

Rodney Hunt Company Records

1862-1987

316 boxes, 150 loose bound volumes (158 linear ft.)

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The Rodney Hunt Company Records document the operation of one of the region's major producers of textile machinery, water wheels, turbines, and other specialty industrial products. Founded in Orange, Massachusetts, in 1840, the company was incorporated in 1873. Still an active concern, it continues to sell its products in international markets.

Due to a fire in 1882 and several floods in later years, relatively few early records of the Rodney Hunt Company survive, but from the time of its incorporation in 1873, documentation improves, with nearly complete coverage from the period 1883-1914. The collection provides an excellent introduction to the history of technology and industry in 19th- and 20th-century Massachusetts. Of particular note is the incoming correspondence from 1876 to 1903, which is nearly complete. Other materials include company histories, correspondence, board minutes, blueprints, installation drawings, sketchbook drawings, patents, payroll ledgers, account books, price lists, sales books, brochures, catalogs, newsletters, subject files and photographs.

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Background on Rodney Hunt Company

The Rodney Hunt Company, founded in Orange, Massachusetts in the 1840s, built textile machinery, water wheels, turbines, and other specialty industrial products. Although based in Orange, it competed in international markets in its specialties.

Chronology of Rodney Hunt Co.

1810

Mr. Rodney Hunt born in Ashburnham (Town of Orange, Massachusetts incorporated) on

July 10.

ca. 1840	Rodney Hunt begins working in a household furniture plant run by Reuben Harris.
1844-1858	Rodney Hunt moves permanently to a farm in Orange. He works as general millwright in different cotton-, woolen-, saw-, and grist-mills in the Orange area.
1846	David Flint begins working for Rodney Hunt.
1855	James Waite begins working for Rodney Hunt.
1859	Rodney Hunt builds his first textile machine, a fulling mill, and employs a few workmen. He also purchases a shop on Millers River.
1861-1865	During the Civil War the Rodney Hunt Company grows as the demand for textiles increases. Rodney Hunt begins to make finishing equipment for John Mills Wool Fulling Mills in Partridgeville and Athol, Massachusetts.
1865	Partnership is formed, "Hunt, Waite, & Flint."
1869	Rodney Hunt builds his first water turbine.
1873	Rodney Hunt Machine Company is incorporated.
1878	Work force of 34.
1879	Nelson Harris comes to Orange to work for Rodney Hunt.
1881	Roscoe White is hired by William Harris; he thereafter works for 18 years in the eastern part of the state setting up and installing water wheels for the many customers Rodney Hunt Company has in that area.
1882	A fire on January 24, 1882 destroys some company records (but not nearly as much as was expected, since most records were stored in an old iron safe which was salvaged after the fire) and nearly all of the company's buildings and equipment. A circular letter is sent March 1, 1882 to all customers stating the company's intention to remain in business. Focus of activity shifts to a new site (present day site) about one-half mile east of the former site. Nelson Harris designs a new foundry, machine shop, pattern shop and other buildings on this new site. Rodney Hunt Machine Company sells a small parcel of land, the remaining foundry shop and their interests in the water rights to the New Home Sewing Machine Company for 85,000.
1886	Nelson Harris receives patent on "Hunt Turbine."
1887	Nelson Harris becomes superintendent of the firm; the first of many floods which affect company operation occurs.

1888	Elbridge Harris moves to Malden, Massachusetts and establishes a "Boston office" at 70 Kirby Street.
1889	Rodney Hunt dies at the age of 78 on May 24, 1889; Elbridge Harris becomes president.
1891	The company employs about 125 men.
1892	Nelson Harris makes plans, for a new machine shop (east of old one) and additional machinery
1894	Nelson Harris arranges with the Jolly brothers, of Holyoke Machine Company, to purchase some of their turbine designs. By incorporating features they patent the Hunt-McCormick Turbine. William O. Harris follows his father, Elbridge Harris to Malden. William becomes the clerk of the company and works in the new Boston office.
1897	All boiler plate work for flumes, draft tubes and penstocks, which had been previously contracted to outside companies, is hereafter done at Rodney Hunt; another flood occurs.
1899	William "Billy" Baines starts working for the company as an apprentice, and by 1905 is the foreman of the assembly department, working on water wheel turbines, governors, rotary fire pumps, etc.
1900	A major flood causes some damage to the company.
ca. 1900	Miss Norcross is the first woman to work for the company, as a bookkeeper.
1903	Carl Harris begins working for company.
1906	Elbridge Harris dies, Nelson Harris becomes president.
1907	The company buys property with water rights at Partridgeville and renames the lake to Lake Rohunta.
1908	Lake Rohunta power station built.
1910-1913	Carl Harris commutes by train to work for the Simplex Time Recorder Company in Gardner, eventually patenting several designs for them.
1914	About 100 men work at the company.
1917	Carl Harris acquires controlling interest in the Rodney Hunt Company.
1919	Carl Harris makes floor plans and converts what is then a lumber shed to a roll manufacturing shop.
1924	Rebuilding and adding on to the office is carried out.
1929	Onset of depression and period of economic loss. Also Messrs. Riggs and Lombard, who had been engineers in the textile department, leave Rodney Hunt, taking with them

