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Whitcomb-Blaisdell
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Collection Information

Abstract : Whitcomb-Blaisdell Machine Tool Co. incorporated 1905; successors Whitcomb Mfg. Co., P. Blaisdell & Co., Whitcomb Foundry Co., Draper Machine Tool Co., manufacturers of metal working machinery. Company no longer in Worcester after 1921.

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Whitcomb-Blaisdell Machine Tool Co. (Worcester, Mass.)

Whitcomb Mfg. Co. (Worcester, Mass.)

P. Blaisdell & Co. (Worcester, Mass.)

Machine tool industry – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Machine tools – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Planing-machines – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Lathes – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Industries – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Worcester (Mass.) – Manufactures.

Historical/Biographical Notes

Whitcomb Manufacturing Co. was established in 1849, as manufacturer of machine tools, specializing in metal planes. P. Blaisdell & Co. was established in 1865 as manufacturer of machine tools, including drills, planes, and lathes. Whitcomb Foundry Co., established in 1885, and Draper Machine Tool Co., established in 1845, also manufactured machinery for metal working. The companies merged in 1905, incorporating as Whitcomb-Blaisdell Machine Tool Co. The company was no longer in Worcester after 1921.

Scope and Content

The collection is comprised of catalogs of machine tools manufactured by P. Blaisdell & Co., 1873-1899; catalogs of Whitcomb Mfg. Co., 1882-1891; a catalog of planers by Whitcomb-Blaisdell Machine Tool Co., 1916; advertisements (1879), and photographs of a P. Blaisdell lathe, ca. 1875-1885.

Series Description

Series 1 : P. Blaisdell Co. Mostly catalogs, 1873-1899, and photograph of ca. 1880 lathe.
(12 items.)

Series 2: Whitcomb Mfg. Co. Mostly catalogs, 1882-1891, with advertisements of letterpresses, 1879. (4 items.)

Series 3: Whitcomb-Blaisdell Machine Tool Co. Single catalog of planes, 1916.
(1 item)

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Series 1, P. Blaisdell & Co.

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2000.66.1.1-.6	P. Blaisdell & Co.'s catalogue, illustrated and descriptive, of patented and improved machinists' tools. 1873, 1876, 1879, 1883, 1896 (2), 1899. (7 items)
1	2	2000.66.1.7-.10	P. Blaisdell lathe, ca. 1875-1885, offered for sale 1989 : kodacolor prints, 4 x 5 in. / 1989. (4 views)
1	2	2000.66.1.11	Envelope. On front: information relating to offer to sell of P. Blaisdell lathe.

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Series 2, Whitcomb Mfg. Co.

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1	3	2000.66.2.1-.2b	Illustrated catalog of iron planers made by Whitcomb Mfg. Co., 125 Gold St., Worcester, Mass. 1882, 1891 (2). (3 items)
1	4	2000.66.2.3a-b	Advertisement for copying presses, manufactured by C. Whitcomb & Co., Worcester, Mass., in <i>The American Stationer</i> , 1879.

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Series 3, Whitcomb-Blaisdell Machine Tool Co.

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1	5	2000.66.3.1	Illustrated catalog of Planers, manufactured by Whitcomb-Blaisdell machine Tool Co., Worcester, Mass., 1916. 32 p.