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0997
Creator:	Link Belt Company (Creator)
Source:	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)
Extent:	1 Cubic foot (3 boxes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	The photographs relate to the Link Belt Company, a manufacturer of industrial equipment.

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was purchased by the National Museum of American History's Division of Engineering and Industry from Xerxes Fine Books, 1990.

Provenance

Collection transferred from the Division of Engineering and Industry (now Division of Work and Industry) to the Archives Center in 2007.

Processing Information

Collection processed by the Division of Work and Industry, 2007.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions on Access

Collection open for research on site by appointment. Unprotected photographs must be handled with gloves.

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Biographical / Historical

: Formed in 1906, the Link Belt Company was formed from several smaller concerns, the earliest of which was involved in the manufacture of detachable chain links. As Link Belt grew, its product line grew to include numerous types of industrial equipment including chains, bearings, boiler equipment, hoppers, loaders, gears, and other products. By the 1920s, the company, based in Chicago, had plants in several cities. In the 1960s they were purchased by FMC Corporation.

Scope and Contents

Photographs, including cyanotypes, of factory and industrial equipment, especially industrial belts for sand and gravel companies and for the wood, pulp and paper industry.

Arrangement

The photographs are arranged in chronological order by accession number, but roughly grouped in order by type of equipment: water screens and conveyors. Within those subjects, the photographs are roughly arranged by type of mill or plant (e.g., pulp and paper, quarry, glass, etc.) Photographs from the same companies are grouped together. Most photographs are captioned and some are dated.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Belt industry
- Conveying machinery
- Conveying machinery industry
- Conveyor belts
- Glass manufacture
- Industrial equipment -- 1910-1970
- Industrial equipment industry -- 1910-1970
- Logging
- Paper mills
- Papermaking
- Pulp mills
- Quarries and quarrying
- Sand and gravel industry

Types of Materials:

- Cyanotypes
- Photographs -- 1900-1950
- Photographs -- 1950-2000

Names:

- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of History of Technology
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Images .0001 through .0370; subjects are mostly industrial water screens, undated
Box 1, Folder 2	Images .0371 through .0708; subjects are mostly conveyors for stone, gravel and concrete, undated
Box 2, Folder 1	Images .0709 through .1151; subjects are mostly conveyors for the glass industry, the sand and gravel industry and quarrying equipment, undated
Box 2, Folder 2	Images .1152 through .1399; subjects are mostly conveyors and chains for the logging, pulp and paper industry, undated
Box 3, Folder 1	Images .1400 through .2082; subjects are mostly conveyors and chains for the logging, pulp and paper industry, undated