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## Guide to the Erie City Iron Works Collection, 1874-1980

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Erie City Iron Works Collection
<b>Date:</b>	1869-1960 (bulk 1875-1912)
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.1050
<b>Source:</b>	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
<b>Creator:</b>	Erie City Iron Works. (Creator)
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Cubic foot (3 boxes, 1 map folder)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The collection documents a company founded in the 1840s in Erie, Pennsylvania as Presque Isle Foundry. It changed its name to Erie City Iron Works in 1851. Erie City iron Works made engines (stationary, portable and agricultural), boilers, and circular saw mills. The documents include products through catalogs, trade literature, photographs, blueprints and drawings.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Source of acquisition unknown. Collected by the Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering, now known as the Division of Work and Industry.

### Provenance

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

### Processing Information

Processed by Kendra Ciccone (intern), April, 2010; supervised by Alison Oswald, archivist.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

The Erie City Iron Works was founded in Erie, Pennsylvania in 1840 as Presque Isle Foundry. It changed its name to Erie City Iron Works in 1851. Over its history, it experienced several name changes: Zurn Industries' Energy Division, Aalborg Industries, and Erie Power Technologies, Inc. Today, the parent company, CMI Belgium, is a global supplier of steam-generating products and services to the power industry and general industrial steam market.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection documents the Erie City Iron Works of Erie, Pennsylvania. It includes trade literature, catalogs, price lists and advertisements; drawings and blueprints; photographs of engines and boilers; and articles.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged into four series.

Series 1, Catalogs/Pricelists, 1869-1953, undated

Series 2, Drawings 1884-1889; 1941-1953, undated

Series 3, Photographs, undated

Series 4, Miscellaneous, 1912, 1919, 1960

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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:

- Boilers
- Engines
- Steam-engines

### Types of Materials:

- Articles
- Blueprints
- Correspondence
- Drawings
- Photographs -- 19th century
- Photographs -- 20th century
- Price lists
- Proposals
- Trade catalogs

Names:

National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering  
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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Catalogs/Pricelists, 1869-1953, undated

Box 3, Folder 1 Engines and Boilers, 1869-1885, undated

Box 1, Folder 1 Lentz Engine, 1909-1922, undated

Box 1, Folder 2 Steam Engines, 1876-1912, undated

Box 1, Folder 3 Steam Engines, 1875-1909, undated

Box 1, Folder 4 Boilers, 1873-1884, undated

Box 1, Folder 5 Boilers, 1887-1905, undated

Box 1, Folder 6 Boilers, 1910-1953, undated

Box 1, Folder 7 Engines and Boilers, 1879-1894

Box 1, Folder 8 Engines and Boilers, 1897-1916

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## Series 2: Drawings, 1941-1953, 1884-1889, undated

Box 3, Folder 2      Boilers, 1884-1889, undated

Box 2, Folder 3      Engines, 1941-1953

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## Series 3: Photographs of engines and boilers, undated

*Box 2, Folder 2*

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## Series 4: Miscellaneous, 1960, 1919, 1912

Box 3, Folder 3      List of repairs, 1912

Box 2, Folder 4      List of drawings, 1960 June

Box 2, Folder 1      Specifications/Proposals for water tube boiler, 1919

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Map-folder 1      Oversize materials