CANDLES, ca.1838-1928
(33 cubic feet; 1 DB)

Scope and Content Note

This material consists primarily of bills/receipts, pamphlets, printed advertisements, import/export documents, postcards, labels, lithographs and scattered correspondence on letterhead stationery from manufacturers and distributors of candles and other related products. The companies tended to manufacture a variety of candles including beeswax, stearic acid, sulfur, chemical mould, crystal, glycerin and red oil. Other products include gas lighters, coils, artificial charcoal, soap, starch, sal-soda, indigo, wax bleachers, tapers, inks, blacking, sperm oil, teas, wines, cigars and rolls. There are a few company publications relating to the history of candle making, the shift from candles as utilitarian products to decorative pieces and the uniqueness of a particular candle manufacturing company. The bulk of the material is late nineteenth and early twentieth century.

There are a few images included among the materials. These images are lithographs of women and children with lighted candles. There is no identification of origin on the images. A number of the company related catalogs include images of candles, identification of types and prices.

Materials are organized by name of company. There are four folders of material grouped by type: import/export documents, general images and miscellaneous materials.

Subject Terms:

Dry Goods
Candles
Soap
Wax

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Scope and content Note: candles

1 Box

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- Soap

Container List: Candles

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Colonial candle company
Hyannis, Massachusetts

Cook, Alexander
Philadelphia, PA

Crouse, J. & D.N. Wholesale & Retail Dealers
Canastota, New York

Darrah & Elwell Ship Chandlers and Grocers
Philadelphia, PA

Duffy, Edward & Son Soap & Candle Manufacturer
Philadelphia, PA

Dunbar Sulphur candle Manufacturing company
East Orange, New Jersey

Eckermann & Will Wax Candle Manufacturers
Syracuse, New York

Hoppock, J. & Son
New York

Hume, S. & company Buffalo Soap and candle Works
Buffalo, New York

Mack, Miller candle company
Syracuse, New York

Mitchel, R.B. Candle Manufacturer
Lakeville, Conn.

Pierce, Samuel candle Wholesale and Retail Dealer
Boston, Mass.

Standard Oil Company
Boston, Mass

Syracuse Candle Co.
Syracuse, NY

Webb & Purdy Wholesale Grocers and commission Merchants
New York

Will & Baumer Candle Manufacturer Company
Syracuse, New York

Candles: Import/Export Documents

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