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Biographical/ historical note:

In 1880 Edward Payson Bullard founded the Bridgeport Machine Tool Works in a loft in Bridgeport, Connecticut. The company produced vertical lathes--machine tools used in other industries such as transportation and construction. By 1890 the company had grown and was producing lathes, boring and turning mills, turret machines, standard box tools, die holders and dies, pointing tools and stop gauges. In 1894 the company name changed to Bullard Machine Tool Works. It moved its plant to Black Rock in 1917. On January 4, 1929 the firm's stock was admitted for trading in the New York Stock Exchange and the previously private company went public. At the same time, the name of the firm changed to The Bullard Company. After years of increasing production and marketing, the company was taken over by White Consolidated Industries and business declined. The plant closed in the early 1980s and was demolished in 1983. The site is currently occupied by BJ's Warehouse.

For more information, see the vertical file in the library, as well as a small published booklet Yankee Toolmaker.

Scope and content note:

The collection primarily consists of publications and memorabilia produced by the Bullard Company. Administrative records, organized in Series A, encompass three annual reports between 1956-1963; lists of deeds, plans, and news articles about property owned by the company, 1968-1980, 1990; letters and memoranda concerning the takeover by White Consolidated Industries in ; and essays and articles relating to the institution of electronic production control in 1955.

Personnel Records, arranged in Series B, includes memos to employees, 1968-1982; materials concerning job evaluation, 1941-1959; copies of two newsletters, the *Bullard Record* , 1956-1968, and *Bullard Events*, 1942-1957; photographs of employee activities, n.d.; Quarter Century Club meeting programs, 1953-1966; employee identification badges and club flyers, 1942-1943, 1956-1962., and memo announcing the retirement of E. P. Bullard as president.

General, replacement parts, service, and operators' manuals, dating from 1890-1982; and general information brochures, ca. 1950-1960, comprise Series C, Publications. Photographs, 1918-1981; historical information, including newspaper clippings, 1930-1990; and memorabilia, including banners, ties, and commemorative materials, are arranged in Series D, Historical and Commemorative Materials.

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Employees--Conn.--Fairfield
Fairfield (Conn.)--Industry
Industries--Conn.--Fairfield
Photographs
Technical manuals

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Folder 6.	Metric converter, n.d.; metal calendar, 1955	5
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Folder 10	Capsule of Bullard History	5
	License plate (12”x9”x5”)	6
	Ashtray in the shape of a Bullard lathe	
	2 men’s ties	
	2 metal service pins	
	2 lengths of Bullard 100th anniversary stickers	

Presentation pen and letter opener	
100th anniversary tape measure	
Framed drawings of vertical lathes (2)	
Framed photograph of Bullard plant	
Bullard calendar, 1944	
Bullard paper pennant	Oversize Mss Box 2
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