various drawings and information. They establish a competitive company in Lowell, Massachusetts.

1930s	The development of the use of stainless steel for textile machinery is a great "first" for Rodney Hunt. The company is the first ever to erect a building specifically designed for stainless steel fabrication.
1932	The use of a time clock record of employees' time begins, and rates of all salaried employees are readjusted to approximate a 15% cut from October 11, 1931 rates.
1935	The Water Control Apparatus Division is formed.
1936	Fire destroys the boiler plate building. A major flood results in several feet of water and ice accumulating in the office which destroys records, furniture and equipment. Damage is greatest to the shops and foundry, where machinery had to be replaced or repaired.
1938	As a result of the "great" hurricane and flood, Rodney Hunt suffers severe losses, not, only to the main plant but also to Lake Rohunta where the dam and power station are washed away.
1940s	Economic stability resumes; company grows and prospers. During World War II the armed services once again call for a dramatic increase in uniform fabric. Rodney Hunt helps the war effort by keeping textile mills supplied with finishing machinery.
1947	Earl Harris starts working for company.
1950s	The company has five divisions: Textile Machinery, Water Wheels, Water Control Equipment, Industrial Rolls, and Process Equipment.
1955	Water wheel division is sold due to decreased demand for turbines, a special provision is made not to sell the Brook Water Wheel Division.
1956	Carl Harris retires; Earl Harris becomes president, pension plan established.
1960	Carl Harris dies.
1966	Name is changed to the Rodney Hunt Company.
1968	Process equipment division is sold.
1969	Establishment of five year building improvement plan.
1975	Textile machinery division is sold.
1976	Channing C. Harris writes "The History of Rodney Hunt Company, Orange Massachusetts." At this time the company employs about 300 people and has one of the most, modern foundries in the East.

Scope of collection

Records document the administration, operation, production and labor of the Hunt Company from its early history as a machine shop to its eventual establishment, through economic depression, fire and floods, as an industrial manufacturer of textile machinery, water wheels, turbines, and water control equipment. Company histories, correspondence, board minutes, blueprints, installation drawings, sketchbook drawings, patents, payroll ledgers, account books, price lists, sales books, brochures, catalogs, newsletters, subject files and photographs comprise the collection.

All of the loose volumes have a separate corresponding inventory sheet summarizing physical characteristics, description, and content of each volume. These sheets are located in folders throughout the collection as dictated by the overall collection arrangement. The specific folder(s) should be consulted for a general overview of each volume. Each of the volumes has been assigned a control number which identifies its location in the 150 loose volumes physically grouped at the end of the collection.

Arrangement

This collection is organized into eleven series:

- **Series 1. Organization and Administration, 1872-1942**
- **Series 2. Executive, 1871-1979**
- **Series 3. Financial, 1869-1938, n.d.**
- **Series 4. Purchasing, 1887-1888**
- **Series 5. Sales, 1878-1978, n.d.**
- **Series 6. Labor, 1869-1943, n.d.**
- **Series 7. Production, 1873-1915, n.d.**
- **Series 8. Subsidiaries, 1907-1910, n.d.**
- **Series 9. Personal, 1889-1940**
- **Series 10. Reference Materials, 1840-1968, n.d.**
- **Series 11. Photos, 1874-1987, n.d.**

Series descriptions

Series 1. Organization and Administration

1872-1942

6 volumes,
1 box,
0.25
linear ft.

The activities of the Rodney Hunt Company Board of Directors and Stock-Holders (1872-1942) are revealed in their stock certificates books and Stock-Holders meeting records contained in Sub-series 1. Records of legal and property transactions, found in Sub-series 2, are limited to copyright and patent information (1897-1909) and one proposal with Winthrop Mills Co. (1921).

