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**ADAMS & WESTLAKE (ADLAKE)
COLLECTION ADDITION, CA. 1881-CA. 1980**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	7 shoebox-size manuscript boxes, 1 half-size manuscript box, 22 bound volumes, 3 photograph folders, 5 graphics folders, 1 OVA graphics box, 1 OVB graphics box, 2 OVB photograph folders, 1 OVC graphics box, 2 OVC photograph folders, 3 oversize (OVD) graphics flat file folders, 6 oversize graphics flat file folders, 7 printed items.
COLLECTION DATES:	Ca. 1881–ca. 1980
PROVENANCE:	Purchased from Emery Chonody, Greenwood, Indiana, July and September 2000.
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained from the Indiana Historical Society.
ALTERNATE FORMATS:	
RELATED HOLDINGS:	M 0961: Adams & Westlake (Adlake) Collection; additional company materials including pamphlets and books can be found within the Printed Collections holdings by searching the Library's online catalog.
ACCESSION NUMBER:	2000.0958; 2001.0020
NOTES:	

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Adams & Westlake Company, otherwise known as Adlake, is reported by the company to have been founded in 1857. This was most probably the date at which one of the first concerns that would grow, merge and evolve into Adlake was organized in Chicago, Illinois. However, it wasn't until 1874 that J. McGregor Adams and William Westlake merged their interests and provided the lasting name for the company.

The first namesake, J. (John) McGregor Adams, was born in Londonberry, New Hampshire, in 1834. He began his work in railroad supplies by gaining employment with Clark and Jesup, a New York firm. He was transferred, around 1858, to Chicago to run that company's new sales office. John Crerar, another member of the Jesup firm, joined him shortly thereafter and eventually the two formed Crerar, Adams & Company.

William Westlake, the second namesake, was born in Cornwall, England, in 1831. He came to the United States at age sixteen, working various jobs in the Midwest. In 1862, he invented the loose globe lantern, which was used on railroads. He created other railroad lamps as well, which accounts for that particular specialty of the firm.

Since the beginning, the company has produced railroad and hardware supplies. By the early 1900s, Adlake was hailed as one of the largest suppliers of transportation equipment. The company manufactured transportation related hardware such as lamps, lanterns, lights, keys, sashes, luggage racks, lavatories, and more. They were successful enough to absorb at least portions of the operations of other prominent railway suppliers, including but not limited to, Union Brass Manufacturing, the Curtain Supply Company, and Dressel.

In 1927, Adams & Westlake moved their operations to Elkhart, Indiana. They continue to operate there, through to the current day, manufacturing products for the transportation industry. The company's website currently lists over fifteen different types of transportation related products, many of which they have been producing in one form or another for years.

Sources:

Information in the collection

Adams & Westlake, Ltd., <http://www.adlake.com/>, accessed online June 15, 2018.

"Death of William Westlake," *New York Times*, December 29, 1900, <http://query.nytimes.com/gst/abstract.html?res=F10713FC3F5B11738DDDA00A94DA415B808CF1D3>, accessed online June 15, 2018.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection has been divided into five distinct series by the processor. The series are laid out as follows.

Series 1: Personnel: This series contains personnel cards from the late 1800s through the 1920s. The cards are not comprehensive of the company's employees during that time period, and only a portion of the alphabet is represented. The cards in this collection often contain first and last names, birth dates, employment dates, and nationalities, including, in some cases, the nationalities of the employee's parents. Reasons for the employee's departure from the company are also sometimes noted.

Series 2: Product Designs and Technical Information: Design documents for various company products are in this series. Also included are product blueprints which are organized by product group numbers, or when that information was lacking, item type. Within the product blueprints there are large runs of identification numbers, however, there are many gaps within those numbers, we do not have a full run of product blueprints for any of the Adams & Westlake product lines.

Series 3: Advertisements, Product Information [Including Catalogs], and Scrapbooks: This series contains general information regarding the company as well as full, partial, and dismantled catalogs. Those materials dealing with one item or type of product have been separated and organized alphabetically by type of item. Adams & Westlake products reside first in the series, with additional companies noted after. The last section of this series includes scrapbooks related to some of the company's products.

Series 4: Ledgers and Account Books: This series is comprised of financial, order, and production ledgers and account books. They represent different geographic entities and aspects of the company's business. The ledgers and account books are organized in roughly chronological order, though there is some overlap in volume dates.

Series 5: Artifacts: This series contains artifacts related to the company and the types of products created by railroad supply companies. Not all artifacts in this collection were manufactured by Adams & Westlake.

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Series 3: Advertisements, Product Information [Including Catalogs], and Scrapbooks

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Advertising Blueprint, Lighting, Adlake Acetylene Gas Conductor's Lantern with instructions for use	OVB Graphics Box 1, Folder 18

Advertising Blueprints, Lighting, Conductors' Fancy Lanterns; Railroad Lanterns	OVC Graphics Box 1, Folder 9
Catalog, Lighting, <i>Adlake Lighting Fixtures</i> , ca. 1910	Printed Collections: General Collection TK4198.A3
Catalog, General, <i>Adams & Westlake Company: [catalog]</i> , 1887	Printed Collections: Folio Q TF440.A419 1887
Loose items removed from <i>Adams & Westlake Company: [catalog]</i> , 1887	Box 8, Folder 19
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Catalog, Metal Finishes, <i>Anolok by Adlake: 500 series</i> , showing anodized finishes for Adlake products, ca. 1980	Printed Collections: Pamphlet F TS694.2.A33
Dayton Manufacturing Company Advertisements from periodicals	Box 8, Folder 20
<i>National De Luxe Window</i> , National Lock Washer Company, 1929	Printed Collections: Pamphlet F TH2275.N35 1929
Trolley Supply Company (Canton, Ohio) advertisement from <i>Electric Railway Journal</i>	Box 8, Folder 21
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Catalog, Lighting, <i>Electric Fixtures</i> , Safety Car Heating & Lighting Company, 1914	Printed Collections: Folio Q TF449.S24 1914
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[Financial Ledger, Curtain Supply Co., 1918-1923], includes limited 1924 notations	BV 5434

[Financial Ledger, 1919-1923], includes accounts payable, dividend accounts, salaries, expenses, etc.	BV 5435
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Louisville and Nashville Railroad doorknob, marked L&N	2000.0958
2 Illinois Central Railroad Brass and Leather Luggage Tags	2000.0958
2 Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Plastic Luggage Tags, #1485090, #1485091, ca. 1975	2000.0958

Illinois Central Railroad Burgundy Sealing Wax, stamped I.C.R.R.	2000.0958
Union Pacific Railroad Green Sealing Wax, stamped Union Pacific	2000.0958
Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railway Burgundy Sealing Wax, Stamped M.K.&T.	2000.0958