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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Edison General Electric Works Photograph Album
Date:	1892
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1077
Source:	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
Creator:	Butler, William A. Edison General Electric Works. (Schenectady (N.Y.))
Extent:	0.3 Cubic feet (2 boxes)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collection purchased from dealer, Keith D. DeLellis, 1985.

Ownership and Custodial History

Purchased in 1985 by the Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering. Transferred to the Archives Center in 2007 by the Division of Work and Industry.

Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Electrical product manufacturing company, established by Thomas A. Edison in Schenectady in 1886, consolidating all of Edison's electrical and power machinery interests.

Scope and Contents

An album entitled "With Edison in Schenectady". It contains captioned photographs of subjects such as building exteriors and interiors, staff members, the power station, generators, close-ups of machines, and scenes of the factory floor. It was compiled and published by William H. Butler.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged into one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Electrical manufacturing
- Electricity
- Factories -- 1890-1900

Types of Materials:

- Photograph albums -- 19th century
- Photographs -- Black-and-white photoprints -- 1890-1900

Names:

- Edison, Thomas A. (Thomas Alva), 1847-1931
- 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

Places:

- Schenectady (N.Y.)

Container Listing

Box 1;	With Edison at Schenectady, 1892
Box 2	2 Copies