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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Hooker-Howe Company Papers
Date:	1922-1938
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1475
Creator:	Hooker-Howe Costume Company
Source:	Renaud, Claire
Extent:	0.5 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Archival materials documenting the Hooker-Howe Costume Company's (Haverhill, Massachusetts) business providing costumes, wigs, make-up, props and other items for minstrel shows and other amateur theater.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated to the Archives Center in 2019 by Claire Renaud.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

The Hooker-Howe Costume Company was located in the Bradford District of Haverhill, Massachusetts. According to one of its catalogues it was created started in 1905. The company was headed by Mr. C. E. Hooker and consisted of the reception room; a show room; the main office; several wardrobe departments; the alteration, cleansing and pressing room; and the shipping department. Hooker-Howe offered costumes in addition to other items such as sets. Merchandise was shipped all across the country.

Content Description

Archival materials documenting the Hooker-Howe Costume Company's (Haverhill, Massachusetts) business providing costumes, wigs, make-up, props and other items for minstrel shows and other amateur theater. The collection includes advertisements, catalogs, trade literature, photographs of actors in costume, placards intended for advertising current or upcoming shows.

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:

- Costumes
- Minstrel shows
- Theater
- Theater -- History -- 20th century

Types of Materials:

- Advertisements -- 20th century
- Black-and-white photographs
- Catalogs
- Trade catalogs -- 20th century

Names:

- Renaud, Claire