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American Steel & Wire Co., Cable Works,
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Collection Information

Abstract : Cable Works photographs and American Steel & Wire Co. newsletters primarily document war bond drives, production rallies, and the Navy “E” Award presentation to American Steel & Wire Co., and provide insight into the war effort and attitudes during the World War II years.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

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American Steel & Wire Co. Cable Works. (Worcester, Mass) – Photographs.
World War, 1939-1945 – United States – Propaganda.
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Historical/Biographical Notes

American Steel & Wire Co. was one of the principal industries in Worcester, and was an extremely active and effective part of the war effort during World War II. The company received the Navy “E” Award for excellence in war-time production in 1942, and held rallies and programs to encourage the purchase by employees of war bonds.

Scope and Content

The collection is comprised of World War II period photographs of industrial production, war bond and related rallies, and “E” Award ceremonies. The collection also includes a company newsletter of the World War II period which provides insight into the war effort of the 1940s period and the extent of anti-Axis propaganda initiated and disseminated by the company and its workers. The collection also includes a newsletter of the 1950s.

Series Description

Series 1: Photographs. Nine 8 x 10 in. photographs of awards, rallies, industrial equipment, taken at the Cable Works of American Steel & Wire Co., ca. 1942. (9 items)

Series 2: Serials. Includes two complete copies of Wireco Life, newsletter of American Steel & Wire Co., 1942 and 1957. Also includes a single page “Fighting words” from a World War II period newsletter.

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 Series 1, Photographs

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2000.50.1.1	John A. Jewell, Cable Works Superintendent, receiving award; Rudolph Zecha, first on left : 8 x 10 in. / ca. 1942.
1	1	2000.50.1.2	Rudolph Zecha explaining equipment, American Steel & Wire Co., Cable Works, Worcester, Mass., World War II : 8 x 10 in. / ca. 1942.
1	1	2000.50.1.3	Navy rally at American Steel & Wire Co., Worcester, Mass., Cable Works; for production and war bond sale; "Izzy", celebrity comedian : 8 x 10 in. / ca. 1942.
1	1	2000.50.1.4	Celebrity "Izzy" signing autographs after Navy rally for production and war bond sales, World War II, American Steel & Wire Co., Cable Works : 8 x 10 in. / ca. 1942.
1	1	2000.50.1.5	"Izzy", celebrity comedian, pep rally for production and bond sales, World War II, American Steel & Wire, Cable Works, Worcester, Mass. : 8 x 10 in. / ca. 1942.
1	1	2000.50.1.6	World War II, American Steel & Wire Co., Cable Works, "Izzy" celebrity speaker/morale booster, John A. Jewell, Cable Works Supt., 3 rd from R; Rudolph Zecha, 4 th from R. : 8 x 10 in. / ca. 1942.
1	1	2000.50.1.7	Rudolph F. Zecha, 5 th from L.; American Steel & Wire, Cable Works, World War II; Navy awards or production hype, war bond rally (note speaker system) : 8 x 10 in. / ca. 1942.

Series 1, continued

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| 1 | 1 | 2000.50.1.8 | Capt. J. J. Hyland, Adm. Wat Tyler Cluverius, USN (ret.) And President, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, member of Navy Board of Awards; James Sweet, fine wire drawer, Cable Works, American Steel & Wire Co., June 1942 on the occasion of Navy "E" Award for excellence in wartime production : 8 x 10 in. / 1942. |
| 1 | 1 | 2000.50.1.8 | American Steel & Wire Co., Worcester, Mass., World War II, Navy award or production hype, workers facing staging : 8 x 10 in. / ca. 1942. |

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Series 2, Serials

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	2000.50.2.1	<i>Wireco Life</i> , Vol. VI, No. 7, July 1942; Worcester Navy "E" Award number : serial, 16 p. / American Steel & Wire Co., Worcester, Mass., 1942.
1	2	2000.50.2.2	"Fighting Words", from <i>Wireco Life</i> ", ed. unknown : single leaf from serial / American Steel & Wire Co., Worcester, Mass., ca. 1942.
1	2	2000.50.2.3	<i>Wireco Life</i> , Vol. XXI, No. 10, October 1957 : serial, 32 p. / United States Steel, American Steel & Wire Div., Worcester, Mass., 1959.