

**Buel Machine Company (c. 1850-1979)
Records c. 1900-1950's**

Manuscript Collection, BUS-16

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Administrative History: The Buel Machine Company, operated by James Buel, was in the machine shop business and was manufacturing tannery equipment by 1850 in Woburn, MA. Around the turn of the century the company produced Buel Steamers in competition with Henry Ford. J. Fredrick Buel (1900-1987) became involved with the company in 1920, later taking over its operation from his father. The firm produced freight elevators, many that were in excellent operating order for over fifty years. The company was located just off Woburn Center on Buel Place. Mr. Buel retired in 1966 and the company continued to operate in Woburn until 1979 as evidenced by its listing in the Woburn City Directory for that year.

Scope and Contents Note: Photographs, ephemera and photocopies of material related to the Buel Machine Company, owned and operated by the Buel family of Woburn. Subjects of the images include family members, company buildings and machinery and the Woburn flood. Many of the photographs are annotated. Ephemera include original advertisements for Buel Machine Company products and commemorative photographs of the company printed by the Woburn National Bank. Photocopies of maps, photographs and printed material on the company are part of the collection. One piece of correspondence, a postcard, is also in the collection.

Acquisition: Prior to 2005.

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