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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Hiram Moore Collection
Date:	1835-1932 (bulk 1835-1850)
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1429
Creator:	Lyon, Lucius, 1800-1851 Moore, Hiram, 1801-1875
Extent:	0.15 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	The collection documents Hiram Moore's invention of a harvesting machine.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Immediate source of acquisition unknown.

Provenance

Found in the collection of the Division of Work and Industry, National Museum of American History. Transferred to the Archives Center in 2017.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Alison Oswald, archivist, 2021.

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Biographical / Historical

In 1834, Hiram Moore built and put into practical use the first successful grain combined harvester named Thresher which was patented in June 28, 1836 (US Patent: 9,793X).

Content Description

The collection consists mostly of letters, but also includes legal documents, promissory notes, receipts, and other documents, relating to a harvesting machine invented by Moore, at the suggestion of his neighbor, lawyer John Hascall. There are some later letters regarding the disposition of Moore's letters, and clippings regarding a monument erected to Moore in Michigan and his invention.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged into one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Agricultural machinery
- Agriculture
- Harvesting machinery
- Inventions -- 19th century
- Inventors -- 19th century

Types of Materials:

- Black-and-white photographs
- Clippings -- 1930-1950
- Letters (correspondence) -- 1920-1930
- Letters (correspondence) -- 19th century
- Promissory notes
- Receipts -- 19th century

Names:

- Hascall, John

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Correspondence, 1835-1836
Box 1, Folder 2	Correspondence, 1837-1839
Box 1, Folder 3	Correspondence, 1840-1844 Notes: Includes a small notebook of expenses, 1841.
Box 1, Folder 4	Correspondence, 1845-1850
Box 1, Folder 5	Correspondence, 1922, 1931-1932 Notes: Includes newspaper clippings about Hiram Moore's harvester-thresher machine and the dedication of a boulder to the memory of Hiram Moore in Battle Creek, Michigan.