

## **WALTHAM BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**

### **Leslie Nesky Collection**

#### **Acquisitions #2000-38 and #2004-03**

#### **Scope and Content**

This collection was donated by Leslie Nesky, a local resident and member of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. She is a volunteer at the Charles River Museum of Industry in Waltham. The collection concentrates on material pertaining to the employees of the old watch companies of Waltham. These include: Howard Clock, Howard Watch, American Watch Tool, American Waltham Watch, United States Watch, Waltham Watch, Waltham Machine Works, and others.

The collection is diverse in type and coverage. It includes: 300 photographs, original and photocopies; a video of the Howard Clock building; an audiotape of an interview with Howard Badger, a long-time employee of Waltham Watch and Bulova Watch Companies; 2 CD-ROMs of photographs and lists; scrapbooks, catalogues, clippings, newsletters and papers. It covers the period from the late nineteenth century, through company formations, mergers and spin-offs, through the war years, reorganization efforts of the 1950's and early years of Waltham Precision Instruments, the final chapter.

Many topics are covered. These range from business contracts and patents, schematics, product lists, advertisements and employee biographies to union organization materials and publications. Noteworthy are materials relating to Edmund L. Sanderson, well-known inventor, historian and writer, and his years at Waltham Machine Works. These include copies of personal correspondence, notes and sketches, his personal notebook from 1896-1903, 21 photographs and a scrapbook.

#### **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged in three boxes, consisting of seventeen, twenty and eighteen folders respectively.