Series 2. Executive

1871-1979

55
volumes,
280
boxes,
113.25
linear ft.

Contents:

Sub-series 1 is comprised of a collection of general files including "Historic Records Inventory Project" (1979), "History of the Rodney Hunt Company"(1976), and miscellaneous items (1887-1979) such as insurance policies, newsletters, notes, reports, subject files and tax hills. By far the largest volume of records in the whole collection is contained in Sub-series 2: Correspondence, In/Out. The in-coming correspondence, dating from 1876 to 1903 is basically complete with only occasional gaps. Of special interest are boxes 226 and 227 which hold the correspondence of William O. Harris (1903-1907) from his Boston office to the Rodney Hunt Company main office in Orange. Only a sample selection of the 1917/1918 and 1926/1927 in-coming correspondence was taken because of the poor physical condition of the stored records. A large number (54) of letter copying books (1871-1903) containing duplicate out-going correspondence survived the several floods to which the records were exposed. Volumes 14 and 51 document settlements (1888-1893) between Rodney Hunt and outside companies. The remainder of this series consists of fragments of in/out correspondence files for the years 1911-1914.

Related material:

Additional correspondence, pertaining to sales, can be found in Series 5, Sub-series 3.

Series 3. Financial

1869-1938, n.d.

56
volumes,
2 boxes,
1.25

linear ft.

The financial accounts (1869-1938), comprising 56 volumes and additional documentation, represent the most complete record in any series. This series ranges from accounts with the Orange National Bank to a ledger of entries for the Hydro-Electric Power Plant at Lake Rohunta. These daily, weekly and monthly accounts document the financial workings of this ever-changing company.

Series 4. Purchasing

1887-1888
1 box,
0.25
linear ft.

This series is limited to bills and receipts for the years 1887-1888, documenting purchases of raw materials and services rendered.

Series 5. Sales

1878-1978, n.d.
23
volumes,
6 boxes,
3 linear
ft.

Sales records are divided into three major sub-series, as follows: Accounts, which consist principally of traveling salesmen's expense account books, express charges, orderbooks, price lists, sales books and journals; Advertising materials, which include articles about Rodney Hunt Co. (1947-1978), brochures (1960s), catalogues (1878-1903), newsletters (1940s-1960s), circulars, reference materials and miscellaneous items for gate/hoists, rolls, textile machinery, water wheels and miscellaneous production items; and Correspondence, comprised of address lists (including a 1969 export list), bills for woolen machinery, water wheels and mill work, reference information and subject files for parts and machinery (1912-1913).

Series 6. Labor

1869-1943, n.d.
8 volumes,
10
boxes,
5.75
linear ft.

The records are divided into applications/benefits and payroll accounts. For the most part, the applications and benefits files center on the years 1910-1920. Especially interesting are the Liberty Loan (war bonds) records which detail the employees' and company's support of WWI. An excellent collection of payroll accounts has also survived. Payroll ledgers span the years 1869-1943 with only one gap for the years 1919-1927. Also noteworthy are the bills for work, expenses and installation of machinery (1880s and 1890s).

Series 7. Production

1873-1915, n.d.
2 volumes,
6 boxes,
2.75
linear ft.

Contents:

Blueprints and specifications (1873-1907) are very well represented in this series. These detailed drawings comprise the very heart and soul of the Rodney Hunt Company. Additional production records detail raw materials, stock inventory and sales inventory accounts.

Related material:

For photographic reproductions of the very early Sketch Book (18-14-717) see Series 11: Photos.

Series 8. Subsidiaries

1907-1910, n.d.
2 boxes,
1 linear
ft.

This interesting collection of Carl Harris' "side-line" undertakings consists of files from the Harris Register Company, other "Adder Companies", C.C. Harris & Co. (unigraph) and Rivet-O Manufacturing Co. Items included in this series range from advertisements to actual "working models". One piece of personal correspondence (folder 9) is between C.C. Harris and his uncle Ike for a loan of money to start up a company in 1909.

Series 9. Personal - (Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Harris)

1889-1940
1 box,
0.25
linear ft.

Included are some personal papers of Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Harris. It appears that Mr. Harris kept some of his private papers (1906-1909) interfiled with the Rodney Hunt Company records. This series was gathered from fragmented and routine correspondence files and could possibly represent only part of what is in the collection.

