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Coates Clipper Manufacturing Company
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Collection Information

Abstract : Coates Clipper Manufacturing Company established 1877, manufacturer of clippers

of all types. Incorporated 1894, company taken over in 1925 by new corporation Coates Clipper & Mfg. Co. The company was gone from Worcester after 1946.

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Coates Clipper Manufacturing Company (Worcester, Mass.) – Catalogs.

Coates Clipper & Manufacturing Co. (Worcester, Mass.)

Haircutting – Equipment and Supplies.

Animal grooming – Equipment and supplies.

Catalogs. aat

Letterheads. aat

Historical/Biographical Notes

The Coates Clipper Manufacturing Company was established in Worcester in 1877 and incorporated in 1894, with a 25,000 sq. ft. factory located between Chandler and Dewey Streets. The company exclusively produced horse and toilet clippers, and claimed to be the largest clipper manufacturer in the world. In 1925 a new corporation, Coates Clipper & Manufacturing Company took over the Coates Clipper Manufacturing Company. After 1946 the company no longer had a presence in Worcester.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises an 1890s company letterhead, along with catalogs, advertisements, and specifications of products manufactured between the 1890s and around 1920. Clippers featured include both animal and human clippers. The collection also includes a variety of clippers and accessories for horse grooming, including power clippers.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Letterheads. (1 item)

Series 2: Catalogs. (3 items)

Series 3: Advertisements. (4 items)

Series 4: Specifications. (7 items)

Series 1, Letterheads

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2002.09.1.1	Coates Clipper Manufacturing Company statement on letterhead / April 30, 1896.

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Series 2, Catalogs

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	2002.09.2.1	Flexible shafts, worm gears, other drive equipment, with grinders and related equipment : catalog, 28 p. / Davis Press, Worcester, ca. 1903.
1	3	2002.09.2.2a-b	Coates Clippers : catalog, 49 p. / Gilbert G. Davis, Printer, Worcester, 1897. (2 copies)
1	3	2002.09.2.3a-b	Coates Clippers : catalog, 44 p. / Gilbert G. Davis, Printer, Worcester, ca. 1894. (2 copies)

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Series 3, Advertisements

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	2002.09.3.1	Coates Clipper Mfg. Co., advertisements for hair clippers for toilet and animal use : flier, 12 p. / ca. 1898.
1	6	2002.09.3.2-.4	Advertisements for various products : 8 ½ x 11 in. / ca. 1910s. (3 items)

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Series 4, Specifications

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	7	2002.09.4.1	Coates Clippers, description and specifications for several styles of clippers, with replacement parts list : flier, 8 ½ x 11 in., 12 p. / June 1920.
1	7	2002.09.4.2	Coates internal grinders, description and specifications, with replacement parts list : flier, 8 ½ x 11 in., 4 p. / February 1920.
1	7	2002.09.4.3	Coates light service belt and motor drive outfits, description and specification, with replacement parts list : flier, 8 ½ x 11 in., 4 p. / December 1918.
1	7	2002.09.4.4	Coates "Flexishaft" hammer and riveter, description and specifications : flier, 8 ½ x 11 in., 4 p. / August 1919.
1	7	2002.09.4.5	Coates grinding outfits, description and specifications : flier, 8 ½ x 11 in. / May 1924.
1	7	2002.09.4.6	Coates flexible shafting, description and illustration : flier, 8 ½ x 11 in. / April 1924.
1	7	2002.09.4.7	Coates Flexishaft screw drivers and nut and bolt setters, belt and motor drive; description and specifications : flier, 8 ½ x 11 in., 2 p. / September 1919.