

WALTHAM BUSINESS **WALTHAM WATCHES**

Scope and Content

This series contains information about the American Watch Tool Company, the Appleton Tracy Company, the Howard Watch Company, the Waltham Clock Company, and the Waltham Watch Company. The materials housed here include catalogs, photographs, histories, newsletters, handbooks, price guides, publications and clippings.

Two major donations contribute a great deal of information. The Richardson Collection consists of two scrapbooks compiled by Pierre Thomas "Spike" Dumaine, one-time head of the Waltham Watch Co. They detail his career both at and after the Watch Company. The other donation, the Leslie Nesky Collection, provides information relating to employees of the old watch companies, including Howard Clock, Howard Watch, American Watch Tool, American Waltham Watch, United States Watch, Waltham Watch, Waltham Machine Works, and others.

A large portion of this collection includes publications about the outstanding Watch industry in Waltham. Histories describe the development and role of this unique Waltham business and focus mainly on the Waltham Watch Company. This factory is depicted as the leader of the industry on an international scale. Its importance to the city of Waltham and its immigrant population is examined. Publications illustrate the personnel, their inventions, the watches, the spin-off companies, the factory working conditions and events such as the strike of 1924. Publications about watch factory personnel include a series on watch company superintendents Albert E. Bacon and Charles W. Fogg.

In addition to the publications, the catalogs, handbooks and advertisements from the early twentieth century are evidence of Waltham's historic role in the mass production of watches. As with the publications, the bulk of these materials relate to the Waltham Watch Company. There is a fairly large collection of catalogs dated from approximately 1900-1925. An interesting set of information includes the newsletters and minutes of the Riverside Club dated 1919. Clubs such as this offered company workers recreational activities in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and helped promote a "family" atmosphere among workers. (In Waltham, the Boston Manufacturing Company had similar clubs and events organized for its workers.)

Arrangement

This is an artificially arranged collection made up of materials found boxed haphazardly in the Waltham Room in 1994. It also consists of subsequent small donations. Items are arranged in series by watch company and are then broken down into material or subject types. If applicable, each watch company has subseries of catalogs, advertisements, photographs and prints, publications, and newsclippings. The Waltham Watch Company also has a general history subseries. There is also a general subseries of publications that includes information about the watch industry in Waltham and books and articles about the various individual factories in Waltham.

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WALTHAM INDUSTRY
Watches

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>
1	American Watch Tool Company -
	- Catalogs (2 folders)
	1882 1884
	1885 1890
	1898 1904
	1910 1912
	1915 1918
	- Newsclippings
	- Maps
	- Advertisements
	- Photographs
	Appleton, Tracy and Company - Watch Factory
	- Drawings of company, ND
	Howard Watch Company
	- Nijssen, Gerrit. <i>The Watches of E. Howard & Company</i> , article in "NAWCC Bulletin" Vol. 36, no. 292, Oct. 1994 Accession # 2000-42
	- Business card, E. Howard Clock Co., ND Accession # 2000-40
	- Photographs, ND; # 344, 346
	- Newsclippings
	- Photocopies of catalogs and advertisements
	Waltham Clock Company
	- Catalogs of Clocks
	1907; ca 1916; 1921 (incomplete) Accession # 2009-08
	<i>Waltham Clock Co. Price list</i> , 1914 Accession # 1996-19b
	<i>Waltham Clock Co. Hall Clocks</i> , 1914 Accession # 1996-19c
	Waltham Watch Company
	History
	Catalogs, Advertisements and other publications by Waltham Watch Co. (4 folders)
	<i>Watch Dials</i> , ND
	<i>The Waltham Ad Book</i> , 1911
	<i>The Perfected American Watch - Waltham Watch Company</i> , 1910
	<i>The Waltham Box Chronometer</i> , ND
	<i>The Waltham Speedometer</i> , 1916 <i>Did You Ever Think?</i> ND
	<i>The Gift For A Prince</i> , ND <i>Waltham 8 Day Pieces</i> , ND
	<i>Colonial: The Thin Watch</i> , ND
	<i>The Riverside Family</i> , ND <i>Good Time on Your Automobile</i> , ND
	<i>His Boy - Riverside Colonial Ad</i> , ND
	<i>A Better Timepiece for Automobiles, Motorboats and Yachts</i> , c. 1925
	<i>Main Springs - Waltham Watch Company</i> , 1905
	<i>The Watch Premier Maximus</i> , ND
	<i>A New Chronometer</i> , ND

