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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Peter Paul Haring Papers
Date:	1895-1977
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1014
Source:	Haring, Grace (Donor) National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry (Collector) National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanisms (Collector)
Creator:	Haring, Peter Paul, -1935
Extent:	1 Cubic foot (4 boxes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Papers relating to Haring's development of cotton picking machines, 1894-1930.

Administrative Information

Ownership and Custodial History

The collection was donated by Grace Haring in 1973.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work and Industry in 2007.

Processing Information

Collection processed Alison Oswald, archivist, 2019.

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Biographical Note

Peter Paul Haring (-1935) was an inventor, based in Texas, who created, improved, and patented several cotton picking machines between 1897-1935. He was head of Haring Cotton Machine Company.

Scope and Contents

Papers relating to Haring's development of cotton picking machines, and to the cotton industry overall: correspondence, photographs, patents, legal records, financial records, articles and printed material, and trade literature.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into three series.

Series 1: Haring Cotton Machine Company, 1897-1935

Series 2: Patents, 1897-1930

Series 3: Publications, 1929-1932

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Cotton
- Cotton picking
- Cotton picking machinery
- Inventors

Types of Materials:

- Articles
- Business records -- 20th century
- Correspondence -- 1900-1950
- Correspondence -- 19th century
- Financial records
- Legal records
- Patents
- Photographs -- 20th century

Names:

- Haring Cotton Machine Company.
- Haring, Grace
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanisms
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry

Container Listing

Series 1: Haring Cotton Machine Company, 1897-1935

Box 1, Folder 1	By-Laws for the Haring Cotton Machine Company, 1910
Box 1, Box 2	Certificate of Incorporation for Haring Company, 1926
Box 1, Box 3	Address book, undated
Box 1, Box 4	Notes and business cards, undated
Box 1, Box 5	Correspondence, Chronological, 1895, 1904, 1911-1912
Box 1, Box 6	Correspondence, Chronological, 1921, 1924-1929
Box 1, Box 7	Correspondence, Chronological, 1930-1934
Box 1, Box 8	Correspondence, Chronological, 1935, 1947, and undated
Box 1, Box 9	Correspondence, George R. Meyercord (Cotton Harvester Company), 1927-1934
Box 1, Box 10	Correspondence, E.G. Trimble vs. Haring Cotton Machine Company, 1918-1925
Box 1, Box 11	Correspondence, T.A. Kelly (State of California, Real Estate Department, 1931-1932
Box 1, Box 12	Correspondence, McCormick Harvesting Machine Company, 1897-1900
Box 2, Folder 1	Stock Information, 1902-1927 Notes: Includes stockholder information for the Haring Cotton Harvester Company (1899), Haring Cotton Machine Company (1902), the Haring Cotton Picker Company (1910), as well as stock certificates issued to individuals.
Box 2, Folder 2	Goliad, Texas, state an county tax receipts, 1931-1932
Box 2, Folder 3	Prospectus of Price Campbell Cotton Picker Corporation, 1910
Box 2, Folder 4	Ledger, expenses, 1905
Box 2, Folder 5	Ledger, financial, 1905-1909
Box 2, Folder 6	Journal of Expenses (loose pages only), 1910-1917

Box 4, Folder 2	Journal of Expenses, 1910-1921
Box 4, Folder 1	Cash ledger, 1910-1921
Box 2, Folder 7	Account Ledger, 1910-1924
Box 2, Folder 8	Ledger, expenses, 1927
Box 2, Folder 9	Ledger, expenses, 1931
Box 3, Folder 2	Photographs
Box 3, Folder 3	Newspaper clippings, 1929-1935 Notes: Include an advertisement for the Swastika Fuel Company of Raton, New Mexico, undated. Swastika Fuel Company (circa 1919 to 1940) was owned and operated by the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain and Pacific Company and was organized to open new coal deposits south of Brilliant, New Mexico.
Box 3, Folder 4	Promotional literature, 1921

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Series 2: Patents, 1897-1930

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Box 2, Folder 12	Cotton Picking Machine (US 796,422), 1905
Box 2, Folder 13	Cotton Picking Machine (US 992,960), 1911
Box 2, Folder 14	Cotton Picker (US 1,054,113), 1913
Box 2, Folder 15	Cotton Picking Machine (US 1,076,573), 1913
Box 2, Folder 16	Cotton Pickers (US 1,176,891), 1916
Box 2, Folder 17	Cotton Picking Apparatus (US 1,715,655), 1929
Box 2, Folder 18	Cotton Picking Apparatus (US 1,768,837), 1930
Box 2, Folder 19; Box 3, Folder 1	Foreign patents issued to Peter Paul Haring, 1905
Box 2, Folder 20	Notes and miscellaneous related to patents, undated Notes: Includes typescript notes describing various cotton picking machines.
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Series 3: Publications, 1929-1932

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Box 3, Folder 7	Publications about cotton picking, 1919, 1928-1929 Notes: Includes an issue of <i>Gaceta Algodonera</i> , June 1928.
Box 3, Folder 8	Trade literature, American Cotton Picker Corporation, 1929
Box 3, Folder 9	Trade literature, Cotton Machinery Corporation, undated
Box 3, Folder 10	Trade literature, General Cotton Harvester Company, undated
Box 3, Folder 11	Trade literature, Good Year, [1930s]
Box 3, Folder 12	Trade literature, Haskelite Manufacturing Company (phenaloid compound lumber), undated
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