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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Libraries
Title:	George B. Grant scrapbook
Date:	1873-1896
Identifier:	SIL-DL.MSS001780B
Creator:	Grant, George B. (George Barnard), 1849-1917 (Compiler) Philadelphia Bank Note Company (Philadelphia, Pa.) (Printer) Bollée, Léon, 1870-1913 Centennial Exhibition (1876 : Philadelphia, Pa.) Locke, L. Leland (Leslie Leland), b. 1875 (Former owner)
Extent:	1 Volume (approximately 70 leaves; ill.; 34 cm.)
Language:	Undetermined .
Summary:	Scrapbook compiled by George Barnard Grant (inventor of Grant's calculating machine), a businessman based in Lexington and Boston, Massachusetts, containing printed ephemera, machine manuals, handwritten and typescript notes and correspondence, photographs, patent applications, and other papers relating to calculating machines, inventors, the 1876 Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia, and Grant's patent dispute with Léon Bollée in the 1880s. Some of the other inventions and companies referenced in the scrapbook include: Baldwin's calculating machine; Reliance Machine Works (B.F. Quimby); Baldwin's arithmometer; Teasdale's calculating machine; American Type Machine Co. (Westcott type casting and setting machine); Babbage's difference engine; Warren on the Thomas De Colmar calculating machine; Warren Bros. calculating engine; Tendollaradder (Grant Calculating Machine Co.); tabulating machine of G. & E. Schuetz; the Pidgin Electric Calculating Machine Co.; Webb's adding machine; Sir William Thomson's harmonic analyzer; L. Bollée's calculating machine; Grant's ciphering hand-organ; and Hattersley composing and distributing machines.

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Items are tipped in or mounted on blank leaves.

Local Notes

SCDIRB copy39088016538316 has bookplate: Ex libris Leslie Leland Locke; with an illegible, partly erased stamp on front paste-down endpaper: Bak[...] Kennedy, [...]Jers, 326 Chestnut Street, Phila.

SCDIRB copy has 5 items mounted on the front paste-down endpaper: 1. Engraved U.S. Int. Rev. cigarettes tax stamp, 20, series of 1879, with portrait of DeWitt Clinton, act of March 14, 1879, Bureau Engraving & Printing (on blue cardstock); 2. Engraved ticket, "International Exhibition return pass" signed (lithographed?) by David G. Yates, general manager of admission, engraved by the Philadelphia Bank Note Company (on blue cardstock); 3. Engraved ticket, "International Exhibition return pass" signed (lithographed?) by David G. Yates, general manager of admission, engraved by the Philadelphia Bank Note Company (on white cardstock); 4. Engraved ticket (completed by hand), "International Exhibition 1876", admit Geo. B. Grant Esq. c/o Wm. R. Rogers, to main building until May 9, 1876, A.T. Goshorn, director general, with countersign stamp of Henry Petit, chief of bureau installation; 5. Engraved ticket (completed by hand), "1776-1876, United States International Exhibition, Philadelphia, May 10th, Nov. 10th", no. 29242, Mr. Geo. B. Grant, as exhibitor, country U.S., class 1303, signed (lithographed?) by David G. Yates, gen'l manager dept. admissions, Philadelphia Bank Note Company (on orange cardstock).

SCDIRB copy has a contemporary gilt-tooled red half-leather binding with blue embossed cloth-covered boards (probably a commercially-produced blank book); re-backed with brown cloth book-tape.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Calculators
- Calculators -- United States -- Patents
- Inventions
- Office equipment and supplies industry -- United States

Types of Materials:

- Admission tickets
- Tax records

Names:

- Centennial Exhibition (1876 : Philadelphia, Pa.)
- Grant, George B. (George Barnard), 1849-1917