Series 10. Reference Materials

1840-1968, n.d.
6 boxes,
3 linear
ft.

Contents:

This collection of miscellanea and published patents represents reference materials used by various individuals within the company in the daily performance of their jobs. Copies of labor publications and tax laws are also included in this series. The numerous patents, are unfortunately all from other companies or individuals. They are for the most part concerned with water wheels, turbines, tidal engines, rotary pumps, centrifugal pumps and paper mill machinery; also included is one file on time keeping devices.

Related material:

"Associated Industries of Massachusetts" booklets and bulletins (1918-1923) were separated and relocated in MS 155).

Series 11. Photographs

1874-1987, n.d.
1 box,
0.25
linear ft.

This final series contains 11 folders of miscellaneous photographs taken from the previous 10 series and from outside sources. Especially interesting is the article on the history of R.H.C., "A Bicentennial Salute: Rodney Hunt Co. Since 1840" done in 1979, and the photographic reproductions of the very early sketchbook (1874-1877) which is still in custody of the Rodney Hunt Company.

Collection inventory

Series 1. Organization and Administration

1872-1942
6 volumes,
1 box,
0.25
linear ft.

Board of Directors and Stockholders

Box

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| • Stock Certificate Books (Vols. 30-32) | 1873-1942 | Box 1: 1 |
| • Stock-Holder Meeting - Order of Annual Meeting | c.1914 | Box 1: 2 |
| • Stock-Holder Announcements and Power of Attorney | 1908, 1909 | Box 1: 3 |
| • Stock-Holders' Records (Vols. 27-29) | 1872-1939 | Box 1: 4 |

Legal and Property

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| • Copyrights | 1897 | Box 1: 5 |
| • Patents, Correspondence Concerning | 1912 | Box 1: 6 |

• Patents, Correspondence with Southgate & Southgate	1907-1909	Box 1: 7
• Patents, Tool Post	(1906-1909)	Box 1: 8
• Proposal - Winthrop Mills Co.	1921	Box 1: 9

Series 2. Executive

1871-1979 55
volumes,
280
boxes,
113.25
linear ft.

General Files

• "Historic Records Inventory Project"	1979	Box 2: 1
• "History of the Rodney Hunt Company" by Channing C. Harris	1976	Box 2: 2
• "History of the Rodney Hunt Machine Co.	1962	Box 2: 2a
• Insurance policies - Fire	(1900-1909)	Box 2: 3-4
• Insurance policies - General	1902, 1905	Box 2: 5
• Newsletter - "All. Hands"	1957-1958	Box 2: 6
• Notes to "N.E.H."	1910-1911	Box 2: 7
• Notes to "R.C.H."	1913	Box 2: 8
• Reports - Customer Reports on Rodney Hunt	1940, 1950, 1951	Box 2: 9
• Reports - Marketing Report, "HUE-Master"	c.1969	Box 2: 10
• Subject Files - Christmas Announcements	1949, 1958	Box 2: 11
• Subject Files - Open House	1945, 1951, 1955	Box 2: 12
• Subject Files - Prime Mover Control Museum	1965	Box 2: 13
• Tax Bills	1887, 1890-1892	Box 2: 14

Correspondence, IN/OUT

• Correspondence IN (Inventory of boxes 3-44, duplicate)	1876-1887	Box 2: 15
• (Inventory of old arrangement, A-M)	1887-1907	Box 2: 16
• (Inventory of new arrangement for boxes 45-225, duplicate)	1887-1907	Box 2: 17
• Correspondence IN (A-Z)	1876-1887	Box 3-44
• Correspondence IN (As-By)	1887-1902, 1903-1907	

