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**Edward F. Caldwell Lighting Company
Records, 1900-1959**

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Main Entry: Edw. F. Caldwell & Co.

Title: Edward F. Caldwell Lighting Company Records, 1900-1959

Size: 68 linear ft. (43 cartons, 20 archival boxes, 43 volumes)

Source: Gift of Edward Caldwell, 1971.

Historical Statement: Edward F. Caldwell & Co., founded in New York City in 1894, designed and manufactured lighting fixtures, ornamental bronzes and ironworks. The company was a major supplier of decorative crafts items for architectural commissions for the first four decades of the twentieth century. The company was liquidated by the Internal Revenue Service in 1956 but it reorganized and reemerged as E. T. Caldwell Lighting.

Description: The collection consists of the business records of Edward F. Caldwell & Co of New York City and its successor, Edward T. Caldwell Lighting. The records contain letters, draughtsman's sketches, group schedule of designs, design records, invoice books, ledgers and records of the firm's subsidiary, the Plastic Illuminating Company. The **draughtsman's sketches** represent the bulk of the collection. The sketches are arranged by the number assigned to the individual sketch. There is no subject index. These pen and ink sketches were drawn on onion skin and includes detailed front views of the light fixtures, order numbers and "type numbers" (drawn to scale). The **group schedule of designs**, 1930-1949, are sketches of multiple lighting fixtures required for a job (not drawn to scale). The designs are arranged alphabetically by customer and include the customer's name and address, date of order, order number and "type number". The **design records**, 1900-1941 (23 volumes) contain small sketches of lighting fixtures, scales, titles of the fixtures, draughtsmen's names, customers' names, order numbers and "type numbers". **Invoice books**, 1943-1946, arranged chronologically, include descriptions of the materials sent, prices, customers' names and addresses. The remainder of the material is one volume of records of material received, 1955-1956, that contains the firms' names and numbers, item numbers, prices, quantities and dates received; ledgers, 1953-1956, (3 volumes) containing accounts payable and receivable, alphabetically arranged; shipment record , 1951-1954 (1 volume); employees' salary records, 1953-1956, and an index to customers. **The Plastic Illuminating Company Records** consist of order books, 1954-1956; receipts and disbursements, 1947-1956; and checkbooks, 1952-1957.

Accessioned by Valerie Wingfield in 1987; revised in December 1992; and 2000.

Edward F. Caldwell & Co. Records

Container list

Box

1 **Personal Correspondence, 1958-1959**

Chambers, Kay
De Cazenove, Mrs. Ethel
Goldstein, Cy
Hilton, Judy
Jorgensen, Mrs. Reid
McGowan, Mr. Joseph (Lawyer)
Russell, John
Saulteil, Ed
Sherwood Edwin
Social Register
Tuxedo Club
Wilson, Hack (not the baseball player)

Business Correspondence, 1956-1959

- 2 A & P Trucking Company
Ackley & Associates (Educational consultants)
Arts & Decoration Company
Attlesberger-Tuchy (Interior decorators)
Bailey, John
Ballard and McKim (Architects)
Batson, Louis P. Company (Equipment and supplies)
Beacon Light and Supply Company
Beeman Lighting Company
Berthold, Karl
Beth El Hebrew Congregation
Billings, Dorothy Baker (Interior decorator)
Boston Machine Works Company
Bromberg & Company, Inc
Bromley's (Decorators)
Brown, Alvin I.
Brunner, Mrs. John F.
Butler-Kohaus Inc. (Designers of Lighting Fixtures)
Centralite Supply Company
Centuria
Chambers, The H. Company (Interior decorators)
City Electric Supply
Codinal John E. (Manufacturers representative)

Cohen, Rose K.
Cohodas, W.L.
Cold Cathode Lighting Corporation
Coleman, William A., A.I.A. (Architect)
Coley's (Interior Decorators)
Cooper, Harry Supply Company
Crawford

