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## A Guide to the Consolidated Car Heating Company Inventory

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**Abstract**

Consolidated Car-Heating Company (CCHC) was formed by the merger of two companies, McElroy Car Heating Company, Albany, New York, and Sewall Safety Car Heating Company, Portland, Maine. CCHC was incorporated in the State of West Virginia on June 24, 1889.

This collection includes patent files, financial records, stockholder records, corporate records, legal files, and miscellaneous files.

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## **Biographical/Historical**

Consolidated Car-Heating Company (CCHC) was formed by the merger of two companies, McElroy Car Heating Company, Albany, New York, and Sewall Safety Car Heating Company, Portland, Maine. CCHC was incorporated in the State of West Virginia on June 24, 1889. The Company was organized to do general railway heating business including the manufacture of steam heating apparatus, appliances for lighting and ventilating railroad cars and steamboats, pneumatic door controls, switch panels and

the operation of brakes on railroad trains by the use of electricity. A more extensive list included electric heaters, blower heaters, thermostatic control, safety switch panels, electric and pneumatic door operating equipment, automatic treadles and sensitive door edges for street cars and busses. Also produced were ball tooth universal joints, which are used for remote control of valves and ventilating equipment used on ships.

Original stockholders of CCHC included James Roosevelt, father of Franklin D. Roosevelt, and James Fenimore Cooper, grandson of James Fenimore Cooper, author of *Last of the Mohicans*. In 1902, some of Mr. Roosevelt's stock was transferred to Franklin D. Roosevelt. In 1890, George Westinghouse, the famous US inventor, sold his Standard Car Heating & Ventilating Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to CCHC for \$400,000 in CCHC stock. He joined the Board of Directors and remained Director until 1910.

In 1910, there were about 250 steam railways and 730 electric railway companies operating in North America. In 1911, the sales of CCHC were about \$325,000.

The original CCHC facility was constructed on Pearl Street in 1893 at a cost of \$25,000. In 1906, a second building was erected and in 1914, a third building was constructed. The combined buildings had approximately 75,000 square feet of space.

In 1917, CCHC had a contract with the U.S. government to manufacture 300,000 shell casings at a price of \$3.85 each. The number of peacetime employees in 1941 was 164, while the number required for work for WWII reached a maximum of 372 in March 1945. The company took up Ordnance work in order to contribute toward the war effort and also to utilize its facilities, which were not being used to capacity on regular production due to wartime materials restrictions.

CCHC ultimately exited the transportation business in 1958. In the 21st century, the company is known as CMP Industries and manufactures dental laboratory materials and equipment.

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## Scope and Contents

Series I consists of seven boxes of 556 original patent files from the U.S. government. These files include original drawings, specifications, patent description, patent number and serial number as well as the name of the inventor and assignment materials to CCHC. John McElroy was one of the prolific inventors. Patents also were secured in 20 foreign countries, including some which no longer exist such as Natal, Austro-Hungary, Transvaal and Orange State Colony. Each contains a photocopy of the original envelope (too dirty to retain), patent, assignment, and any other materials. The patent contains the drawing and specifications. The envelope contains CCHC control number, inventor, invention, patent date from circa 1889, patent number, serial number. Also includes a listing of "National Pneumatic Company Patents," and Patents Pending, Applications by National Pneumatic and Canadian patents.

Series II includes original financial records including ledgers and journals from the earliest dates of the McElroy Car Heating and the Sewall Safety Car Heating Companies. There are about 16 boxes of financial records. Tax returns are included as well as extensive files having to do with the manufacture of artillery shells for the Eddystone Arsenal.

Series III includes original stockholder records from 1889. They include the names of famous stockholders mentioned in the history as well as local Capital District residents who owned stock in CCHC. There are approximately two boxes of these records.

Series IV are corporate records including 37 years of records from 1889 to 1927. Original incorporators included Daniel Sewall, James McElroy, William Gorham Rice and Andrew N. Brady. There are two boxes of these records.

Series V includes legal files. Among these are appraisals and maps of the property.

Series VI is miscellaneous files. There are historical photographs, scrapbooks, catalogs, and cipher or codebooks.

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