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Howard Brothers Manufacturing  
Company Collection

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### Collection Information

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### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

Howard Brothers Manufacturing Co. started in 1866, named for three brothers, Albert H., Charles and John. The location is now part of the esplanade where Union Station is. With the passing of the other brothers, Albert H. carried on alone. Shortly after, the Warren brothers of Holden, MA (Henry, Samuel and Berthier) became financially interested and furnished a high grade of leather from their tannery. The company quickly expanded and moved to a new location on Vine Street and was incorporated under Massachusetts law in 1888. The company eventually became a subsidiary of TransTechnology Corporation of Los Angeles.

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## **Series Descriptions**

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 Series 1, Contracts/Agreements

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2004.29.1.1	Specifications for 78 inch diameter horizontal tubular steam boiler (Stewart Boiler Works) June 12, 1909.
1	1	2004.29.1.2-.3	Automatic Fire Alarm Service (May 2, 1910)
1	1	2004.29.1.4	Herbert Midgley (January 1914)
1	1	2004.29.1.5	Hudson Trading Company (March 15, 1916)
1	1	2004.29.1.6	Manufacturers Fire Protection and Equipment Co. (February 29, 1916)
1	1	2004.29.1.7	New England Fire Insurance Exchange (April 3, 1916)
1	1	2004.29.1.8	Manufacturers Fire Protection and Equipment Co. (May 2, 1916)
1	1	2004.29.1.9-.12	Manufacturers Fire Protection and Equipment Co. (May 4, 1916, May 5, 1916, May 2, 1916)
1	2	2004.29.1.13	American District Telegraph Company (June 27, 1916)
1	2	2004.29.1.14	R & J. Dick, Limited (January 1, 1917)
1	2	2004.29.1.15	Manufacturers Fire Protection and Equipment Co. (May 22, 1917)
1	2	2004.29.1.16	R & J. Dick, Limited (January 2, 1918)
1	2	2004.29.1.17	American District Telegraph Co. (December 31, 1918)
1	2	2004.29.1.18-.20	American District Telegraph Co. (July 11 and 15, 1919, September 18, 1919)
1	3	2004.29.1.21	Watkins Engineering Supply Co. (January 31, 1920)

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1	3	2004.29.1.22-.24	American District Telegraph Co. (September 24, 1920, May 13, 1925, October 1, 1925)
1	3	2004.29.1.25	Universal Manufacturing Co. (1913)
1	3	2004.29.1.26	Joseph A. Bolger (December 1930)

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Series 2, Insurance

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	4	2004.29.2.1	New England Insurance Exchange (March 31, 1916)
1	4	2004.29.2.2	New England Insurance Exchange (April 14, 1916)
1	4	2004.29.2.3-4	Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corp (July 30, 1919 and September 8, 1919)



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Series 3, Correspondences

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	2004.29.3.1	A.B. Francis to Dufton Brothers, November 14, 1894.
1	5	2004.29.3.2	A.B. Francis to Dufton Brothers, March 11, 1895
1	5	2004.29.3.3	Stewart Boiler Works to Howard Brothers, June 12, 1909.
1	5	2004.29.3.4	Messrs. Hollander & Johnson to Howard Brothers, February 4, 1913.
1	5	2004.29.3.5	Worcester Manufacturing Co. to Howard Brothers, November 23, 1915
1	5	2004.29.3.6	Joseph Bolger to Herbert Midgley, December 25, 1916.
1	5	2004.29.3.7	Howard Brothers to Joseph Bolger, June 12, 1918
1	5	2004.29.3.8	George Rockwell to Howard Brothers, August 28, 1919
1	5	2004.29.3.9	US Patent Office to G.A. Rockwell, September 9, 1919.
1	5	2004.29.3.10	Drury and Walker to Howard Brothers, October 19, 1926
1	5	2004.29.3.11	W.T. Lockett Co. to creditors of Elastic Spring Knit Co., February 11, 1927
1	5	2004.29.3.12	unknown to Joseph Bolger, February 21, 1927
1	6	2004.29.3.13	Joe to Herbert Midgley, February 23, 1927
1	6	2004.29.3.14	Memorandum Mr. Midgley's conversation with Robert Bolger, September 20, 1927.
1	6	2004.29.3.15	Harry to Joseph Bolger, December 30, 1927



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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	6	2004.29.3.16	Charles ? to Mr. H.C. Coley, December 27, 1929
1	6	2004.29.3.17	Joe Bolger to Harry Coley, October 14, 1930
1	6	2004.29.3.18	Harold Bolger to Harry Coley, February 24, 1932
1	6	2004.29.3.19	Harold Bolger to Harry Coley, February 24, 1932
1	6	2004.29.3.20	? to Harry Coley, April 18, 1932
1	6	2004.29.3.21	Harold Bolger to Harry Coley, June 10, 1932
1	6	2004.29.3.22	Harold Bolger to Harry Coley, June 16, 1932
1	6	2004.29.3.23	Harry Coley to Harold Bolger, June 14, 1932
1	6	2004.29.3.24	Howard Brothers to Worcester County National Bank, March 1933
1	6	2004.29.3.25	Howard Brothers to Employees, March 15, 1933
1	6	2004.29.3.26	Joe Bolger to Harry Coley, no date