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Davidson, Jack (Interior decorator)
Denver Chicago Trucking Company
Detering Galleries
Dickson, Ogden
Donkel, E.W. (Machinery design)
Dorsey Electric Supply Company
Drage, Lucy Inc. (Interior decorator)
Electric Supply & Equipment Co., Inc.
Ensey, Mrs. John Hanson 2nd
Fairway Furniture & Upholstering Company
Florence Steam Laundry Inc.
Franz, J. ("The Weathervane Shop")
Gamble & Company (Printers)
Garfield Electric Supply Company, Inc.
Garner, Harry Mrs.
General Electric Supply Company
Gershon, Milton (Professional engineer)
Giovannetti, Daniel L.
Glover, James N. Mrs.
Golden *Rule* Radio Supply Company
Golub, Miss M.
Gray Glass Company
Graybar Electric Company (Long Island City, N.Y.)
Graybar Electric Company (Portland, Maine)
Graybar Electric Company (West Palm Beach, Florida)
Gulf Electric & Hardware Company
Haas, Maurine (Antique dealer)
Haisey-Stewart Company, Inc,
Happle, Rev. Herbert
Harris, Clyde (Interior furnishings)
Haydon House, Inc.
Helser, Fredric (Interiors)
Hill, J.F.
Holzheimers' Interiors
Home Shoppe (Interior Decorators)
House and Garden Shop
Household Finance

Hudson, J.L. Company (Interior Decorators)
Hughes, Alice (Decorator-designer)
Hughes, Carol (Interior Designer)
Hunker, Robert L. (Interior Decorator)
Hutchings & Milani, Ltd. (Industrial Engineers)
Ilfrey, Mrs. Allen
Irvin & Company Inc. (Interior Decorators)
Jefferson Electric Corporation
Joe's Electric Shop
Jones & Davis (Furniture)
Kamman Furniture
Katz, Gustave (Electrical and Steam Equipment)
Kerr, Robert Graham
Koski, W.E.
Lampmaker, The
Lang, Paul
Langwith, Wilson and King (Architects)
Letts, C.W.
Light & Power Construction Company
Little, A.M. & Sons (Electrical Supplies)
Loeber, F.C. (Director of design for Lamparas Quesada)
Long Leaf Lumber Inc.
Malcolm, Leona A.
Maravene's Antique Shop
Maritime Steel & Foundries Limited
Marks, Jeannette R. (Interior Decorator)
Mazzola, John P. (Interior Decorator)
Morgan & Brothers
National Cathode Corporation
Naylor, A.D. & Company
Nelson Bead Company
Nicholson, Thomas Mrs.
Nokes, Margret K. (Interiors)
Norden Electric Inc.

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Peerless Blue Print Company (Artists Supplies & Instruments)
Pittsburgh Outdoor Advertisement Company
Poerner, Edward W.
Porter & Porter (Interiors-Antiques)
Radio-Lux (Modern Lighting)
Railway Express
Rawson, Catherine G. (Interiors)
Rector Street Corporation
Redd, Mrs..Aldysius J.
Richey, Herbert S.

Rinehart Theron Mrs.
Riverside Foundry
Rodefer-Gleason Glass Company
Rowe Electric Supply Company
Sanford, Fredrick G.
Schmertz & Erwin (Architects
Schneider, James W.
Sharp Limited Hotels
Sloane, W. & J.
Speck Plastics Inc. (Plastic Manufacturers)
Spencer, William (Lighting Fixtures)
Spicer, Herman L.
Stagg, Lena (Interiors)
Stedman-Harris (Decorators)
Strassel Company
Stromquiest, Victor H.
Swetland, P.H.
Taffel Electric & Supply Company
Temple Israel
Thompson, William Heyl (Architect)
Thorne, Joseph Company (Commercial Contract Division)
Tomorrow's Homes, Inc.
Townsend, Mary
Unique Lamp & Shade Manufacturing Company
U.S. Army Signal Depot-Tobyhanna
Van Dongen, Henry
Van Dyke, Mrs. Leonard S.
Village Temple
Vogel, Miss Francis
Wagner-Woodruff Company
Waterbury Company (Plastic and Metal Manufacturers)
Whitner, Lillian
Wollner, Stanley (Interiors)
Yetter Manufacturing Company

Draughtsman's Sketches (28 x 18 cm.)

