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Guide to the Providence Engineering Works Records

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Providence Engineering Works Records
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1076
Date:	1881-1923, 1933
Extent:	11 volumes 2.5 cubic feet (6 boxes)
Creator:	Providence Engineering Works Work and Industry, Division of, NMAH, SI Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Division of [former name], NMAH, SI.
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated to the Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering by Charles T. Main, Inc. in 1965.

Ownership and Custodial History

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

Processing Information

Collection is unprocessed.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions on Access

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Biographical / Historical

Engineers specializing in stationary engines and general machinery. It was incorporated in 1863 as the Providence Steam Engine Company, and merged in 1889 with the Rice and Sargent Engine Company to become the Providence Engineering Works.

Scope and Contents

Collection includes order books, 1883-1898, 1898-1918, 1894-1923; shipping book, 1883-1892; detailed cost record, 1892-1896; parts listing; pattern list, 1890-1907; miscellaneous order book, 1916-1920; book of standard and special engine details, 1881-1889; and drawing list, 1881-1908; also photographs, glass negatives, drawings, publications, and other material concerning Corliss engines and Rice and Sargent steam engines.

Arrangement

1 series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Steam-engines

Types of Materials:

Blueprints

Drawings

Order books

Photographs -- Black-and-white negatives -- Glass -- 19th-20th century

Trade literature

Names:

Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Division of [former name], NMAH, SI.

Providence Steam Engine Company

Rice and Sargent Company

Work and Industry, Division of, NMAH, SI

Geographic Names:

Providence (RI)