•		Box 45-72
• Correspondence IN (Ca-Dy)	1887-1902, 1904-1907	Box 73-94
• Correspondence IN (Ea-Gy)	1887-1907	Box 95-118
• Correspondence IN (Haa-Jy)	1887-1907	Box 119-145
• Correspondence IN (Kaa-Ly)	1889-1907	Box 146-155
• Correspondence IN (Maa-My)	1887-1907	Box 156-166
• Correspondence IN (Na-Q)	1887-1907	Box 167-182
• Correspondence IN (Raa-Shy)	1887-1906	Box 183-194
• Correspondence IN (Si-Ty)	1890-1901, 1904-1907	Box 195-207
• Correspondence IN (U-Z)	1887-1907	Box 208-225
• Correspondence IN-- Harris, W.O. (Boston office to Orange)	1903-1907	Box 226-227
• Correspondence IN/OUT--Alpha Files: A-Z	1905, 1907-1914, 1918	Box 228
• Correspondence IN/OUT--Subject Files: T	1914	Box 228
• Correspondence IN (A-Z)	1917-1918	Box 229-246
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• Correspondence OUT: Letter Copying Books(Vols. #25,26,48, 49,55-103)	1871, 1877, 1884-1903	Box 2: 18
• Correspondence OUT: Letter Copying Books.	c. 1908-1909	Box 278
• Correspondence OUT: Settlement Memos (Vols. #51,14)	1888-1893	Box 2: 19
• Correspondence OUT: Alpa files: A-Z	1911-1913	Box 279-280
• Correspondence IN/OUT (Feb.-Nov.)	1914	Box 280-281
• Correspondence OUT: (A-Re)	1914	Box 281

Series 3. Financial

1869-1938, n.d.

56
volumes,
2 boxes,
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linear ft.

Account Books

• Account with Orange National Bank (Vol-20)	1886	Box 282: 1
• Assets and Liabilities (Vol.12)	1869-1871	Box 282: 2
• Cash Balance	1895-1897	Box 282: 3
• (Vol.24)	1897-1899	Box 282: 4
• Cash Books (Vols.104-116)	1872-1918	Box 282: 5
• Day Book (Vol.23)	1876-1878	Box 282: 6
• Journals (Vols.1, 7, 118-129)	1868-1918	Box 282: 7
• Ledgers (Vols.18, 117, 132-150)	1862-1938	Box 282: 8
• Ledger-Hydro Electric Power Plant, (Vol.44)	1907-1908	Box 282: 9
• Petty Cash Book	1914	Box 282: 10
• Trial Balance (over size box)	1879	Box 283
• Trial Balance (vol.3)	1885	Box 282: 11
• Trial Balance (over size box)	1905-1911, 1916, n.d.	Box 283
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Papers, Statements, etc.

• Balance Sheets	1887	Box 282: 13
• Bills or Accounts Payable/Receivable	1889	Box 282: 14
• Cancelled Checks	1890	Box 282: 15
• Cash Vouchers	1890	Box 282: 16
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• Interest Inventory	1912-1913	Box 282: 18
• Promissary Notes	1882, 1891	Box 282: 19
• Statements - Assets and Liabilities	1894-1898	Box 282: 20

Series 4. Purchasing

1887-1888

1 box,
0.25
linear ft.

Bills	1887, 1888	Box 284: 1
Bills and Receipts (Feb.-Sep.)	1887	Box 284: 2

Series 5. Sales

1878-1978, n.d.
23
volumes,
6 boxes,
3 linear
ft.

Accounts

• Expense Account Books, Traveling Salesmen's (includes notes, confirmations, correspondence) H.C. Riggs E W.J. Simonds	1926-1927	Box 285: 1-2
• Express (shipping charges)	1892-1896	Box 285: 3
• Express (shipping charges)	1914-1816	Box 285: 4
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• Price Lists (vol.13)	1921-1933	Box 285: 9
• Sales Book (vol.10)	1874-1880	Box 285: 10
• Sales Journal (vol.5)	1874-1875	Box 285: 11
• Sales Journal (vol.130)	1877-1878	Box 285: 12
• Sales Journal (wheels sold)	1886, 1890, 1891	Box 285: 13
• Sales Journal (Apr.-Dec.)	1911	Box 286: 14-22
• Sales Journal (unbound)	1927-1935	Box 285: 23
• Travel and Expense Ledger (vol.42)	1887-1888	Box 285: 24

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.. Newsletters: "Orange Peel"	1953-1958	Box 287: 35
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.. Newsletters: "Orange Peel"	1960s	Box 287: 36
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.. Textile Machinery- Brochures and circulars	n.d.	Box 289: 48
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.. Textile Machinery - Reference Information	n.d.	Box 289: 57
.. Textile Machinery - Technical Data Bulletin	n.d.	Box 289: 58
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Series 6. Labor

1869-1943, n.d.

8 volumes,
10
boxes,
5.75
linear ft.

Applications, Benefits, etc.

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• Awards, Length of Service	1979	Box 291: 2
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Series 7. Production

1873-1915, n.d.
2 volumes,
6 boxes,
2.75
linear ft.

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Note:

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Series 8. Subsidiaries

1907-1910, n.d.
2 boxes,
1 linear
ft.

