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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Woodward Governor Company Records
Date:	1902-1985
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1094
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of History of Technology (Collector) National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering (Collector)
Creator:	Woodward Governor Company (Creator)
Extent:	7 Cubic feet (40 boxes)
Language:	Some materials in Japanese and Spanish.
Summary:	This collection documents the products, trade literature, business proceedings, and office environment of the Woodward Governor Company.

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Immediate source of acquisition unknown.

Provenance

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

Processing Information

Collection processed by Sally Johnson, intern; supervised by Alison Oswald, archivist, 2023.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

The Woodward Governor Company was founded in Rockford, Illinois in 1870 by machinist Amos W. Woodward, who patented the first waterwheel governor. The company designed and manufactured several cutting-edge inventions in the governor industry, including the mechanical compensating-type governor, the diesel engine governor, and the airplane propeller governor.

Scope and Contents

The records contain catalogs, operator's manuals, illustrations, technical bulletins, photographs, glass plate negatives, informational booklets, and annual reports dealing with the activities and products of the company.

Arrangement

1 series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Hydraulic governors

Types of Materials:

Annual reports -- 20th century

Bulletins

Manuals

Photographs -- Black-and-white photonegatives -- Glass -- 20th century

Reports

Trade catalogs

Trade literature

Names:

National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of History of Technology

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

Places:

Rockford (Ill.)

Container Listing

Series 1: Company Records, 1902-1985

Language: English.

Box 38, Folder 1	Unidentified Machine Part, undated
Box 39, Folder 1	Woodward Company Booklet, circa 1950s Notes: This file contains informational booklets on the Woodward Governor Company, which include an overview and the history of the company at the time of the booklet's production. The booklets also include photographs of employees, company workspaces, and company products alongside product information written in layman's terms.
Box 39, Folder 2	Woodward Company Booklet, 1959 Notes: This file contains informational booklets on the Woodward Governor Company, which include an overview and the history of the company at the time of the booklet's production. The booklets also include photographs of employees, company workspaces, and company products alongside product information written in layman's terms.
Box 39, Folder 3	Woodward Company Booklets, circa 1960s–1980s Notes: This file contains informational booklets on the Woodward Governor Company, which include an overview and the history of the company at the time of the booklet's production. The booklets also include photographs of employees, company workspaces, and company products alongside product information written in layman's terms.
Box 39, Folder 4	Multilingual Brochures and Booklets, undated
Box 39, Folder 5	Governor Sketches and Product Information, circa 1960
Box 39, Folder 6	Product Sheets, 1968
Box 39, Folder 7	Correspondence with Fitz Water Wheel Company, 1923-1948
Box 39, Folder 8	Prime Mover Control, 1963-1985
Box 39, Folder 9	Product Photographs, 1903-1960
Box 39, Folder 10	Woodward Trade Literature, circa 1912
Box 39, Folder 11	Woodward Trade Literature, 1902-1958
Box 39, Folder 12	Woodward Trade Literature, 1932-1952

Box 39, Folder 13	Woodward Trade Literature, 1958
Box 40, Folder 1	Woodward Trade Literature, circa 1940s–1950s
Box 40, Folder 2	Woodward Trade Literature, circa 1940s–1950s
Box 40, Folder 3	Woodward Trade Literature, circa 1950s
Box 40, Folder 4	"Tentative Recommended Specifications for the Speed-Governing of Internal Combustion Engine-Operator Units", 1958

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Series 2: Glass Plate Negatives, 1910-1957

Language: English.

Box 1	Negative numbers 2-542, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 2	Negative numbers 544-622, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 3	Negative numbers 627-653, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 4	Negative numbers 654-671, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 5	Negative numbers 672-695, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 6	Negative numbers 696-707, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 7	Negative numbers 708-732, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 8	Negative numbers 733-749, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 9	Negative numbers 750-771, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 10	Negative numbers 773-798, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 11	Negative numbers 799-817, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 12	Negative numbers 818-833, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 13	Negative numbers 834-849, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 14	Negative numbers 850-867, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 15	Negative numbers 868-887, 1910-1957 Language: English.

