Guide to the Lima Locomotive Works, Inc., Service Department Records

NMAH.AC.1180
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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title: Lima Locomotive Works, Inc., Service Department Records
Identifier: NMAH.AC.1180
Date: 1919-1949
Extent: 3 Cubic feet (17 boxes)
Creator: Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton Corporation
          Lima Railroad, Inc.
          Work and Industry, Division of, NMAH, SI
Language: English
Summary: The Service Department Records document the activity of the service
         and sales department of Lima Locomotive Works. Lima Locomotive
         Works manufactured Shay Locomotives in Lima, Ohio, from 1879 to
         1980 when production ended. This collection contains cards describing
         the purchasing and selling of Shay Locomotives, maintenance of the
         locomotives, and sales calls made by the company.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information
Unknown.

Provenance
Transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work and Industry, October 2009.

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Restrictions
The collection is open for research use.
Biographical / Historical

Founded in 1879, Lima Locomotive Works manufactured locomotives in Lima, Ohio. James Alley contracted the Lima Locomotive Works (then Lima Machine Works) to build the locomotive designed by Ephraim Shay. A few years later, the first Shay Geared Steam Locomotive was off the production line and on the rails. The Shay Geared Steam Locomotive became an especially popular mode of transporting lumber not only in the United States, but world wide. What made it different was the unusual cylinder arrangement. Two vertical cylinders drove a crankshaft, which in turn drove a pair of geared trucks through a system of universal joints and sliding shafts. By the 1940s, companies were seeking out a faster mode of rail transportation, and the Lima Locomotive Works ceased production of the Shay Geared Steam Locomotive and began its Diesel Locomotive line.


Scope and Contents

The Lima Locomotive Works, Inc., Service Department Records document the activity of the service and sales department of Lima Locomotive Works. The records consist of 5" x 7" cards.

Arrangement

The collection is one series with sixteen subseries.

Series 1, Service Department Records, 1919-1949

Subseries 1.1, Locomotive Number, undated

Subseries 1.2, Town Cards, 1919-1949

Subseries 1.3, Shay Locomotives in the United States, 1919-1949
Subseries 1.4, Shay Locomotives in Canada, 1919-1949
Subseries 1.5, Shay Locomotives in Foreign Countries, 1919-1949
Subseries 1.6, Direct Locomotives in the United States, 1919-1949
Subseries 1.7, United States Dead Files, 1919-1949
Subseries 1.8, Foreign Dead Files, 1919-1949
Subseries 1.9, Locomotive by United States Location, 1919-1949
Subseries 1.10, Locomotive by Canadian Location, 1919-1949
Subseries 1.11, Locomotive by Foreign Location, 1919-1949
Subseries 1.12, Inactive Shay Locomotive Owners, 1919-1949
Subseries 1.13, Visit Records, 1919-1949
Subseries 1.14, Dead Shay Ownership Cards, 1919-1949
Subseries 1.15, Road Repairs in the United States, 1919-1949
Subseries 1.16, Road Repairs in Canada, 1919-1949

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
Locomotives
Railroad companies

Types of Materials:
Business records -- 20th century
Card files

Names:
Work and Industry, Division of, NMAH, SI

Geographic Names:
Lima (Ohio)
Ohio
Container Listing

Series 1: Service Department Records, 1919-1949

Subseries 1.1: Locomotive Number, undated

Box 1 #1-#900
Box 2 #901-#2100
Box 3 #2101-#3200
Box 4 #3201-#8700; #9047-#9056; #9107-#9111; #20002

Subseries 1.2: Town Cards, 1919-1949

Box 4 A-G
Box 5 H-Z

Subseries 1.3: Shay Locomotives in the United States, 1919-1949

Box 6 Alabama to Washington
Box 7 West Virginia to Washington

Subseries 1.4: Shay Locomotives in Canada, 1919-1949

Box 7 Alberta
Box 7 British Columbia
Box 7 Manitoba
Box 7 Nova Scotia
Box 7 Ontario
Box 7 Quebec

Subseries 1.5: Shay Locomotives in Foreign Countries, 1919-1949
Box 7  Argentina
Box 7  Bolivia
Box 7  Brazil
Box 7  Chile
Box 7  Ecuador
Box 7  Peru
Box 7  Uruguay
Box 7  Australia
Box 7  Borneo
Box 7  Central America
Box 7  China
Box 7  Cuba
Box 7  England
Box 7  Hawaii
Box 7  Japan
Box 7  Mexico
Box 7  Philippines
Box 7  Puerto Rico

Subseries 1.6: Direct Locomotives in the United States, 1919-1949

Box 7  California to Pennsylvania
Box 7  Poland
Box 8  South Carolina to Wisconsin
Subseries 1.7: United States Dead Files, 1919-1949