Harris Register Company

• Address Cards	1908, n.d.	Box 307: 1
• Advertisements	n.d.	Box 307: 2
• Advertising	1909-1910	Box 307: 3
• Correspondence	1907-1909	Box 307: 4-6
• Correspondence, Southgate & Southgate	1908-1909	Box 307: 7
• Correspondence, Stimpson Co. (eyelets)	1908	Box 307: 8
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•• Calculating Devices	1910	Box 308: 19
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•• Computograph	1911	Box 308: 21
•• Dalton Adder	1909	Box 308: 22

.. Dillworth Adder	n.d.	Box 308: 23
.. Ensign	n.d.	Box 308: 24
.. Felt and Tarrant	1911	Box 308: 25-26
.. Gem Automatic Adder	1908-1911	Box 308: 27
.. Greif (Imported)	n.d.	Box 308: 28
.. Locke Adder	1908-1909	Box 308: 29
.. Mechanical Accounting	1908-1911	Box 308: 30
.. Mercan Tile Adder	n.d.	Box 308: 31
.. Millionaire Calculating Machine	n.d.	Box 308: 32
.. Morse Adder	1909, 1911	Box 308: 33
.. Peerless (Imported)	n.d.	Box 308: 34
.. Radid Computer Co.	1909-1910	Box 308: 35
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C. C. Harris & Co.

• Unigraph (Individual Time Keeper)	n.d.	Box 308: 38
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Rivet-O Manufacturing Co.

• Brochure	n.d.	Box 308: 39
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Series 9. Personal - (Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Harris)

1889-1940

**1 box,
0.25
linear ft.**

Check Registers and Returned Vouchers	1906-1909	Box 309: 1
Correspondence	1906-1909	Box 309: 2
Correspondence, Mrs. Carl Harris	1908-1909	Box 309: 3
Correspondence, From Willis Porter	1907-1909	Box 309: 4
"Dams for Small Streams" and "Power Development of Small Streams"	1940	Box 309: 5
Miscellaneous Items	1907-1909	Box 309: 6
Petty Cash	1913	Box 309: 7
Voucher for Mrs. Carl Harris	1889	Box 309: 8

Series 10. Reference Materials

1840-1968, n.d.
6 boxes,
3 linear
ft.

Miscellaneous

- Associated Industries of Massachusetts

Box 310

Note:

(see MS 155) - Booklets and Bulletins, 1918-1923

- Brochures, Catalogs, etc.

1906-1915, 1934, 1962, 1968, n.d.

Box 310:
1-2

- Labor Publications

1901, 1906-1908, 1942

Box 310: 3

- "Parks Piping Parables"

1911

Box 310: 4

- Tax Laws

1917-1919

Box 310: 5

Patents

- Patents, A-D

1840-1920

Box 311:
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- Patents, E-L

1840-1920

Box 312:
18-30

- Patents, M-Stap

1840-1920

Box 313:
31-41

- Patents, Star-Z

1840-1920

Box 314:
42-47

- Subject Folders - Die Casting

1900s

Box 314:
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- Subject Folders - Pulp Machinery

1890s-1900s

Box 314:
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- Subject Folders - Pulp Machinery

1890s-1900s

Box 315:
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- Subject Folders - Pumps

1890s-1900s

Box 315:
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Series 11. Photographs

1874-1987, n.d.
1 box,
0.25
linear ft.

"A Bicentennial Salute: Rodney Hunt Co. Since 1840"

1976

Box 316: 1

Dyeing Machine

c.1913

Box 316: 2

Exhibit

1965

Box 316: 3

Note:

See also **Box 287, Folder 30** for information

Harris Register Co. "Adder"	c.1909	Box 316: 4
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Note:

See also **Box 307, Folders 1-16** for info.

Portrait -(head and shoulders) (unidentified)	n.d.	Box 316: 5
Publicity Photos University Archives (R.H. 111. Co. collection)	1987	Box 316: 6
Rodney Hunt (head and shoulder)	n.d.	Box 316: 7
[Rodney Hunt Co., Plant Exterior Construction]	n.d.	Box 316: 8
Sketch Book	1874-1877, n.d.	Box 316: 9
Textile Machinery, New	1912	Box 316: 10

Note:

(taken from Series 2 Box 279, correspondence file of H.G. Mayer)

Textile Machinery, old	c.1960s	Box 316: 11
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