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Finding aid for The Bethlehem Steel Collection

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Title: The Bethlehem Steel Collection
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Extent: 3 boxes (1.25 linear feet)
Location: Bethlehem Room
Language: English

Abstract: This collection contains a small selection of documents from Bethlehem Steel's history, including a safety handbook from 1914 and a corporate telephone directory from 1989. It also includes a selection of industry-related publications, such as articles written by Stewart S. Cort and Curtis H. Barnette. The collection also contains marketing materials for Bethlehem Steel products and plant locations.

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Historical Note: Bethlehem Steel's origins can be traced to the Bethlehem Iron Company, which was established in 1957 as Saucona Iron Company. When Bethlehem Iron Company began to move toward steel production, the name was changed and Bethlehem Steel Company was formally established in 1899. Bethlehem Steel Corporation was officially incorporated by Charles M. Schwab in 1904.

Bethlehem Steel was a major supplier of steel during World War I and World War II, which eventually led to a period of expansion and prosperity throughout the 1950s. By the 1970s, the company faced increasing competition from foreign steel suppliers, who could produce steel for

cheaper prices. In the early 1980s, operations at Bethlehem Steel began to cease due to a reported \$1.5 billion loss. Steel manufacturing ended in 1995. The company filed for bankruptcy in 2001 and was dissolved in 2003.

Scope and Content: This collection is organized into 3 series. **Series 1** contains corporate documents including a safety handbook, telephone directory, and documents relating to the company's IT and information management systems. **Series 2** contains publications related to the steel industry, including articles written by Stewart S. Cort, former president and chairman of Bethlehem Steel, and Curtis H. Barnette, former chief executive officer and chairman of Bethlehem Steel. **Series 3** includes marketing materials for plant and laboratory locations, various products produced by Bethlehem Steel, and artifacts such as magnets and a notepad.

Names:

Barnette, Curtis H.
Cort, Stewart S.

Subjects:

Steel industry and trade – Bethlehem, Pa.
Bethlehem Steel Company
Bethlehem Steel Corporation

Related Materials:

Local History

- 331.7 - Kovach, Elizabeth A. - *Inside Bethlehem Steel: the final quarter century*
- 338.47 - Bartholomew, Ann - *Bethlehem Steel in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania: a photographic history*
- 338.47 - Berger-Carmen, Tracy L. - *Bethlehem Steel (Images of America)*
- 338.47 - Bethlehem Steel Company - *Telephone directory: index by departments, personal directory, classified directory by departments*
- 338.47 - *Forging America: the story of Bethlehem Steel*
- 338.47 - Kuchta, David - *Memoirs of a steelworker*
- 338.47 - Warren, Kenneth - *Bethlehem Steel: builder and arsenal of America*
- 338.7 - Barnette, Curtis H. - *Bethlehem Steel and the Lehigh Valley's changing industrial scene: remarks by Curtis H. Barnette, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*
- 338.7 - Bethlehem Steel Corporation - *Annual report of Bethlehem Steel Corporation*
- 338.7 - Cotter, Arundel - *The story of Bethlehem Steel*
- 338.76 - Strohmeier, John - *Crisis in Bethlehem: big steel's struggle to survive*
- 338.766 - Behum, Frank - *30 years under the beam: Bethlehem Steel exposed: as told by those who worked there*
- 624.17 - *Structural shapes: information and tables for architects, engineers and designers of buildings and other steel structures*
- 669.1 - Bethlehem Steel Company - *Bethlehem alloy steels bars, billets, blooms, slabs*
- 669.1 - Bethlehem Steel Corporation - *Publications: Bethlehem Steel, May 1, 1918 - June 15, 1918; Bethlehem Booster, July 1, 1918 - March 17, 1919*

669.1 - Garn, Andrew - *Bethlehem Steel*
672 - Blalock, Thomas J. - *Blast furnace manual: Bethlehem Steel Plant, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania*
672 - Passmore, Greg - *Lost and forgotten: a visual documentary of Bethlehem Steel*
672.1 - Bethlehem Steel Company - *Bethlehem tool steels*
974.822 - Landis, John K. - *Bethlehem Steel: rusting relic*

Local History Pamphlets

338.47 - Bethlehem Steel - *This is Bethlehem Steel*
338.47 - Bethlehem Steel Corporation - *Welcome to our new corporate headquarters: Martin Tower*
338.7 - Bethlehem Steel Corporation - *A brief history of Bethlehem Steel Corporation*
338.7 - Bethlehem Steel Corporation - *A quick look at Bethlehem [Steel]*
338.7 - Bethlehem Steel Corporation - *Recollections: in celebration of 75 years*
352 - Bethlehem Steel Corporation - *Report: Bethlehem, Pa., plans for 1990*
624.17 - Bethlehem Steel Company - *Bethlehem structural shapes: supplementary catalogue, July, 1927*
624.2 - Bethlehem Steel Corporation - *Let's build a bridge!*
669.1 - Bethlehem Steel Corporation - *Bethlehem Plant*
669.1 - Bethlehem Steel Company - *Bethlehem Plant, Bethlehem Steel Company*
669.1 - Bethlehem Steel Company - *Steel in the making*
669.1 - Bethlehem Steel Corporation - *Bethlehem Steel Company publications, misc.*
669.1 - Bethlehem Steel Corporation - *The Homer Research Lab*
669.1 - Martin, Edmund F. - *Promise for the future*
669.1 - Williams, Walter F. - *"Bethlehem Steel today"*
974.822 - Bethlehem Steel Corporation - *Bethlehem, Pa., and Bethlehem Steel: reprinted from Bethlehem Review, December, 1955 for the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania*
974.822 - Lovis, John B. - *Steelmaking in Bethlehem, PA: the final years*

