

# WALTHAM BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

## **Richardson Collection**

### **Acquisition # 2002-11**

#### **Scope and Content**

This collection consists of two scrapbooks compiled by Pierre Thomas "Spike" Dumaine, one-time head of Waltham Watch Co. They were donated by a family member in Maine, where was located the famous Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. Pierre served as a member of the Amoskeag holding company.

The scrapbooks include newspaper clippings, magazine ads, photos, letters, promotional materials and miscellaneous publications and mementos. One scrapbook, colored black, covers primarily the war years (World War II) at Waltham Watch Co. It includes material on war production, awards, unionization, management, post-war training, tariff problems and correspondence with overseas officials. It also includes 83 photographs. Particularly interesting are war production schedules; the Army-Navy "E" Awards; the 1944 and 1945 Annual Reports; official departure permits of Pierre Dumaine, Jr. and Sr.; letters from Pierre and Frederic Dumaine; magazine ads, and tariff negotiation articles.

The second scrapbook, colored red, concerns Pierre and Frederic's careers after Waltham Watch. This covers the years with the Boston & Maine Railroad; the New England Transportation Co., a subsidiary of the New Haven Railroad; and the Piggy Back Service Corporation. It runs from approximately 1955-58 and includes 26 photographs. Interesting are materials relating to management and takeover fights, a bus strike, efforts to build the piggy-back service, and a spectacular train crash. It also includes promotional materials by a French piggy-back firm and a Cambridge, Mass. equipment manufacturer.