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Guide to the General Machinery Corporation Records

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	General Machinery Corporation Records
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1115
Date:	ca. 1899-1969.
Extent:	24 Cubic feet
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Engineering and Industry General Machinery Corporation Bement Company Niles Tool Works Long and Allstatter Company Hooven, Owens, Rentschler Company National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of History of Technology Ohio Historical Society Niles-Bement-Pond Co.
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The negatives were donated to the Division of Work and Industry, in several gifts in 1991 and 1992, by the Ohio Historical Society.

Provenance

Transferred to the Archives Center in 2007.

Processing Information

Collection is unprocessed.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

The General Machinery Corporation of Hamilton, Ohio was formed in 1928 by the merger of Niles Bement Pond Co. and Hooven Owens Rentschler Co. Other companies that became part of General Machinery were Putnam Machine Co. and Long and Allstatter. The General Machinery Co. became subsumed by the Baldwin Lima Hamilton Co. during the 1950s.

Scope and Contents

Over 2,000 photographic negatives of machinery produced by General Machinery Corporation and its predecessors; also three cubic feet of prints from the negatives.

Arrangement

Divided into five series: Series 1, Long and Allstatter Negatives; Series 2, Niles Bement Pond Negatives; Series 3, Hooven, Owens, Rentschler Company Negatives; Series 4, Bement Company Negatives; Series 5, Niles Tool Works Negatives; Series 6, Photoprints from Negatives in General Machinery Corporation Collection.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Machine-tool industry
Machinery industry
Manufacturing

Types of Materials:

Photographs -- Black-and-white negatives -- 20th century
Photographs -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver gelatin -- 20th century

Names:

Bement Company
Hooven, Owens, Rentschler Company
Long and Allstatter Company
National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Engineering and Industry
National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of History of Technology
National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry
Niles Tool Works
Ohio Historical Society

Geographic Names:

Hamilton (Ohio)
Ohio -- Manufacturing