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338.7 - Bethlehem Steel Corporation - *Bethlehem Steel, ... whose management, kinetic and durable, has always had its way. How it got its way, what it has done with that way, where that way seems to be heading*
338.7 - *When "The Steel" falls silent*

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338.47 DVD - *Bethlehem Steel: the people who built America*
338.47 DVD - *Reflections in steel: a photographic essay*
338.47 DVD - *A view from inside: a film by Bruce J. Ward*
338.47 DVD - *Voices of steel*
338.47 - Bethlehem Steel Company - *Telephone directory: index by departments, personal directory, classified directory by departments*

338.47 - Bethlehem Steel Corporation Real Estate Department - *Plants and fabricating works*

338.7 - *Bethlehem Review*

669.1 - Bethlehem Steel Corporation - *The properties and plants of Bethlehem Steel Corporation, 1925*

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338.7 - Bethlehem Steel Corporation - *Newspaper articles on the Bethlehem Steel Company strike, March, 1941*

Container Listing

Series 1: Corporate Documents

Folder Title	Date	Box	Folder
Historical Sketch of the Development of Bethlehem Steel Company and Bethlehem Steel Corporation	1914	1	1
Timely hints for the safety & welfare of our employees	1916	1	2
1965 Bethlehem Steel Corporation Annual Report	1965	1	3
Reason for Claim Master List	1981	1	4
Notice of 1987 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement	1987	1	5
Corporate Telephone Directory	1989	1	6
Problem Solving/Decision Making	1991	1	7
Documents/agenda for discussion of corporate IT management process	1992	1	8
Briefing document - Visit to Bethlehem Steel by the United States Department of Defense	1992	1	9
Bethlehem Steel Corporation and the Mics I/S Management Support System	undated	1	10

Series 2: Steel Industry

Folder Title			
Surahammar: A modern Swedish steelworks with ancient traditions	1961	1	11
Review of Progress 1968: A report for employees, Midland Group, British Steel Corporation	1968	1	12
Can the American Steel Industry Survive?	1971	1	13
Free Trade? Yes - But!	1971	1	14
"Where Have We Failed?"	1972	1	15
Heritage of Mechanical Fasteners	1974	1	16
"American Manufacturing Leadership in a	1995	1	17

Changing Global Economy"			
Fairless Works, United States Steel	undated	1	18
Handbook of Terms	undated	1	19
Steel Making Flow Charts	undated	1	20

Series 3: Marketing

Folder Title

Johnstown Plant	1951	2	1
Bethlehem Plant (2 copies)	1952	2	2
Facilities and Products of Lebanon Plant	1953	2	3
Sparrows Point Plant	1953	2	4
Press release; Bethlehem Review, January 1963 edition; Burns Harbor Plantbooklet	1963	2	5
The Newport Bridge	1969	2	6
Bethlehem Steel Ads and Sales	1972	2	7
Plates: information and tables for plate fabricators and engineers	1980	2	8
Aerial Views and Map, Bethlehem Plant	1981	2	9
Bethlehem at Burns Harbor	1981	2	10
ABCs of Steelwatching	undated	2	11
Bethalume Studs and Nuts	undated	2	12
Bethlehem All-Thread Rods	undated	2	13
Bethlehem Bolts	undated	2	14
Bethlehem Fasteners	undated	2	15
Bethlehem Plant	undated	2	16
Bethlehem Plant	undated	2	17
Bethlehem Railroad Fasteners	undated	2	18
Bethlehem Shipyards and Ships	undated	2	19
Bethlehem Steel Company, Homer Research Laboratories	undated	2	20
Bethlehem Steel notepad	undated	2	21
Bethlehem Yieldable Mine Arch and Ring Sets	undated	2	22
A Brief Chronology of Bethlehem Steel	undated	2	23
A Brief History of Bethlehem Steel (3 editions)	undated	2	24
Burns Harbor booklets	undated	2	25
Burns Harbor Plant	undated	2	26
Careers with Bethlehem Steel and the Loop Course	undated	2	27
Design for Marine Drilling, Production, and Storage	undated	2	28
The Homer Research Laboratories	undated	2	29
Homer Research Laboratories map	undated	2	30
Homer Research Laboratories postcards	undated	2	31
Inventions and Patents	undated	2	32
Johnstown Plant	undated	2	33

Lackawanna Plant	undated	3	1
Lebanon Plant Fasteners	undated	3	2
Magnets	undated	3	3
Pennsylvania Steel Technologies, Inc.	undated	3	4
Products of Bethlehem Steel	undated	3	5
Sparrows Point Plant	undated	3	6
Steelton Plant	undated	3	7
This is Bethlehem Steel	undated	3	8
Venezuelan Iron Ore for Bethlehem Furnaces	undated	3	9