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1 (cont.)	Waltham Watch Company (cont.)	
	Catalogs, Advertisements and other publications by Waltham Watch Co.	
	<i>Waltham Watches</i> , 1911	
	<i>Waltham Watches Are Best for Every Branch of the Service</i> , ND	
	<i>Mental Nuts- Can You Crack Em?</i> 1900	
	<i>Waltham 8 Day Timepieces for Motorists and Yachtsmen</i> , ND	
	<i>The Equity Watch</i> , ND	
	<i>Waltham Colonial Watches</i> , ND	
	<i>Waltham Watch Co. - Catalog of Clocks</i> , ND	
	<i>The Marsh Patent Watch</i> , ND	
	<i>A Few Antique Watches from The Collection of Franklin Dennison</i> ,	ND
	<i>The Equity Watch</i> , ND (2 copies)	
	Miscellaneous ads and pages from catalogs	
	<i>Watch Material Catalog</i> , 1911	
	<i>Waltham: The World's Watch OverTime</i> , ND (not boxed)	
2	Watchmakers Handbooks -	
	1945; 1897; 1934; ND	
	<i>American Pocket Watch ID and Price Guides</i> ,	
	1974; 1976	
	1980 Accession # 2000-38	
	<i>Important Watches, Wristwatches and Clocks</i> . Sotheby's, 1998 Acc# 1998-10	
	Minutes - Waltham Watch Co. and Riverside Club - 1920-21	
	Riverside Club -	
	- Newsletters (bound), 1919	
	- Minutes (published and bound), 1919 - <i>missing</i>	
	Jan. 1920	
	Nov. 1922	
	- Newsclippings	
3	Personnel	
	- Albert Bacon (by Alfred E. Brain, in "NAWCC Bulletin," Oct. 1990)	
	- John Fahey (letter)	
	- Charles W. Fogg (by Alfred E. Brain, in "NAWCC Bulletin," Dec. 1990)	
	- Olof Ohlson (obituary), 1946	
	Photos - (2 folders)	
	Poster - "Factory of Waltham Watch Company" ND (not boxed)	
	Clippings - includes Waltham Dial	
4	Watch Publications -	
	Bobino, August. <u>The Watch Makers of Massachusetts</u> , 1987. (not boxed)	
	Boehmer, Clifford et al. "A Model Factory in A Model City," 1986.	
	Britten, FJ. <u>Old Clocks and Watches and Their Makers</u> , 1911.	
	(not boxed)	(cont.)

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4 (cont.)	Watch Publications (cont.) - Brown, Joseph E. - Accession #1996-5a <u>Horologe Americana - The American Pocketwatch: Brief Chronological History</u> , 1969. <u>The Invention of an Improved Compensation Balance: The Mechanical Genius of Charles Vanderwoerd</u> , ND (photocopy) <u>The Other Watch Factories in Waltham: A Compendium on Industrial Development</u> , ND (photocopy) Burt, Edwin B. "Waltham Dial Company," 1956. Dervan, Andrew H. Articles (NAWCC Bulletin) – Accession #2011-07 <i>Waltham Clock Company: History and Clock Production</i> , April 2005 <i>United States Watch Company (Waltham, MA): History and Watch Production</i> , October 2007 <i>Stark Tool Company</i> , 2008 <i>American Watch Tool Company</i> , 2008 <i>Hopkins Watch Tool Company and Waltham Watch Tool Company</i> , 2009 <i>Mr. Locke's Ladies' Watch Factory: Columbia and Suffolk Watch Companies of Waltham, MA</i> , February 2011 <i>F.W. Derbyshire, Inc.</i> , August 2011 Foley, Martha. <u>First Draft Spin-offs of the Waltham Watch Company</u> , 1857-1900. Frese, Fred. <u>Watch Factory Life in Verse</u> . 1937 Hopkins, J. <u>The Machines That Never Stop</u> . 1907 Kleinlein, Walter J. <u>Rules and Practice For Adjusting Watches</u> , 1920 <u>Practical Balance and Hair-Spring Work</u> . 1925. Garshick, Rachel. <u>Paternalism Upset: The Waltham Watch Factory Strike of 1924</u> , 1987. Gitelman, H.M. <i>The Labor Force at Waltham Watch During the Civil War Era</i> , in "Journal of Economic History," 1965. Landers, David S. <u>Revolution in Time: Clocks and the Making of the Modern World</u> , 1983. (not boxed) Marsh, E A. - <u>The Evolution of Automatic Machinery as Applied to the Manufacture of Watches at Waltham, Massachusetts by the American Waltham Watch Co.</u> , 1896. <u>Workers Together: A Story of Pleasant Conditions in an Exacting Industrial Establishment.</u> , 1917. Accession #1996-19a Milham, Willis. <u>Time and Timekeepers</u> , 1941 (not boxed) Moore, Charles W. <u>Timing a Century</u> (History of the Waltham Watch Company), 1945. Reid, Thomas. <u>A Treatise on Clock and Watch Making</u> , 1913. (not boxed) Swinton, John. "A Model Factory in A Model City: Waltham Watch Company," 1888. Waltham News Tribune. <u>Stating the Case For The Waltham Watch</u> , ND

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4 (cont.)	Watch Publications (cont.) - Waltham Watch Company. <u>Home of The Waltham Watch.</u> 1911-1912 c. 1913 Accession #1996-19d 1917 <u>Waltham and The European Made Watch.</u> 1919.