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Collection

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Collection Information

Abstract : Thomas J. Hastings, Worcester machinist, established a manufactory and provider of agents' goods and light hardware about 1871, successor to Southwick & Hastings. The company ceased operations about 1885.

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

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Provenance : Purchase of Kenneth Schneringer, Woodstock, Ga., June 2000.

MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcs, aat, tgm, gmgcp)

Hastings, Thomas J.
Southwick & Hastings (Worcester, Mass.)
T. J. Hastings & Co. (Worcester, Mass.) – Catalogs.
Commercial agents – Massachusetts – Worcester.
Hardware – Massachusetts – Worcester.
Hardware industry – Massachusetts – Worcester.
Traveling sales personnel.
Industries – Massachusetts – Worcester.
Business enterprises – Massachusetts – Worcester.
Worcester (Mass.) – Manufactures.

Historical/Biographical Notes

Thomas J. Hastings, Worcester machinist, established the company about 1871 as successor to Southwick & Hastings, machinists and manufacturer of agents' goods, light hardware, etc. The company manufactured diverse items including knife and scissors sharpeners, animal traps, clothes hangers, shingling brackets, and sold both wholesale to dealers and retail through agents. The company ceased operations around 1885.

Scope and Content

The collection is comprised of an 1872 catalog of light wares and agents' goods manufactured by T. J. Hastings & Co., including testimonials from agents.

Series Description

Series 1 : Catalogs, etc., ca. 1893-1895. (3 items)

T. J. Hastings & Co. Collection
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Series 1, Catalogs, etc.

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		2000.65.1.1	Catalog (flier) and revised price list of various agents' goods and light wares manufactured and sold by the company, ill., ca. 1872.