

NEW HAVEN COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

LIBRARY

Manuscripts
No. B14

Date processed: November 2, 1976

- I. Title Dann Brothers and Company (1858 - 1930) Papers, 1867 - 1930
- II. The papers of the Dann Family deposited in the Library on 9/14/72, by Mr. Roger L. Dann In converted the deposit to a gift.
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 9 3/4 inches
Approximate number of items: 243
- IV. Restrictions:
- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.
- VI. Press release was issued on
- VII. Biographical note: The Dann Brothers and Company of New Haven was housed in a 25,000 sq. ft, brick building at 82 Franklin Street. The company officially existed from 1858 until 1930 when it was dissolved. There was, however, little if any production during its last few years in the trade. The main business was the making of carriage and wagon bodies, gears and bent wood. Although the company did make parts for early automobiles, nevertheless it apparently expired with the continued popularity of the automobile and the use of metal in its construction.
- VIII. Analysis: The Collection, ranging from about 1867 to 1930,* consists of (1) loose documents: letters and papers, patents, photographs, advertisements, stocks (2) bound volumes: ledgers (3) memorabilia: an example of bent wood.

Also recieved with this collection but transfered to the library are seven illustrated catalogues of the Dann Brothers and Company, and Carriage Monthly, October 1898 to May 1904; both are listed in the card catalogue.

*plus one letter and newspaper clipping of May 1972

Box I

Folder A

- Document 1. letter, September 27, 1867
- 2-6. American Committee of the Statue of Liberty
October 4, 1884 - May 2, 1885
- 7. letter to Roger L. Dann from Arthur J. Logie, May 1972
- 8-11. papers on the dissolution of the company, May 1930

Folder B

- Document ~~1. Patent April 23, 1867; Improvement in Wood Bending Machine~~
- ~~2. Patent Application, April 23, 1894~~
- ~~3. Patent August 7, 1894; Demijohn-Crate~~
- ~~4. Patent Application, March 14, 1895~~
- ~~5. Patent, February 25, 1896; Wheel-Rim~~

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Folder C

- Document 1. Photograph of Geneva Peace Dann, 1894
- 2. Photograph of Dann Brothers
- 3-26. Glossies made from original photographs
- 27. Twenty-seven negatives made from original photographs

Folder D

- Document 1- Blue tint photographs titled: "Blue Prints 1893"
137.

Folder E

- Document 1. Advertisement for Bent Top Bows, roofs and panels
- 2. Blue print of carriage No. 453
- 3-4. Pen and pencil drawings
- 5. Cover to Hampton's Magazine, January 1910, featuring "Peary's own Story". Advertisement on back cover for Dann Brothers and Company, bent wood used in Peary's sledges.
- 6. Cardboard poster advertisement for vehicle seats and wood ware. (torn in half)

Folder F

- Document 1. Book plate from an old book of accounts 1861
- 2. Memorabilia: Ribon of Dedication day June 17, 1887
- 3. tax form removed from ledger Item II p.729
- 4. November 21, 1923 removed from ledger Item III p.360
- 5. Dann Bros. letterhead 1924 removed from ledger Item III p.388
- 6. Letterhead removed from ledger Item III p.219
- 7-9. May 9, 1923 from Cash book Item IV p.11
- 10. July 23 also removed from Cash book Item IV p.19
- 11-12. Purchases 1924 removed from ledger Folder H-1 under Z
- 13. envelope
- 14. Newspaper clippings which accompanied document 7, Folder A

Folder G

Document 1- Stock certificates #66-#105 except #67 and #72.
37. #75 and #78 are torn up and in envelopes.

Folder H-1

Document 1. Pages of ledger removed from binding, alphabetically indexed. January 1, 1922.

Folder H-2

Document 1. Pages of ledger removed from binding, alphabetically indexed. January 1, 1922.

Ledger I

Bound Volume: Stock Certificates 1886-1930
certificates #1 -#105 January 1, 1886 - May 26, 1930

Ledger J

Bound Volume: Bills Receivable November 19, 1907 - March 2, 1925
Bills Payable January 5, 1917 - July 2, 1925

Bundle K

Memorabilia: Piece of bent wood

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Item II: Ledger July 1, 1898 - December 31, 1921 789 pages
Item III: Ledger January 1, 1922 - August 14, 1931 648 pages
Item IV: Ledger January 1, 1923 - May 31, 1930 Cash book 152 pages
News clippings inserted on dissolution of the company pages
102 and 127. Final account on dissolution May 31, 1930
on page 127.

*ITEM V PATENT APRIL 23, 1867. IMPROVEMENT IN WOOD BENDING
MACHINE.*

*Oversize shelf