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Preliminary Guide to the Southwark Foundry and Machine Company Records

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Southwark Foundry and Machine Company Records
Date:	circa 1868-1945.
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1107
Source:	Baldwin-Hamilton Company (Donor) National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry (Collector) National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering (Collector) National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of History of Technology (Collector) Fenerty, Paul C. (Donor)
Creator:	Baldwin-Southwark Corporation Baldwin Locomotive Works Southwark Foundry and Machine Company (Creator) De La Vergne Engine Company
Extent:	342 Cubic feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The largest portion of this collection was collected for the Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering (now part of the Division of Work and Industry), and information about its provenance is lost. A small portion was donated in 1971 by Paul C. Fenerty, mostly relating to the Porter-Allen steam engine. The Baldwin-Hamilton Company donated approximately 14,000 drawings of machinery built by Southwark Foundry and Machine Company in 1975.

Ownership and Custodial History

The entire collection was transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work and Industry in 2007.

Processing Information

A portion of the the collection was processed by Archives Center staff in 2009. Most of the collection remain unprocessed.

Processing Information

The collection has been minimally rearranged and retains the existing/original folder titles when possible. Some of the bound volumes documenting drawings, orders, and repairs have been rehoused for long-

term stability, but often staples and other fasteners have not been removed. The bulk of the collection remains unprocessed.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

Collection is open for research but the majority of it is stored off-site and special arrangements must be made to work with it. Contact the Archives Center for information at archivescenter@si.edu or 202-633-3270.

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Biographical / Historical

The Southwark Foundry and Machine Company of Philadelphia was founded in 1836. The company, which manufactured engines, boilers, turbines, and other machinery, was acquired by the Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1930 and became the Baldwin Southwark Corporation, a subsidiary of the Works. The De La Vergne Engine Company of New York, some of whose records are included here, manufacturers of refrigeration machinery, engines, and other machinery, was acquired by Baldwin Southwark in 1931.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of engineering drawings of steam engines, blowing engines, turbines, generators, testing machinery, steam hammers, boilers, machine tools, and other machinery manufactured by the Southwark Foundry and Machine Company, circa 1880-1916; transfers of patent rights, reports, lists, financial documents, and other material concerning Southwark and its predecessors, circa 1868-1885; and engineering drawings, specifications, production records, parts and drawing lists, repair manuals, bulletins, and publications concerning refrigeration machinery manufactured by the De La Vergne Engine Company and its predecessors and successors, circa 1890-1945.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Engines
- Heavy machinery
- Machine-tools
- Mechanical engineering
- Refrigeration and refrigerating machinery
- Steam-engines
- Turbines

Types of Materials:

- Bulletins
- Engineering drawings
- Financial records
- Lists
- Manuals
- Patents
- Reports
- Specifications

Names:

- Baldwin-Hamilton Company
- Fenerty, Paul C.
- 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
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry

Container Listing

Indices for Drawings, 1902-1922

Box A	Drawing Index by Subject, undated
Box B	Drawing index by Subject (Miscellaneous), undated
Box C	Record of Drawing Numbers, circa 1909-1922
Box D	De La Vergne Machine Company List of Drawings for Corliss Engines, circa 1902
Box H	Drawing Book, 1917 January-1922 June

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Order Books, 1880-1924

Box E	Initial Records of Orders by Type of Engine, 1880-1899
Box F	Record of Orders by Type of Engine, 1880-1909
Box G	Record of Orders by Type of Engine, 1881-1924
Box I	Repair Book, Volume 1, undated
Box J	Repair Book, Volume 2 (15566-26091), 1916 December-1923 January
Box K	Repair Book, Volume 3 (26093-50795), 1923 January-1931 September
Box L	Engine Records, undated Notes: Data for the Corliss Engine (29-49, 58) and Turbine(14-18; 43; 47-48; 51-57; 59-62; 65-70; 73-75; 94-96; 99-100)
Box M	Orders and Drawings, 1885 November-1886 November
Box N	Orders and Drawings (#547-#3827), 1886 September-1890 October
Box O	Orders and Drawings (#3861-#7964), 1890 December-1897 September
Box P	Orders and Drawings, 1897 October-1901 January
Box Q	Orders and Drawings, Volume 1 (#1781-#5615), 1902 January-1907 December
Box R	Orders and Drawings (#5633-#13562), 1907 December-1916 February
Box S	Orders and Drawings (#13605-#21176), 1916 March-1920 January
Box T	Orders and Drawings, 1920 January-1923 November
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Box Misc 1	Miscellaneous box (unprocessed)
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