

Poston Brick Company Collection

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Size

3 boxes

Scope

The collection includes materials for Springfield Brick Company, Springfield Paving Brick Company, Poston Brick Company, Poston Springfield Brick Company, Martinsville Brick Company, Moulding Brick Company, and Poston Brick and Concrete Products Company. The majority of the items are from Poston. Materials include board of directors meeting minutes, annual reports, stock certificates, patents, trademarks, product information, financial records, real estate records, and photos.

Background

The father and son team of Irvin G. (1854-1943) and Emmett V. Poston (1888-1964) was making bricks in Martinsville, Ind., in 1915 when they decided to expand elsewhere. Emmett Poston, according to the Register's 1934 article, spent six months looking for the ideal combination of raw materials, water and fuel resources and transportation facilities before opening a plant 2600 South Grand Ave. E. in Springfield. I.G. Poston largely remained in Martinsville after the Springfield plant opened. The younger Poston was president of the local company until he died. Poston merged with the Springfield Brick Co., 2700 E. Ash St., in 1928. Poston began making concrete block in addition to bricks in 1938, and blocks became so important to the business that the company was renamed Poston Brick & Concrete Products Co. in 1945. In 1950 Emmett Poston and Thomas Fleming took over the operation of the Martinsville Brick Company in Indiana. The Thomas Moulding Brick Company took over the Martinsville Brick Company and the Moulding Brick plant in Martinsville closed in 1976. The Poston Brick & Concrete Products Co. was put in liquidation in 1974 and was dissolved in 1981.

Provenance

Gift 2012-43 from Tom Poston

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Box 2

1. Directors Record Book Springfield Paving Brick Co. 1893-1923
2. Ledger Springfield Brick Company/Springfield Paving Brick Company Stock and Board of Directors Minutes 1924-1928
3. Ledger Poston Brick 1916-1928 including incorporation, bylaws, and board minutes
4. Ledger Poston-Springfield Brick Company 1928-1945 including board minutes

Box 3

1. Binder Poston Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 1945 – 1952
2. Ledger Poston Brick and Concrete Products Company 1953-1961 Stockholders and Directors meeting minutes
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