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Collection Overview

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Creator:	Providence Engineering Works (Creator)
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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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

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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:

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

Providence Steam Engine Company

Rice and Sargent Company

Places:

Providence (RI)

Container Listing

Series 1: Historical Background Materials, 1850-1933

Box 1, Folder 1	Historical Background, undated
Box 1, Folder 2; Map-folder 1	Providence precision drilling machine (model) information, 1921-1922
Box 1, Folder 3	SIPP Machine Company (drill presses), 1922
Box 1, Folder 4	Pecorp drill machine, cuts for advertising, 1920
Box 1, Folder 5	Rice and Sargent Corliss engine information, 1901-1933
Box 1, Folder 6	Rice and Sargent Corliss engine trade literature, 1902-1913
Box 3, Item 1	Steam Engine Order Book, 1850-1870 1 Volume
Box 3, Item 2	Order Book, 1883-04-1892-09 1 Volume
Box 3, Item 3	Order Book, 1894-08-1923-01 1 Volume
Box 4, Item 1	Order Book, 1895-11-1918-11 1 Volume
Box 4, Item 2	Miscellaneous orders, 1916-1930 1 Volume
Box 4, Item 3	Pattern List, 1890-1907 1 Volume
Box 5, Item 1	Parts Listing, undated 1 Volume
Box 5, Item 2	Detailed Cost Record, 1892-09 1 Volume
Box 5, Item 3	Shipping Book, 1890-09 1 Volume
Box 10	Drawings List, 1898-1908

	1 Volume
Box 10	Standard and Special Engine Details, 1881-1889 1 Volume
Map-folder 1	Power, 1895-04
Map-folder 1	Power, 1896-08
Map-folder 1	Bushings for boring mill, drawing, 1907-09
Map-folder 1	Rotating cam for M.B. 3.5-1 driving gear, drawing, 1907-09-20

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Series 2: Photographs and Negatives, 1922

Box 1, Folder 7	Drill presses (negatives and copy prints), undated
Box 2, Folder 1	Drill presses (photographs), undated
Box 2, Folder 2-7; Map-folder 1	Rice and Sargent Corliss engines (photographs), undated
Box 2, Folder 8	SIPP Machine Company (photographs), 1922
Box 6	Negatives of drill presses, undated 37 Negatives (photographic)
Map-folder 1	Providence Engineering Works Factory, 1907-05-22

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Series 3: Glass Plate Negatives, undated

Box 7, Item 1	#1, Drill presses, undated 1 Glass plate negative
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Box 7, Item 4	#4, Drill presses, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 9, Item 1	# 9, Rice and Sargent cylinder, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 9, Item 2	#10, Inertia governor, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 7, Item 5	#21m, Drill presses, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 9, Item 3	#32, Shop view of segment balance wheel in pit lathe, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 9, Item 4	#41, Modern connecting rod, undated 1 Glass plate negative
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Box 9, Item 6	#47, Shop view of Rice and Sargent engine, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 9, Item 7	#54, Calumet and Hecla engine, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 9, Item 8	#59, Rice and Sargent governor with enclosing case of weights, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 9, Item 9	#70, Portland Railroad vertical engine in shop, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 9, Item 10	#81, Old style Rice and Sargent cylinder cut crosswise, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 9, Item 11	#82, Rice and Sargent cylinder, undated

	1 Glass plate negative
Box 9, Item 12	#83, Section through pillow block, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 9, Item 13	#84, Cross section through cross head and guides, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 9, Item 14	#85, Pillow block, transparent view, undated 1 Glass plate negative
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	1 Glass plate negative
Box 7, Item 19	#116, Drill presses, undated 1 Glass plate negative
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Box 9, Item 15	#119, Shop view of shaft for Davis Mills engine in lathe, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 7, Item 21	#122, Drill presses, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 7, Item 22	#123, Drill presses, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 9, Item 16	#123, Piston complete showing junk ring babitted in spots, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 7, Item 23	#124m, Drill presses, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 7, Item 24	#125m, Drill presses, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 7, Item 25	#126m, Drill presses, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 7, Item 26	#127m, Drill presses, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 9, Item 17	#150, Niles Tpool Works, Hamilton, Ohio, undated 1 Glass plate negative
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Box 7, Item 28	#501A, Drill presses, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 7, Item 29	#501B, Drill presses, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 7, Item 30	#502, Drill presses, undated 1 Glass plate negative
Box 7, Item 31	#504B, Drill presses, undated

	1 Glass plate negative
Box 7, Item 32	#504B, Drill presses, undated 1 Glass plate negative
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Box 7, Item 47	#540B, Drill presses, undated

	1 Glass plate negative
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Box 9, Item 35	#1514-B, double suction pump, undated 1 Glass plate negative
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Box 9, Item 37	#1516-B, double suction pump, undated 1 Glass plate negative
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Box 9, Item 39	#1518-B, two stage vertical sinking pump, undated 1 Glass plate negative
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