
Preliminary Guide to the N. N. Hill Brass Company Records

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Descriptive Summary

Title: N. N. Hill Brass Company Records

Dates: 1891-1904

Collection number: Mss 47

Creator: N. N. Hill Brass Company

Collection Size: 2.8 linear feet (7 document boxes)

Repository: University of California, Santa Barbara. Library. Dept. of Special Collections
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Abstract: The collection contains 25 letter books of the N. N. Hill Brass Company of Middleton, CT, which manufactured bells and toys. Copies of approximately 12,500 letters are included in the letter books. Many deal with shipment of goods and related matters. Some are faint and barely legible. It appears, from the gaps in the date spans, that some volumes are lacking in the collection.

Physical location: SRLF.

Languages: English

Access Restrictions

None.

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Acquisition Information

Gift of William P. Wreden, in honor of Martha H. Peterson, 1975.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Norman N. Hill began his career with the Barton Bell Company and later started his own company. Among the items manufactured were tea bells, electric gongs, trinity chimes, telephone chime boxes, bicycle bells, and sleight bells. Later, in

the 1930s, N. N. Hill received the Walt Disney toy contract, which became a major portion of their business. Product lines included bell-ringing pull toys and toy telephones with Disney characters. The N. N. Hill Brass Company no longer is in existence.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

N. N. Hill Brass Company

Toymakers

Additional Materials

The Romaine Trade Catalog Collection (Mss 107) contains two boxes of toy company catalogs.

Additional archival materials on N.N. Hill are held at the Connecticut Historical Society Library (

<http://www.chs.org/index.htm>).

Box 1	Apr. 8, 1891 - Jan. 2, 1892
Box 1	Jan. 2, 1892 - Sept. 20, 1892
Box 1	Sept. 21, 1892 - June 7, 1893
Box 1	Feb. 22, 1892 - Dec. 13, 1893
Box 2	July 16, 1894 - Nov. 28, 1894
Box 2	Aug. 21, 1895 - Nov. 18, 1895
Box 2	Nov. 18, 1895 - Jan. 30, 1896
Box 2	Jan. 31, 1896 - Apr. 4, 1896
Box 3	Apr. 4, 1896 - June 16, 1896
Box 3	Dec. 4, 1896 - Jan. 23, 1897
Box 3	Mar. 16, 1897 - May 3, 1897
Box 3	May 4, 1897 - July 21, 1897
Box 4	July 22, 1897 - Oct. 4, 1897
Box 4	Oct. 5, 1897 - Dec. 9, 1897
Box 4	Feb. 10, 1898 - Apr. 14, 1898
Box 4	Oct. 6, 1898 - Dec. 22, 1898
Box 5	Dec. 22, 1898 - Apr. 3, 1899
Box 5	May 26, 1899 - Oct. 10, 1899
Box 5	July 13, 1899 - Jan. 18, 1900
Box 6	Jan. 19, 1900 - Apr. 14, 1900
Box 6	Apr. 14, 1900 - Aug. 4, 1900
Box 6	Mar. 11, 1901 - May 31, 1901
Box 7	June 24, 1902 - Sept. 23, 1902
Box 7	Sept. 24, 1902 - Jan. 17, 1903
Box 7	Mar. 28, 1903 - Jan. 22, 1904