

Guide to the James William Hook Papers

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Collection Overview

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CREATOR: Hook, James W. (James William), 1884-1957

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SUMMARY: Eighty-four letter books covering the professional career of James William Hook, who was president and treasurer of Geometric Tool Company of New Haven, 1923-1944; member of President Hoover's National Organization on Unemployment Relief, 1931-1933; president of the New England Council; and president and director of United Illuminating Company, 1939-1942. There are letterbooks labeled general, Geometric Tool Company, National Association of Manufacturers, New England Council, unemployment activities, University of Connecticut, and United Illuminating Company. The collection also includes press clippings and genealogical information.

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f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Mrs. J. W. Hook, 1958 and 1962.

Conditions Governing Access

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Biographical / Historical

James W. Hook (1884-1957): engineer for Globe Machinery & Supply Co., Des Moines (1908-1909); manager of C.A. Durham Co., Marshalltown, Ia. (1909-1916); president and director of Allied Machinery Co. of America, New York (1916-1923); president and treasurer of Geometric Tool Co., New Haven, Ct. (1923-1944); president of United Illuminating Co. of New Haven (1939-1942); active on various boards and commissions.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Arranged in two series: I. Correspondence Files. II. Press Clippings and Genealogy.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence Files

General		
b. 1, f. 1	Volume I	1923
b. 2, f. 2	Volume II	1923
b. 2, f. 3	A-L	1924
b. 3, f. 4	M-Y	1924
b. 3, f. 5	A-K	1925
b. 4, f. 6	L-Y	1925
b. 4, f. 7	A-K	1926
b. 5, f. 8	L-Z	1926
b. 5, f. 9	A-J	1927
b. 6, f. 10	K-Z	1927
b. 6, f. 11	A-L	1928
b. 7, f. 12	M-Z	1928
b. 7, f. 13	A-L	1929
b. 8, f. 14	M-Z	1929
b. 8, f. 15	A-L	1930
b. 9, f. 16	M-Z	1930
b. 9, f. 17	A-M	1931
b. 10, f. 18	N-Z	1931
b. 10, f. 19	A-Z	1932
b. 11, f. 20	A-Z	1933
b. 11, f. 21	A-K	1934
b. 12, f. 22	L-Z	1934
b. 12, f. 23	A-L	1935
b. 13, f. 24	M-Z	1935
b. 14, f. 25	A-H	1936
b. 15, f. 26	I-Z	1936
b. 15, f. 27	A-K	1937

General (continued)

b. 16, f. 28	L-Z	1937
b. 16, f. 29	A-M	1938
b. 17, f. 30	N-Z	1938
b. 17, f. 31	A-L	1943
b. 18, f. 32	M-Z	1943
b. 19, f. 33	A-K	1944
b. 20, f. 34	L-Z	1944
b. 21, f. 35	A-I	1945
b. 22, f. 36	J-Z	1945
b. 23, f. 37	A-K	1946
b. 23, f. 38	L-Y	1946
b. 24, f. 39	A-Z	1947
b. 25, f. 40	A-Z	1948
b. 26, f. 41	A-G	1949
b. 26, f. 42	H-Z	1949
b. 27, f. 43	A-M	1950
b. 28, f. 44	N-Z	1950

Topical

Allied Machine Company

b. 29, f. 45-58	1919-1920	1919-1920
b. 30, f. 59-72	January 1921-April 1922	January 1921- April 1922
b. 31, f. 73-86	1922 English	1922

Durable Goods Committee

b. 32, f. 87	A-Z	1934
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Geometric Tool Company

b. 33, f. 88	A-Z	1939
b. 34, f. 89	A-Z	1940
b. 35, f. 90	A-Z	1941
b. 36, f. 91	A-M	1942

Topical (continued)

	United Illuminating Company See also: boxes 44-45	
b. 36, f. 91	A-Z	1942
	Geometric Tool Company	
b. 37, f. 92	N-Z	1942
	United Illuminating Company See also: boxes 44-45	
b. 37, f. 92	A-Z	1942
	National Associations of Manufactures	
b. 38, f. 93	A-Z	1934
b. 39, f. 94	A-Z	1936
	New England Council See also: boxes 40-41	
b. 39, f. 94	A-Z	1936
	National Recovery Association	
b. 39, f. 95	A-Z	1933
	New England Council See also: box 39	
b. 40, f. 96	A-Z	1938
b. 41, f. 97	A-Z	1938
	Unemployment Activities	
b. 42, f. 98-99	1931-1932	1931-1932
b. 43, f. 100	1933 English	1933
	United Illuminating Company See also: boxes 36-37	
b. 44, f. 101	A-Z	1939
b. 45, f. 102-103	A-Z	1940-41
	University of Connecticut	
b. 46, f. 104-105	1949-1950	1949-1950
b. 47, f. 106-107	1950-1951	1950-1951
b. 48, f. 108	1952-1953	1952-1953

Series II: Press Clippings and Genealogy

Press Clippings		
b. 49, f. 109	1929-1930	1929-1930
b. 50, f. 110	1931-1932 January	1931-1932 January
b. 51, f. 111-12	1932-1933	1932-1933
b. 52, f. 113-14	1934-1935	1934-1935
b. 53, f. 115-16	1936, 1938	1936, 1938
b. 54, f. 117	1938 English	1938
b. 55, f. 118	1939-1946	1939-1946
Genealogy		
b. 55, f. 119	Arnold family	1952
b. 55, f. 120	Tyron, Jones, Harris, Lay Families	1952

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Business
Businessmen
Depressions -- 1929 -- United States
Unemployed -- Connecticut
Unemployed -- United States

Geographic Names

New Haven (Conn.)

Occupations

Engineers

Names

Hook, James W. (James William), 1884-1957

Families

Hook family

Corporate Bodies

Geometric Tool Company (New Haven, Conn.)
National Association of Manufacturers (U.S.)
New England Council
United Illuminating Company (New Haven, Conn.)
University of Connecticut