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Series 4, Photographs

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	7	2004.29.4.1-.39	Various views of interior of Howard Brothers Manufacturing Company including close-ups of machines.
1	8	2004.29.4.40-.63	Various views of ships
1	8	2004.29.4.64-.69	Unidentified photographs of people
1	9	2004.29.4.70-.85	Miscellaneous views of workers inside Howard Brothers Manufacturing Company.
1	10	2004.29.4.86	7 x 8.5" photo of James Miller
1	10	2004.29.4.87	5 x 7" photo unidentified (Joe Jordan, Photographer)
1	10	2004.29.4.88	5 x 7" photo of Charles H. Philbrick
1	10	2004.29.4.89	5 x 7" photo unidentified
1	10	2004.29.4.90	5 x 7" photo E.M. Terrybery (?)
1	10	2004.29.4.91-.92	5 x 7" photo unidentified choir boys
1	10	2004.29.4.93	5 x 7" photo D.E. Trask, 1925
1	10	2004.29.4.94	5 x 7" photos unidentified female
1	10	2004.29.4.95	5 x 7" Photo unidentified male
1	10	2004.29.4.96	5 x 7" Photo unidentified male
1	10	2004.29.4.97-100	Various photos of Harry C. Coley of Howard Brothers Manufacturing Co.
1	11	2004.29.4.101-107	Various photos of Harry C. Coley of Howard Brothers Manufacturing Co.
1	11	2004.29.4.108	8 x 10" photo Herbert Midgley



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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	11	2004.29.4.109-110	8 x 10" photos of unidentified man.
1	11	2004.29.4.111	5 x 7" photo of unidentified man
1	11	2004.29.4.112	8 x 10" photo of unidentified group of men
1	11	2004.29.4.113-114	8 x 10" photo of unidentified group of men
1	11	2004.29.4.115	8 x 10" photo of group at party dinner
1	12	2004.29.4.116	8 x 10" photo of unidentified group of men around table.
1	12	2004.29.4.117	5 x 7" photo of two unidentified choir boys.
1	12	2004.29.4.118	5 x 7" photo of two unidentified men on ship(?)
1	12	2004.29.4.119	8 x 10" photo of unidentified group of men.
1	12	2004.29.4.120-121	8 x 10" photo of group of men with caption, "Worcester (England) visits Worcester (Mass.) 1930.
1	12	2004.29.4.122a-b	8 x 10" photo of unidentified building
1	12	2004.29.4.123a-c	8 x 10" photo of Howard Brothers truck outside building.
1	12	2004.29.4.124	8 x 10" photo of exterior of Howard Brothers
1	13	2004.29.4.125-137	Various photos showing interior of factory and views of machinery.
1	13-14	2004.29.4.138-148	Various 8 x 10" photographs of machines used by Howard Brothers Manufacturing Co.
2	15	2004.29.4.149-.162	Various 8 x 10" photographs of Howard Manuf. booths set up at various trade shows.



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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	16	2004.29.4.163-.178	Various 8 x 10" photographs of Howard Manuf. booths set up at various trade shows.
2	17	2004.29.4.179-.196	Various 8 x 10" photographs of Howard Manuf. booths set up at various trade shows.
2	18	2004.29.4.197-.203	Various 8 x 10" photographs of Howard Manuf. booths set up at various trade shows.
2	18	2004.29.4.204-220	Various images of ferries
2	19	2004.29.4.221-222	Unidentified woman
2	19	2004.29.4.223	Brochure and photographs of Howard Brothers Motor Drive and Tension Regulator.
2	19	2004.29.4.224-227	8 x 10" print of Herbert Coley
3	20	2004.29.4.228	8.5 x 12" print of unidentified man
3	20	2004.29.4.229	8 x 12" print of unidentified woman
3	20	2004.29.4.330	11 x 9" print of unidentified family
3	20	2004.29.4.331	11 x 9" print of men outside J.F. & W.N. Warren Leather Belting and Mill Supplies.
3	21	2004.29.4.332	11 x 9" print of men outside unidentified factory.
3	21	2004.29.4.333	Photograph of Herbert C. Coley (1927)
3	21	2004.29.4.334 -339	Photographs of Herbert C. Coley
3	22	2004.29.4.340	12 x 10" Unidentified photo of man at desk
3	23	2004.29.4.341	12 x 10" photo of two unidentified men in shop
3	24	2004.29.4.342	12 x 10" photo of unidentified man at desk
3	25	2004.29.4.343	12 x 10 photo of two unidentified women and man in office.





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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	26	2004.29.4.344	12 x 12" photo of candlepin bowling team
3	27	2004.29.4.345	12 x 10" photo of interior of shop with men.
3	28	2004.29.4.346a-b	14 x 12" photo of interior view of office with workers
3	29	2004.29.4.347	14 x 12" photo of Howard Brothers Display at Trade Show
3	30	2004.29.4.348	14 x 12" photo of interior of factory with workers.

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Series 5, Receipts

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	31	2004.29.5.1-.25	Various cancelled receipts and checks
2	32	2004.29.5.26-.60	Various cancelled receipts and checks
2	33	2004.29.5.61-.101	Various cancelled receipts and checks

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Series 6, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	34	2004.29.6.1-.20	Miscellaneous materials relating to Howard Brothers Manufacturing Company.
2	35	2004.29.6.21-.40	Miscellaneous materials relating to Howard Brothers Manufacturing Company.
2	36	2004.29.6.41-.53	Miscellaneous materials relating to Howard Brothers Manufacturing Company.
2	37	2004.29.6.54-.56	Miscellaneous materials relating to Howard Brothers Manufacturing Company.
2	38	2004.29.6.57-.67	Miscellaneous materials relating to Howard Brothers Manufacturing Company.

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Series 7, Ledgers

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	39	2004.29.7.1	Time Book (January 1901 – January 1902)
2	BV	2004.29.7.2	Howard Brothers Manufacturing Company (Delaware) sale of Assets to Howard Brothers Manufacturing Company (California) 1970.

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Series 8, Lantern Slides

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4		2004.29.8.1-.30	Lantern slide presentation on Tuffer Card Clothing