Box

5	A34,001 - A46,700
6	A46,701 - A53,600
7	A53,601 - A58,500
8	A58,501 - A62,800
9	A62,801 - A66,200
10	A66,201 - A70,600
11	A70,601 - A74,700
12	A74,701 - A78,000
13	A78,001 - A81,400
14	A81,401 - A85,900
15	A85,901 - A89,500
16	A89,501 - A93,700
17	A93,701 - A98,100
18	A98,101 - A100,000 K501 - K1800
19	K301 - K6300
20	K6301 - K10,000
21	K10,001 - K12,500
22	K12,501 - K13,500
23	K13,501 - K14,300

Draughtsman's Sketches (42x40cm.)

24	C2898 - C7040 A480 - A7295
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25	A73,087 - A91,528
26	A91,529 - A99,787 K730 - K3769
27	K3770 - K5705
28	K5708 - K6437
29	K6438 - K6835
30	K6836 - K7149
31	K7152 - K7459
32	K7460 - K7865
33	K7872 - K8254
34	K8256 - K8695
35	K8696 - K9048
36	K9050 - K9434
37	K9436 - K9832
38	K9833 - K10,190
39	K10,201 - K10,694
40	K10,701 - K11,156
41	K11,157 - K11,399
42	K11,400 - K11,708
43	K11,709 - K11,926
44	K11,928 - K12,265
45	K12,266 - K12,808
46	K12,809 - K13,267
47	K13,268 - K13,807

- 48 K13,811 - K14,290
- 49 K14,291 - K14,303
Miscellaneous blueprints and sketches

Group Schedule of Designs, 1930-1949

Box

- 50 Aetna Life Insurance Company
Allegheny General Hospital
Ambassador Hotel - Atlantic City and New York City
Apartment Hotel
- Bank of Manhattan
Bank of Montreal
Bankers Trust Company
Bell Telephone Laboratories
Blair & Co.
Boca Rota Club
Breakers Hotel
Brick Presbyterian Church
- Caja De Ahorras - Panama City
Camden Safe Deposit & Trust Company
Carlton House
Central Hanover Bank
Central Savings Bank
Chase National Bank
Chicago Daily News Building
Christian Science Publishing Society
Chrysler Corporation
Chrysler Salon
City Bank Farmers Trust
Clift Hotel
Colizens, Senator J.
Cox, D. Farley
Cruger, Fowler
- Delhi Central School
Department of Justice
Detroit Country Club
Diagnostic Building
Donaldson, Brown
Duke Construction Company
- East River Savings Bank
Elks Club

Ferncliff Mausoleum
First Presbyterian Church
Forman National Bank
Forest Hills High School
Fort Hamilton High School
Frick Collection Library Building

Gilbs & Cox
Glen Oaks Country Club
Glenn Falls National Bank & Trust Company
Grace, E. F.
Grand Hotel (Guadeloupe)
Grand Central Office Building (New York City)
Graybar Electric Company
Grosse Point Christ Church

Haddon Hall
Holophone Company
Hospital de Valle
Hotel Gladstone
Hotel Sherman
Hotel Statler (Buffalo, New York)
Hotel Statler (Detroit)
Howe Public Library
Hunter College
Hutton House (Palm Beach)

International Telegraph & Telephone Company
Lexington Hotel (New York City)
Lincoln Liberty Building
Los Angeles Biltmore Hotel
Luncheon Club

Mairs, O.B.
Margaretville School
Maritime Commission - *S.S. America* and the *S.S. United States*
Marlboro Galleries
Matthews Construction Company
Mendoza
Miami Biltmore Hotel
Military Academy (Caracas, Venezuela)
Montgomery County Court House
Moore Dry Dock
Mount Vernon Seminary

Nassau County Park - Gold Pro Shop

Nassau Tavern (Princeton, New Jersey)
National Art Gallery
National Hotel of Cuba
National Theatre of Iceland
Nebraska State Capital
New Auxiliary Barque
New Yorker Corporation

Ohio Bell Telephone Company
Paine, Nathan
Pan America Conference - Capitolio National Palicio San Carlos
Poerner's Lamp
Providence Biltmore Hotel
Providence County Court House
Pulaski School

Ransohoff Bros.
Rinehart, W. A.
Rockefeller Center - Barber Shop (New York City)
Roney Plaza Hotel
Roosevelt Hotel

