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## Guide to the LCL Corporation Records

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	LCL Corporation Records
<b>Date:</b>	1927-1970
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.1170
<b>Source:</b>	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry
<b>Creator:</b>	Dyer, Randolph N., II LCL Corporation.
<b>Extent:</b>	3.6 Cubic feet (11 boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): LCL Corporation Records</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collection donated by Randolph N. Dyer II, 1991.

### Ownership and Custodial History

Transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work and Industry in 2009.

### Processing Information

Series 1 is unprocessed.

Series 2 was processed by Analiese Oetting.

### Preferred Citation

LCL Corporation Records, 1927-ca. 1970, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

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## Biographical Note

Containerization company.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consists mostly of films and photographs on the subjects of freight and containerization, especially railroad containerization. The containerization of building materials is the subject of most of the photographs, especially cement.

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## Arrangement

Collection is arranged into two series.

Series 1: Photographs

Series 2: Motion Picture Film, 1929-1961

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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:

- Cement
- Containerization
- Freight and freightage
- Industrial films
- Industry -- U.S.
- Railroads
- Shipping
- Trucks

Types of Materials:

- Motion pictures (visual works) -- 1950-1960
- Photograph albums
- Photographs -- 20th century

Names:

National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Photographs

Processing Information: Series is unprocessed.

Box 1	Unprocessed material
Box 2	Unprocessed material
Box 3	Unprocessed material
Box 4	Unprocessed material
Box 6	Unprocessed material
Box 7	Unprocessed material
Box 8	Unprocessed material
Box 9	Unprocessed material
Box 10	Unprocessed material
Box 11	Unprocessed material

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## Series 2: Motion Picture Films, 1929-1961

Scope and Contents: The series comprises 19 reels of motion picture film demonstrating the uses of various LCL Corporation shipping containers.

Reel OF 1170.1	Caterpillar crane handling drop bottom containers, 1929 1 Film reel (black and white, silent, print; 16mm; 250 feet) Notes: Speed crane holding stacked brick container; demonstrates the practicality of the use of a caterpillar crane in handling bulk-freight containers where a gantry crane is not available.
Reel OF 1170.2	Drop-side Car at 33rd Street, 1929 1 Film reel (black and white, silent, print; 16mm; 400 feet)
Reel OF 1170.3	Express Loading Demonstration at 33rd Street, 1929 1 Film reel (black and white, silent, print; 16mm; 400 feet) Notes: Intro intertitles at head: "The LCL corporation demonstrates the container car to a group of bankers, Express Company and railroad officials at the 33rd Street Freight Station at the New York Central Railroad, New York City"  Appearances:  R.E.M Cowie, President of the Express Railway Agency W.T. Hoops, President of the LCL Corporation R.W. Dean, agent 33rd Freight Station N.Y.C.R.R. G.C. Woodruff, Vice President of LCL Corporation
Reel OF 1140.4	The Express Container Car, 1929 1 Film reel (black and white stock; tinted yellow, silent, print; 16mm; 300 feet) Notes: Demonstrations held at Michigan Central Express Terminal, 14th Street, Chicago Ill. before representatives of railroads, Railway Express Agency and shippers.
Reel OF 1170.5	Lift Truck, 1929 1 Film reel (black and white (first segment is tinted), silent, print; 16mm; 100 feet) Notes: Drop-side car is placed at unloading platform where sides are lowered by units which serve as bridges for the operation of lift trucks in removing containers.
Reel OF 1170.6	LCL Merchandise Containers, 1929 1 Film reel (black and white (tinted), silent, print; 16mm; 300 feet) Notes: Note on can: "Mdse. Brick & Lime"
Reel OF 1170.7	LCL Merchandise Containers, 1930 1 Film reel (black and white, silent, print; 16mm; 100 feet) Notes: Freight yard demonstration of merchandise containers; wide shots of another camera capturing the event.
Reel OF 1170.8	Unidentified shipping container film, 1930 1 Film reel (black and white, silent, print; 16mm; 200 feet) Notes: Footage of LCL shipping containers being moved on cranes.

Reel OF 1170.9	LCL Drop-side Container Car, 1931 1 Film reel (black and white, silent, print; 16mm; 400 feet) Notes: Drop-side container car demonstration for members of the Interstate Commerce Commission (Dr. Ezra Brainerd, Jr., Chairman of ICC, Leo P. Flynn, Attorney Examiner of ICC).
Reel OF 1170.10a; Reel OF 1170.10b	Movement of LCL Shipping Containers Between Baltimore and Houston 1 Film reel (black and white, silent, print; 16mm; 310 feet) 1 Film reel (black and white, silent, print; 16mm; 250 feet) Notes: Movement of LCL shipping containers between Baltimore and Houston, Texas via Port of New York and NEWTEX Steamship Line, Division of US Freight Company.
Reel OF 1170.11	Stacked Brick Container, 1934 1 Film reel (black and white, silent, print; 16mm; 180 feet)
Reel OF 1170.12	Bulk Containers, 1935 1 Film reel (black and white, silent, print; 16mm; 400 feet) Notes: Intertitle near head: "The new Alexander-Canawaugus Highway; 45000 barrels of cement and 47500 barrels of sand and stone all shipped in LCL Corporation containers over the NY central railroad to Taylor, New York."
Reel OF 1170.13	Means For Use in Loading and Unloading Container Cars, 1935 1 Film reel (black and white, silent, print; 16mm; 250 feet) Notes: Material is in poor condition and cannot be viewed or reproduced.
Reel OF 1170.14	Drop Bottom Cement Containers , 1939 1 Film reel (black and white, silent, print; 16mm; 100 feet) Notes: Inscription on box: Drop bottom cement containers, NYC Dock I - NY City, Pier 7 - Jersey City "Black Tom"
Reel OF 1170.15	LCL Air Activated Container, 1940 1 Film reel (black and white, silent, print; 16mm; 100 feet) Notes: Lackawanna Railroad freight yard; loading of LCL Corporation air activated containers.
Reel OF 1170.16	Cement Loading, 1958 1 Film reel (black and white, silent, print; 16mm; 100 feet) Notes: At the head of the film there is a sign reading "Wm. P. McDonald Corporation and Good Roads Engineering and Contracting Co Inc. Flushing, NY"  A truck marked "Cooney Bros. Sand and Stone Ready-Mixed Concrete" pulls up to a vertical cement silo and the material is loaded in.
Reel OF 1170.17	Dravo Contract #1 - Pier & Rail Barge Transloading, 1961 1 Film reel (black and white, silent, print; 16mm; 100 feet) Notes: Taunton River Bridge, Fall River, Massachusetts.

Reel OF 1170.18

Dravo Contract #2 - Mid-stream Operations, 1961

1 Film reel (black and white, silent, print; 16mm; 100 feet)

Notes: Taunton River Bridge, Fall River, Massachusetts.

Note on box: "100 Mbbls via AAC (NY Cent. - NYNNHH) [illegible] cement (Hudson N.Y. mill); AACs transloaded by barge mounted crane from [illegible] to barge (30 AACs/barge) pumped (single & double) w/900 SCFM 100 PSIG compressor on batch level barge."

AAC likely stands for "air activated containers".

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