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**JOSEPH PARKER AND SON, RECORDS,
1892-1968**

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Introduction

The Joseph Parker & Son Comapny was established in 1840 by J.K. Herrick and Joseph Parker and was called the J.K. Herrick & Co. Until 1845. During the next several decades, the company underwent numerous name changes and was incorporated in 1892 as the Joseph Parker & Son Company. The firm produced book-paper from cotton waste in its early years at the West Rock Paper Mill located on Whalley Avenue in New Haven. In 1856 Parker discovered that his paper product had excellent absorbing ability and the production of blotting paper was begin shortly thereafter. The Joseph Parker & Son Company was the first firm in the United States to produce blotting paper and became a world leader in that industry before closing in 1970.

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Collection contains:

2 boxes

8 oversized items

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of Items

SERIES 1
COMPANY REGULATIONS

1/A

Rules and Regulations of this Establishment

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(Removed to Oversized Item #9)

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	SERIES 2 STOCKS, BONDS, DEEDS	
1/B	Stocks: 1892, 1927, and Blank	6
1/C	Bonds: 1921	21
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SERIES 3

COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVE ADVERTISING

1/E

Report, 1939

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SERIES 5 PHOTOGRAPHS AND CORRESPENCE		
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1/L	"Hundred Club" (also contains correspondence)	4
1/M	Photograph of the Mill (also contains correspondence)	2
1/N	Coal Team Driver	1
1/O	Inter-Office Correspondence and Photograph	5

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SERIES 6 SAMPLE BLOTTERS		
1/P	Ink Blotter: Dunlop & Co.	1
1/Q	Small Blotters	65
1/R	Medium Sized Blotters	17

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SERIES 7 MISCELLANEOUS		
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2/C	Time Book, 1924-1926	1 v.
2/D	Financial Ledger, 1912-1913	1 v.

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SERIES 8 OVERSIZED MATERIALS		
#1	Ledger, 1899-1900	1 v.
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#3	Book 1, Incorporation Papers, Minutes, etc. 1892-1923	1 v.
#4	Book 2, Minutes, etc. 1924-1968	1 v.
#5	Map of the West Rock Mill Property, 1890	1
#6	Drawing of Elevation Fourdiner Paper Machine	1
#7	Photograph by T. Rivers of West Rock Paper Mill	1
#8	Map of F.S. & J. Parker Cutlery Factory and Paper Mill	1
#9	Rules and Regulations of the Establishment, 1842 (Removed from Box 1/Folder A)	1