Box 8 Arkansas
Box 8 Arizona
Box 8 Australia
Box 8 California
Box 8 Colorado
Box 8 Florida
Box 8 Georgia
Box 8 Idaho
Box 8 Illinois
Box 8 Indiana
Box 8 Iowa
Box 8 Kansas
Box 8 Kentucky
Box 8 Louisiana
Box 8 Maryland
Box 8 Massachusetts
Box 8 Michigan
Box 9 Minnesota
Box 9 Mississippi
Box 9 Missouri
Box 9  Montana
Box 9  Nevada
Box 9  New Hampshire
Box 9  New Mexico
Box 9  New York
Box 9  North Carolina
Box 9  Ohio
Box 9  Oklahoma
Box 9  Oregon
Box 9  North Dakota
Box 9  Pennsylvania
Box 9  South Carolina
Box 9  South Dakota
Box 9  Texas
Box 9  Utah
Box 9  Virginia
Box 9  Vermont
Box 10  Washington
Box 10  West Virginia
Box 10  Wisconsin

Subseries 1.8: Foreign Dead Files, 1919-1949
Box 10  Australia
Box 10  Canada
Box 10  Chile
Box 10  Cuba
Box 10  Mexico
Box 10  Nova Scotia
Box 10  Peru
Box 10  Philippines
Box 10  Puerto Rico

Subseries 1.9: Locomotive by United States Location, 1919-1949

Box 10  Alabama
Box 10  Arizona
Box 10  Arkansas
Box 10  California
Box 10  Colorado
Box 10  Florida
Box 10  Georgia
Box 10  Hawaii
Box 10  Idaho
Box 10  Illinois
Box 10  Indiana
Box 10  Iowa
Box 10  Kentucky
Box 10  Louisiana
Box 10  Maryland
Box 10  Massachusetts
Box 10  Michigan
Box 10  Minnesota
Box 11  Mississippi
Box 11  Montana
Box 11  Nevada
Box 11  New Hampshire
Box 11  New Jersey
Box 11  New Mexico
Box 11  New York
Box 11  North Carolina
Box 11  Ohio
Box 11  Oklahoma
Box 11  Oregon
Box 11  Pennsylvania
Box 11  South Carolina
Box 11  South Dakota
Box 11  Tennessee
Box 11  Texas
Box 11  Utah
Box 11  Vermont
Box 11  Virginia
Box 11  West Virginia
Box 11  Wisconsin
Box 11  Washington

Subseries 1.10: Locomotive by Canadian Location, 1919-1949
Box 11  British Colombia
Box 11  Nova Scotia
Box 11  Quebec

Subseries 1.11: Locomotive by Foreign Location, 1919-1949
Box 11  Argentina
Box 11  Austria
Box 11  Bolivia
Box 11  Chile
Box 11  Central America
Box 11  China
Box 11  Christmas Island
Box 11  Cuba
Box 11  Ecuador
Box 11  Japan
Box 12  Mexico
Box 12  Peru
Box 12  Philippines
Box 12  Puerto Rico
Box 12  Tasmania
Box 12  Uruguay

Subseries 1.12: Inactive Shay Locomotive Owners, 1919-1949
Box 12  Alabama
Box 12  Arizona
Box 12  Arkansas
Box 12  California
Box 12  Florida
Box 12  Georgia
Box 12  Idaho
Box 12  Illinois
Box 12  Indiana
Box 12  Iowa
Box 12  Kansas
Box 12  Louisiana
Box 12  Maine
Box 12  Massachusetts
Box 12  Minnesota
Box 12  Missouri
Box 12  Nebraska
Box 12  Nevada
Box 12  New Hampshire
Box 12  New Mexico
Box 12  New York
Box 12  North Carolina
Box 12  Ohio
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Box 12  Oregon
Box 12  Pennsylvania
Box 12  South Carolina
Box 12  South Dakota
Box 12  Tennessee
Box 12  Texas
Box 12  Utah
Box 12  Virginia
Box 12  Washington
Box 12  West Virginia
Box 12  Wisconsin
Box 12  Wyoming
Subseries 1.13: Visit Records, 1919-1949

Box 12 A
Box 13 B-J
Box 14 K-T
Box 15 U-Z

Subseries 1.14: Dead Shay Ownership Cards, 1919-1949

Box 15 A-K
Box 16 L-Z

Subseries 1.15: Road Repairs in the United States, 1919-1949

Box 16 Alabama
Box 16 Arkansas
Box 16 California
Box 16 Colorado
Box 16 Connecticut
Box 16 Florida
Box 16 Georgia
Box 16 Illinois
Box 16 Indiana
Box 16 Iowa
Box 16 Kansas
Box 16 Kentucky
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Subseries 1.16: Road Repairs in Canada, 1919-1949

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