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Guide to the Illinois Springfield Watch Company Record Book

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Illinois Springfield Watch Company Record Book
Date:	1872-1883
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1145
Creator:	Illinois Springfield Watch Company (Manufacturer) Hanson, Jon (Donor)
Extent:	0.5 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Container:	Box 1

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collection donated by Jon Hanson.

Ownership and Custodial History

Donated to the Archives Center in 2009 by Jon Hanson.

Related Materials

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Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Jewelry, NMAH.AC.0060

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James Arthur Clock and Watch Collection, NMAH.AC.0130

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War Production Board Collection, NMAH.AC.0341

Jacob Rabinow Papers, NMAH.AC.0403

Industry on Parade Film Collection, NMAH.AC.0507

Frederick and Mary Hill Fried Folk Art Archives, NMAH.AC.0528

Albert W. Hampson Commercial Artwork Collection, NMAH.AC.0561

Seth Thomas Clock Company Records, NMAH.AC.0627

E. Howard Clock Company Records, NMAH.AC.0776

Frank and Lillian Gilbreth Collection, NMAH.AC.0803

James Knights Company Records, NMAH.AC.0847

Charlotte Cramer Sachs Papers, NMAH.AC.0878

Jon and Jennifer Hanson Watch and Clock Collection, NMAH.AC.1122

Mr. Wizard Papers, NMAH.AC.1326

Association of Hispanic Advertising Agencies Collection, NMAH.AC.1343

Josephus Gill Ledger, NMAH.AC.1573

National Museum of Asian Art Archives

Alice Roosevelt Longworth Collection of Photographs from the 1905 Taft Mission to Asia, FSA.A2009.02

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Conservation and Research Center (National Zoological Park) Office of Education, Program Records, SIA.FA06-259

National Zoological Park. Department of Animal Programs, Curatorial Records, SIA.FA17-020

National Zoological Park. Department of Zoological Research, Animal Research Records, SIA.FA01-227

National Museum of American History. Division of Engineering and Industry, Records, SIA.FARU0397

Silvio A. Bedini Papers, SIA.FA02-187

Waltham Clock Company Videohistory Collection, SIA.FARU9548

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Biographical Note

The Illinois Springfield Watch Company was created in 1869. Though the first movements were produced in 1872, the company did not really achieve full production until 1875. The first stem-wind watch was produced in 1875. By 1885 the company name was changed to the Illinois Watch Company. The Illinois Watch Company was purchased by Hamilton Watch Company in 1927, but continued to produce Illinois watches under Hamilton management until 1932. Hamilton continued producing Illinois watches in the Hamilton factory until 1939.

Scope and Contents

Collection contains one production record book of the Illinois Springfield Watch Company dating from March 1872-June 1883.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged in one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Clock and watch makers
- Clock and watch making
- Clocks and watches

Types of Materials:

- Record books

Places:

- Illinois