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The Baldwin Locomotive Works was a Philadelphia-based steam locomotive production firm founded in 1831, producing locomotives for railroads around the world. They later merged with the Lima-Hamilton Corporation around 1950-1951 and became the Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton Corporation.
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Scope and Contents
This collection represents a small portion of the records of the Philadelphia steam locomotive production firm known as the Baldwin Locomotive Works. The materials include ledgers, specification books, and drawings for construction and decoration of locomotives, as well as publications of the company. One book deals with the railroads of South America. The material was donated in 1960 by E. Morton Grosser, a professor in the Department of History at the time. The collection also includes 436 copy slides (done in 1985) of paint books numbers 1 and 2; however these books (sometimes referred to as the Book of Styles) have been digitized and are viewable on Searchworks here:
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box 3a
Single color plate, drawn by J. Ord

box 3b
Disbound ledger: Engine Drawings (types of locomotive), with blue line drawings

General note
Microfilm of this ledger is available.

box 4
Ledger: Engine Specifications, 1864-1869

General note
Microfilm of this ledger is available.

box 5
Ledger: Card Directory (key to plans and drawings)

box 6
Style book for locomotive painting detail, labeled “Painting Book No.1” in use circa 1880-1920

box 7
Style book for locomotive painting detail, volume 2 in use circa 1880-1920

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Book: Locomotive Data, published by BLW 1920

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