I. Title: THE FOSKETT & BISHOP CO. RECORDS. 1893-1947

II. The papers of

III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied:

IV. Restrictions: None

V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of

VI. Press release was issued on

VII. Biographical note: The Foskett & Bishop Co., an engineering and contracting firm established in 1858, was formally incorporated in New Haven on 30 March 1893. As contractors for steam, gas and water piping, the Foskett & Bishop Co. furnished businesses, schools, and churches with products such as piping, steam traps, automatic sprinklers, and heating, water and power feeders. During the years 1893-1947, their local clients included Yale University, the New Haven Railroad, Armstrong Rubber, Sargent's, A.C. Gilbert, and the New Haven Clock Co. Foskett & Bishop often served as subcontractors for other local contracting firms, and often worked in league with local architects such as Douglas Orr and Westcott & Mapes. Presently known as the Foskett & Bishop Piping Co., they are currently located at 63 Front St. in New Haven.

VIII. Analysis:

The collection consists of seven boxes comprising approximately 810 items, and forty-four oversize items (27 bound volumes and 17 rolls of building plans and architectural drawings). The collection offers many of the firm's business and financial records for the years 1893-1947, including work contracts, tax records, insurance policies and records, and account books and ledgers. Arrangement is chronological. The numbers in parentheses indicate the approximate number of documents in each folder.
BOX I

Contracts, Purchase Orders and Price Quotations

Folder A: 1897; 1908-1910 (5)
Folder B: 1923 (27)
Folder C: 1929 (18)
Folder D: Jan.-March 1930 (15)
Folder E: April - June 1930 (21)
Folder F: July - December 1930 (29)
Folder G: 1931 (30)

BOX II

Contracts, Purchase Orders and Price Quotations

Folder A: 1932 (22)
Folder B: 1933 (34)
Folder C: 1934 (20)
Folder D: 1935 (22)
Folder E: 1936 (54)
Folder F: 1937 (62)
Folder G: 1938 (49)
Folder H: 1939 (50)

BOX III

Folder A: Contracts 1940 (19)
Folder B: Contracts 1941 (13)
Folder C: Contracts 1942-44 (14)

BOX III continued

Folder D: Tax Records 1909-1917 (35)
Folder E: Tax Records 1918-1921 (70)
Folder F: Tax Records 1922-1927 (35)
Folder G: Tax Records 1928-1931; Census Records 1914, 1919, 1929 (16)
Folder H: Property Records (deeds, tax assessments) 1897-1911 (35)

BOX IV

Folder A: Insurance Records and Policies:
- Manufacturers and Contractors Liability 1941-1943 (5)
- Workmens Compensation and Employers Liability 1937-1943 (4)
- Fire 1940-1943 (8)
- Automobile 1939-1943 (10)
- General Liability 1942-43 (1)
- Forgery and Check Alteration 1942-43 (1)
- War Damages 1942-43 (1)
- Certificates of Insurance 1941-1943 (6)

BOX V

Folder A: Legal Records and Correspondence 1908-1934 (12)
Folder B: Miscellaneous Financial Records (15)
Folder C: Miscellany (5)
Folder D: Ledger - Accounts Payable 1898-1912 (1)
Folder E: Cash Ledger 1918-1925 (1)
Folder F: Cash Ledger 1925-1930 (1)

BOX VI

Bound Volumes

Folder A: Private Ledger 1893 (1)
Folder B: Private Journal 1893 (1)
Folder C: Ledger-Accounts 1930-1934 (1)

BOX VII

Bound Volumes

Folder A:  Index Ledger "A"  (1)
Folder B:  Index Ledger "B"  (1)
Folder C:  Index Ledger "C"  (1)
Folder D:  Index Ledger "D"  (1)
Folder E:  Letters Sent 1927-28  (1)

OVERSIZE ITEMS

Bound Volumes

Item I:  Bills Receivable 1899-1918
Item II:  Trial Balance 1896-1897
Item III:  Trial Balance 1898-1900
Item IV:  Trial Balance 1901-1904
Item V:  Trial Balance 1905-1906
Item VI:  Trial Balance 1914-1916
Item VII:  Trial Balance 1917-1919
Item VIII:  Trial Balance 1920-1924
Item IX:  Trial Balance 1925-1928
Item X:  Journal 1892-1893
Item XI:  Journal 1893-1894
Item XII:  Journal 1894-1895
Item XIII:  Journal 1895-1896
Item XIV:  Journal 1896-1897
Item XV:  Journal 1897-1899
Item XVI:  Journal 1899-1900
Item XVII:  Journal 1901-1902
Item XVIII:  Journal 1932-1934

Item XIX: Journal 1935-1937
Item XX: Journal 1937-1938
Item XXI: Journal 1940-1942
Item XXII: Journal 1942-1944
Item XXIII: Journal 1944-1946
Item XXIV: Journal 1946-1947
Item XXV: Ledger 1893-1897
Item XXVI: Ledger 1897
Item XXVII: Ledger 1902-1914

Building Plans and Architectural Drawings

Item XXVIII: Farrell Co., Ansonia (1917)
Item XXIX: N.F. Snord's Lumber Co., Bridgeport (1896)
Item XXX: Crofut & Knapp Co., South Norwalk
Item XXXI: Yale & Towne Mfg. Co., Stratford (1897)
Item XXXII: Greist Mfg. Co., Westville (1906-1911)
Item XXXIII: Forsyth Dieing Co., New Haven (1912, 1915)
Item XXXIV: New Haven Clock Co. (1907-1926)
Item XXXV: Dillon & Douglas, New Haven (1912)
Item XXXVI: Marlin Firearms, New Haven (1902)
Item XXXVII: Crofut & Knapp Co., South Norwalk (1898)
Item XXXVIII: Brown & Thomas Auto Co., New Haven (1926)
Item XXXIX: Yale Coop, New Haven (1939)
Item XL: Collins Co., Collinsville Co. (1904)
Item XLI: Lockwood Mfg. Co., South Norwalk (includes two items of correspondence, 1908-1909)
Item XLII: C.S. Mersick Co.
Item XLIII: Conn. Fat Rendering & Fertilizer Corp., New Haven (1915-16)
Item XLIV: S.Z. Field Co., New Haven (1926)