Saunders, M. S.
St. Stephen's Church
Scaife Residence
Severance Hall
Shadyside Presbyterian Church (Pittsburgh, Pa.)
Starrett Brothers
Syracuse University

Trinity College
United States Government
 Engineering Corps
 Federal Reserve Bank
 Federal Reserve Board Building
 Foreign Building Office
 Justice Department
 United States Court House, New York
 Veterans Administration Hospital
 War Department
 White House

University of Rochester
University of Texas
Uptown Hotel
Waldorf Astoria Hotel

Wappingers Falls
Waters, James J.
William Penn Hotel
Willock, W. W.
Woman's Twentieth Century Club

Box 51 Photographs of assorted fixtures (negatives included).

Design Records, 1900-1941

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Reel</u>		
1	1	K501 - K5500	Jan. 1938-May 1941
2	2	C7400 - C12,494	Jan. 1900 - Oct. 1902
3	3	C12,495 - C16,729	Nov. 1902 - Sept. 1904
4	4	C16,730 - C17,325	Sept. 1904 - Aug. 1906
5	5	A1 - A4600	
5	5	A4601 - A9600	Aug. 1906 - June 1908
6	6	A9601 - A14,600	July 1908 - Feb. 1910
7	7	A14,601 - A19,620	Feb. 1910 - Oct. 1911
8	8	A19,621 - A24,600	Oct. 1911 - May 1913
9	9	A24,601 - A29,600	May 1913 - Dec. 1914
10	10	A29,601 - A34,600	Dec. 1914 - Feb. 1916
11	11	A34,601 - A39,600	Feb. 1916 - Apr. 1917
12	12	A39,601 - A44,600	Apr. 1917 - June 1918
13	13	A44,601 - A49,600	June 1918 - May 1920
14	14	A49,601 - A54,600	May 1920 - Jan. 1922
15	15	A54,601 - A59,600	Aug. 1923 - Apr. 1925
16	16	A59,601 - A64,600	Apr. 1925 - Nov. 1926
17	17	A64,601 - A69,600	Nov. 1926 - May 1928

18	18	A69,601 - A74,600	May 1928 - Oct. 1929
19	19	A74,601 - A79,600	Oct. 1929 - Jan. 1931
20	20	A79,601 - A84,600	Jan. 1931 - Jan. 1932
21	21	A84,601 - A89,600	Jan. - June 1932
22	22	A89,601 - A94,600	June 1932 - Mar. 1935
23	23	A94,601 - A100,000	Mar. 1935 - Dec. 1937

Invoice Books (*volumes have been disbound and boxed*)

24	3901 - 4600	July 1945 - Apr. 1946
25	4601 - 5200	Apr. 1946 - Dec. 1946
26	5801 - 6299	Apr. 1947 - Sept. 1947
27	6801 - 7499	Feb. - Sept. 1948
28	7500 - 7999	Oct. 1948 - Mar. 1949
29	8000 - 8599	Apr. - Dec. 1949
30	9100 - 9499	Aug. 1950 - Jan. 1951
31	10,500 - 11,099	July 1952 - Jan. 1953
32	11,613 - 12,153	Feb. - Dec. 1954
33	12,102 - 12,600	Oct. 1954 - Dec. 1955
34	12,174 - 12,893	Nov. 1954 - Nov. 1956
35	12,181 - 12,892	
36	12,601 - 12, 893	Dec. 1955 - Nov. 1956 [missing]

37 **Record Of Materials Received**

3114 - 3835 Mar. 1955 - May 1956

Ledgers

38	Accounts Payable, A-Z	1954-1956
39	Accounts Receivable, A-K	1953-1956
40	Accounts Receivable, L-Z	1953-1956

41 **Shipment Record, 1951-1954**

42 **Employees Salary Records, 1953-1956**

43 **Index of Customers, A-Z (undated)**

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Order Books

- 44 no. 48-680 Feb. 1954 - Sept. 1956
- 45 no. 789-840 Oct. - Dec. 1956
- 46 Receipt and Disbursements, Jan. 1947 - Oct. 1956
- 47 Checkbook, July 1952 - May 1957