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Collection Information

Abstract : Richardson, Meriam & Co. was established in Worcester ca. 1862 as manufacturer of woodworking machinery. Company dissolved ca. 1877, business continued by Horace A. Richardson for some years.

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Richardson, Horace A.
Richardson, Meriam & Co. (Worcester, Mass.)
Woodworking machinery – Massachusetts – Worcester.
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Catalogs. lcsb

Historical/Biographical Notes

Business started ca. 1862 by Horace A. Richardson and Rufus Meriam as manufacturer of woodworking machinery, including lathes, planers, mortising machines, tenoning machines, etc. Company dissolved ca. 1877, but manufacture continued by Richardson into the early 1880s.

Scope and Content

The collection is comprised of catalogs of machinery published by the company between 1865-1872. The catalogs illustrate the machine technology of the middle to late 19th century, as well as provide insight into woodworking techniques of the period.

Series Description

Series 1: Catalogs.

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2000.43.1.1	Richardson, Meriam & Co.'s Illustrated Catalogue of Wood-Working Machinery, 1865. 124 p.
1	BV	2000.43.1.2a-b	Richardson, Meriam & Co.'s Illustrated Catalogue of Wood-Working Machinery, 1867. 122 p. 2 copies.
1	BV	2000.43.1.3	Richardson, Meriam & Co.'s Illustrated Catalogue of Wood-Working Machinery, 1869. 136 p.
1	2	2000.43.1.4	Richardson, Meriam & Co.'s Illustrated Descriptive Catalogue of Patent & Improved Wood-Working Machines, 1872. 136 p.