Box 16	Negative numbers 888-899, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 17	Negative numbers 900-978, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 18	Negative numbers 979-1032, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 19	Negative numbers 1033-1055, 1910-1957
Box 20	Negative numbers 1056-1083, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 21	Negative numbers 1084-1114, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 22	Negative numbers 1115-1143, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 23	Negative numbers 1150-1177, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 24	Negative numbers 1178-1211, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 25	Negative numbers 1212-1244, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 26	Negative numbers 1245-1270, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 27	Negative numbers 1271-1299, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 28	Negative numbers 1300-1323, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 29	Negative numbers 1325-1349, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 30	Negative numbers 1350-1369, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 31	Negative numbers 1370-1391, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 32	Negative numbers 1419-7442C, 1910-1957

Language: English.

Box 33	Negative numbers D1, cylinder, fuel pump case, etc., 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 33	Negative number D2, cylinder, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 33	Negative number D3, crank shaft gear, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 33	Negative number D5, taken in basement, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 33	Negative number, D9, diesel shows piston, Lombard Governor Company basement, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 33	Negative number D16, diesel, frame and cylinder, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 33	Negative number D17, diesel crank shaft, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 33	Negative number D19, diesel, cylinder, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 33	Negative number 22, diesel, frame in place, 1910-1957
Box 33	Negative number 23, diesel; unit complete frame, cylinder, skirt, piston, etc., 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 33	Negative number D25, diesel, cylinder, piston, skirts, pin, 1910-1925 Language: English.
Box 33	Negative number D28, diesel skirt in place, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 33	Negative number X, plate of float, Lombard, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 34	Diesel, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 34	Diesel outboard bearing, 1910-1957 Language: English.

Box 34	Diesel; vertical cross-section, Lombard Governor Company; Ashland, Massachusetts, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 34	Diesel, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 34	Diesel, 1910-1957 Language: English.
Box 35	Solenoid on type W governor Language: English.
Box 35	Type T governor Language: English.
Box 35	"Our Southern Representative"; Mise "My Opinion as a Mechanical Engineer" Language: English.
Box 35	Solenoid on type W governor Language: English.
Box 35	Rope hitch Language: English.
Box 35	Town Hall Interior Language: English.
Box 35	Mise Hall Language: English.
Box 35	Employees Language: English.
Box 35	Model of Special governor, 1916 December 19 Language: English.
Box 35	Model of special governor, 1916 December 19 Language: English.
Box 35	Solenoid on type W governor Language: English.
Box 35	Block and tackle hitch Language: English.
Box 35	Mise Language: English.

Box 35	Mise governor Language: English.
Box 35	Governor Language: English.
Box 35	Dean pump Governor Language: English.
Box 35	Type Q relay V attachment Language: English.
Box 35	type V governor, Gate shaft side Language: English.
Box 35	Type Q main parts, Sheet #4 Language: English.
Box 35	Type Q governor parts, Sheet #6 Language: English.
Box 36	Combined pumping equipment, Pulley drive Language: English.
Box 36	Unidentified Language: English.
Box 36	Unidentified Language: English.
Box 36	Combined pumping equipment, Pulley drive Language: English.
Box 36	Unidentified Language: English.
Box 36	LC cylinder Language: English.
Box 36	LC cylinder Language: English.
Box 36	LC shaft Language: English.
Box 36	Safety device; Job 36200 Alabama Power Company; c/o of Mr. Lodge, 1944 July
Box 36	Safety device; Job 36200 Alabama Power Company; c/o Mr. Lodge, 1944 July

Box 38, Folder 2 Unidentified Broken Glass Plate Negative, undated

Box 38, Folder 3 Unidentified Broken Glass Plate Negative, undated

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