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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Fort Wayne Electric Company collection
Date	1888-1891
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Historical Note

The Jenney Electric Light Company (headed by Ronald T. McDonald) was formed in Fort Wayne, Indiana in November 1881, based on an electric arc lamp and dynamo invented by James A. Jenney. In 1888, the Thomson - Houston Company obtained a controlling interest and renamed the company as the Fort Wayne Electric Company. It manufactured several lighting systems, including the "Wood", which produced electric arc lighting and "Slattery", which was an induction system of alternating electric incandescent lighting. In 1893, the company went into receivership, and its shares were purchased in that year by the Fort Wayne Electric Corporation, also headed by McDonald. In 1899, the Fort Wayne Electric Works purchased the company, and it eventually merged with General Electric in 1911.

"Fort Wayne Electric Company". Beatty, John D., ed. (v. 1). History of Fort Wayne & Allen County, Indiana, 1700-2005. Evansville,IN: M.T. Publishing Company, Inc., 2006. Print. ISLI

"Fort Wayne Electric Works". Vintage Machinery. Retrieved 2014/12/24. <http://vintagemachinery.org/mfgindex/detail.aspx?id=3303>

Scope and Contents

This collection includes typeset documents from the Fort Wayne Electric Company in Fort Wayne, Indiana ranging from 1889-1891 regarding purchasers of two types of electric systems.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Fort Wayne (Ind.)

Personal Name(s)

- Fort Wayne Electric Company

Subject(s)

- Documents
- Electric industry
- Financial statements