Edward F. Caldwell Lighting Company
Records, 1900-1959

Valerie Wingfield
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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)


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
Ballast 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

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.

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
Stromquist, 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
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45  K12,266 - K12,808
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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
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**Shipment Record, 1951-1954**

**Employees Salary Records, 1953-1956**

**Index of Customers, A-Z (undated)**
Plastic Illuminating Company. Records

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