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PAPERS OF

CHARLES B. NICHOLS (1897-1984)

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CHARLES B. NICHOLS (       -       )

Charles B. Nichols' family was involved in the textile industry for at least three generations. His great-grandfather is the first known member to work in the textile mills. Nichols, known by his nickname "Carl" or "Karl", grew up in the mill city of Lowell, Massachusetts. During his college years Charles Nichols worked summers at the Bay State Cotton Corporation and the Massachusetts Corporation. After graduation, he took his first job at the Boston Manufacturing Company in Waltham, Massachusetts. He wrote of his regard for the work, but it rapidly became too routine for his taste. Upon leaving the Boston Manufacturing Company he took a position with the United States Department of Commerce. Later in life, Nichols was involved in many business enterprises, including the Appleton Company, Inc., a milling company, and Old Sturbridge Village, a Massachusetts "living museum" devoted to recreating life in the nineteenth century. He also served as director of the Locks and Canals at Boott Mills in the 1970's. He collected many books on milling throughout the course of his life.

The papers of Charles B. Nichols are a collection of business records, manuscripts, and collected materials. Virtually all of these papers are related to mills and the textile industry. There was a partial original order represented by three folders of related materials that had been put together by Charles Nichols. This order was maintained in folders 1, 2, and 7. The other part of the collection, roughly one-half of the material, had no order prior to processing. A few items from this collection are on exhibit.

These papers are organized into the following series:

I. Business records: Papers concerning companies in which Charles B. Nichols had an interest. These include the Appleton Co., Inc. 1936-1950, and Old Sturbridge Village, 1974-1977. Business correspondence, 1951-1977, including copies of letters to associates. Also included are a number of lists, some ledger paper, and an envelope with no dates associated with them.


III. Collected materials: A single newspaper clipping, dated 1936; a biography, *The Genius of Samuel Slater*, 1955 with associated clippings; and a copy of *Investor's Reader*, from 1952. Also included are two scrapbooks, dated 1927-1965 and 1938-1950 concerning Charles Nichols and his family, the Otis Company, Ware Mill, Appleton Company, Palmer Mills, Greenville Mills, and Boston Duck Company. Items on exhibit include undated strike announcements and a lithograph, ca. 1840, depicting the city of Lowell.

Collection processed by Joseph Galloy and Steven Ourada of the National Park Service, Summer 1991.
BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1:

I. BUSINESS RECORDS

Folder:
4. Lists, blank ledger paper, n.d. 31 items.
5. Envelope, n.d. 1 item.

II. MANUSCRIPTS

8. List, acid-free photocopy and original, n.d. 8 items.

III. COLLECTED MATERIALS

9. Clipping, acid-free photocopy and original, 1936. 2 items.

LOWE  Merrimack Street Storage  RA2 SE1 SH3:

Scrapbook, 1927 - 1965, 1 item. Catalog No. LOWE-2932.
Scrapbook, 1938 - 1950, 1 item. Catalog No. LOWE-3141.

RA2 SE2 SH2:

Clipping, 1939, 1 item. Catalog No. LOWE-2926.
LOWE  Boott Exhibit Strikes 2.6 A2

   Announcement, n.d., 1 item. Catalog No. LOWE-3117

LOWE  Boott Exhibit Strikes 2.6 A3

   Announcement, n.d. 1 item. Catalog No. LOWE-3118

LOWE  Boott Exhibit Products/Markets 2.8.1 A2

   Lithograph, ca. 1840, 1 item. Catalog No. LOWE-2888
APPENDIX A

CORRESPONDENT, SUBJECTS AND NAME LISTING

CORRESPONDENTS

[NOTE: All Correspondence is located in Folder 3, except where indicated.]

Auchmoody, J.E., 1976, [Folder 2]
Bruner, William W., 1977
Chase, Kenneth V., 1976, [Folder 2]
Clifford, Edward L., 1976, [Folder 2]
Dirlam, John B., 1976, [Folder 2]
Dribben, S.F., 1953
Flather, Frederick A., 1951
Folger, Ernest, Jr., 1952
Hanington, Frank E., Jr., 1951
"Jim"?, 1936, [Folder 1]
Nichols, Charles B., 1952
Waldron, Louis D., 1951
Wall, Alexander J., 1976 - 1977, [Folder 2]

SUBJECTS AND NAMES

[Associated Names, Subjects, Periodicals and Manuscripts within the collection.]

Appleton Company, Inc., 1936 - 1950, [Folder 1, LOWE-3141]
Boston Duck Company, 1938 - 1950, [LOWE-3141]
Greenville Mills, 1938 - 1950, [LOWE-3141]
Investor's Reader, 1952, [Folder 11]
Nichols family, 1938 - 1950, [LOWE-3141]
Old Sturbridge Village, 1974 - 1977, [Folder 2]
Otis Company, 1927 - 1965, [LOWE-2932, LOWE-3141]
Palmer Mills, 1938 - 1950, [LOWE-3141]
Slater, Samuel, 1940, 1950, [Folder 10]
Ware Mill, 1938 - 1950, [LOWE-3141]
APPENDIX B

LIST OF BOOKS DONATED TO THE LOWELL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK BY CHARLES B. NICHOLS

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<td>3024</td>
<td>Kohn, August</td>
<td><em>The Cotton Mills of South Carolina.</em></td>
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3227  Newton, Charles Munroe.  *The Practical Spinner*.  Woonsocket, RI.  Published by the author.  1881.  52 p.
Newton, Charles Munroe. *The Practical Weaver.* Woonsocket, RI. Published by the author. 1888. 48 p.


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3204  *1916 Illustrated and Descriptive Catalog with Rules, Directions for Setting, Care and Use of Cotton Combing Machinery Manufactured by the Whittin Machine Works.*  Whitinsville, MA.  Textile Machinery Works.  1916.  47 p.


