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Guide to the Southwark Foundry  
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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
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<b>Date:</b>	circa 1868-1945.
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<b>Source:</b>	Baldwin-Hamilton Company Baldwin Southwark Corporation Baldwin Locomotive Works. Work and Industry, Division of, NMAH, SI Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Division of [former name], NMAH, SI. Southwark Foundry and Machine Company History of Technology, Division of, NMAH, SI Fenerty, Paul C. De La Vergne Engine Company
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## 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

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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.

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## Scope and Contents

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.

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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:

- 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.

History of Technology, Division of, NMAH, SI

Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Division of [former name], NMAH, SI.

Work and Industry, Division of, NMAH, SI