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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Chambers Brothers and Company Records
Date:	circa 1867-1930, undated
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1530
Creator:	Chambers Brothers & Company (Manufacturer)
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering Gouran, Inc.
Extent:	2 Cubic feet (1 box, 1 map folder)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Collection documents the work of Chambers Brothers and Company located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and manufacturers of brick-making machinery.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Gouran, Incorporated, through President Clyde A. Cobb, April 24, 1974.

Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work & Industry in February 2022.

Related Materials

Archives Center, National Museum of American History

Windsor & Ford Business Records, NMAH.AC.0019

Agricultural and Brick Account Book, 1824-1846, NMAH.AC.0057

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

Underwood & Underwood Glass Stereograph Collection, NMAH.AC.0143

Transportation Nitrate Negatives, NMAH.AC.0790

Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Company Photographs and Other Materials, NMAH.AC.1007

Penn Station, New York, Photographs, NMAH.AC.1048

Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Photographs, NMAH.AC.1075

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Records, NMAH.AC.1086

Brooklyn Crozite Brick Corporation Records, NMAH.AC.1571

Smithsonian Institution Libraries and Archives

Chambers Brothers Company, trade catalogue, 1800s, Record Id:SILNMAHTL_10252

Other Repositories

Greater Philadelphia GeoHistory Network

Free Library of Philadelphia, Map Collection, Chambers Brothers & Company Machine Works & Foundry

Processing Information

Collection is processed.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Chambers Brothers and Company was established in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1857 and incorporated in 1888. It manufactured various products including paper folding machines, board cutters, brick making machines, embossing presses, mashing machines, paper litters, sheet varnishing machines, and pulleys.

Scope and Contents

Collection consists of the records of Chambers Brothers and Company. Materials include pamphlets, bulletins, catalogues, price lists, and a drawing room order book primarily relating to brick-making. The materials are arranged in chronological order.

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:

- Brickmaking
- Building materials
- Foundries
- Iron
- Machinists

Types of Materials:

Bulletins
Catalogs -- 20th century
Drawings

Names:

Gouran, Inc.
National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering
National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Bricks and brick making machinery, catalogue, 1867
Box 1, Folder 2	Sizes, styles, and prices of brickmaking machinery, catalogue, 1887 June
Box 1, Folder 3	Paper folding machinery, catalogue E, 1889 July 26
Box 1, Folder 4	Sizes, styles, and prices of brick making machinery, catalogue, 1891 April
Box 1, Folder 5	Price lists, 1893 February
Box 1, Folder 6	Order book for brickmaking machinery, 1896
Box 1, Folder 7	Friction clutch materials from other companies, 1906, undated
Box 1, Folder 8	Recommendations for lubrication of brick and tile machinery, 1930 July 1
Box 1, Folder 9	Bulletin for the number 5c rotary cutter, number 50, undated
Box 1, Folder 10	Friction clutch machinery, catalogue, undated
Box 1, Folder 11	Image of workers, undated
Box 1, Folder 12	Instruction bulletin for the number 5 automatic side cutter, number 20, undated
Box 1, Folder 13	Bulletin for the new number 8 brick cutter, undated
Map-folder 1	Oversize materials