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## Guide to the Lombard Governor Company Records

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Lombard Governor Company Records
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.1091
<b>Date:</b>	1898-1970s.
<b>Extent:</b>	6.75 Cubic feet (7 boxes)
<b>Creator:</b>	Lombard Governor Company. Sorensen, William American Lincoln Corporation Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Division of [former name], NMAH, SI. History of Technology, Division of, NMAH, SI Work and Industry, Division of, NMAH, SI
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Acquired in 1962 by the National Museum of American History's Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering, (Now the National Museum of American History) from donor William Sorensen.

### Ownership and Custodial History

Transferred to the Archives Center in 2007.

### Processing Information

Collection is unprocessed.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

In 1894, Nathaniel Lombard developed the first practical water wheel governor in Roxbury, Mass. Lombard's design incorporated hydraulics and a unique anti-racing device to move the gates of the largest turbines multiple times faster than any existing device. In 1904, the company moved to Ashland, Massachusetts. During the first World War, Lombard Governor produced hydraulic lathes for the manufacture of artillery shells, and special valves for the US government's Muscle Shoals nitrogen plant. At the conclusion of the war, Lombard expanded into the areas of chain saws and plastic molding injection machines. In 1962, the company changed its name to Lombard Industries. In 1964, Lombard Industries was acquired by American Lincoln Corporation and the operation was moved to Toledo, Ohio.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consists of records documenting the Lombard Governor Company: photographs (including glass plate negatives), blueprints, printed material, price lists, reports, catalogs and trade literature, bulletins, and a notebook of patents.

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## Arrangement

1 series.

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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:

- Hydraulic engineering
- Turbines
- Water-power
- Water-wheels

Types of Materials:

- Blueprints
- Bulletins
- Catalogs
- Glass negatives
- Patents
- Photographs -- 20th century
- Photographs -- Black-and-white negatives -- 20th century

Price lists  
Reports

Names:

History of Technology, Division of, NMAH, SI  
Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Division of [former name], NMAH, SI.  
Work and Industry, Division of, NMAH, SI