

# The Industrial Structure of the Niagara Peninsula: Interview Material, 1923-1979

**RG 88**

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**Creator:** John N. Jackson

**Extent:** 0.127 m (1 box), textual records

**Abstract:** This archive contains original manuscript materials relating to the publication *The Industrial Structure of the Niagara Peninsula*. The bulk of the materials are research materials relating to companies and interviews.

**Materials:** Pamphlets, information booklets, handwritten/typed notes.

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**History:**

The publication, *The Industrial Structure of the Niagara Peninsula*, was produced from a series of interviews of Niagara Peninsula industrial establishments, focusing mainly on St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Welland. The interviews took place during January and April of 1970 and focused on industries employing 10 or more people. There was only a 1% refusal rate in obtaining interviews. The interview and background information included in this fonds include: General Motors/McKinnons, Canada Hair Cloth, Foster Wheeler, Hayes-Dana, Lincoln Fabrics, Port Weller Dry Docks, St. Catharines – General Industrial/Service Industries, and Thompson Products. Miss Carole White was the research assistant for this publication and conducted the majority of the interviews. The interviews were open-ended rather than questionnaire format to get a sense of where manufacturers view themselves, trends in the industry, and influence among other factors.

The Industrial Structure of the Niagara Peninsula [SPCL FC 3140.7 I6 J224 1971]

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**Scope and Content:**

This fonds contains research and interview information regarding the publication *The Industrial Structure of the Niagara Peninsula*. There are numerous company histories and pamphlets. The collection was arranged in alphabetical order by folder title. The original folder titles were retained. Staples and paper clips were removed and clippings were copied.

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**Organization:** The records were arranged into one series:

Series I, Industries, 1923-1979

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**Inventory:**

**Series I. Industries, 1923-1979**

- 1.1 General Motors [McKinnons], 1958-1969, n.d. Contains news clippings; handwritten report of an interview about the history of McKinnons; a photocopied article about the

- site for the expansion of McKinnons in Grantham Township with photos; assorted news clippings about the history of McKinnons titled "McKinnons Milestones"; and handwritten notes.
- 1.2 General Motors and McKinnons, 1875-1969, n.d. Contains handwritten and typewritten notes about the original McKinnon plant and Ontario Street plant; a news clipping about the materials and supplies used by McKinnon Industries; handwritten notes about materials, markets, transport, and employment; photocopy of an aerial view of St. Catharines showing the location of McKinnons; a typewritten chronology of the company from 1896 to 1965; typewritten notes from an interview with Mr. Kennard, President; and a 6-page typewritten history of McKinnon Industries.
  - 1.3 Canada Hair Cloth, 1969, n.d. Contains handwritten notes; a brief typewritten summary of the Company including its history, source of material inputs, markets, labour supply and pollution; and correspondence between David Macfarlane, managing director of the Canada Hair Cloth Co. Ltd., and John Jackson and F. Duerden of Brock University re: a research project and information about the company and its operations.
  - 1.4 Foster Wheeler, 1966, n.d. Contains a booklet for Foster Wheeler's Family Day (1966) that includes information about the company and the products it makes; a 2-page typewritten history of the company with sections on the market, inputs, labour and transport; promotional material about products including steam generators and mills; and a booklet about the company including statistics, engineering facilities, manufacturing facilities, machine tools, welding and cutting equipment, furnaces, foundry, tube bending facilities, inspection and testing facilities, material, handling facilities, shipping facilities, field construction, and service.
  - 1.5 Hayes-Dana, 1939-1979, n.d. Contains an undated history of Hayes Steel Products Ltd. In Merritton, Ont.; a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative booklet; annual reports for 1977, 1978 and 1979; issues of the Hayes-Dana publication *Contact* (1968-1969); correspondence between Hayes-Dana and Frank Duerden of Brock University re: information about the company; and a 3-page typewritten history of Hayes-Dana Ltd.
  - 1.6 Industrial Structure of the Niagara Peninsula, 1970. Contains book title pages.
  - 1.7 Lincoln Fabrics, 1923, 1969, n.d. Contains brief, typewritten histories of Lincoln Fabrics including sections on the site, labour force, raw materials, markets, nature of output, transport, and problems of the location in St. Catharines; a letter from J.M. Kennedy, Norfolk County Archivist, re: the company in St. Catharines and the reasons for its establishment; and photocopies of Board of Directors meeting minutes at the Chamber of Commerce.

- 1.8 Port Weller Dry Docks, 1957-1969, n.d. Contains a 1968 booklet on Port Weller Dry Docks with sections on location, shipbuilding, ship construction, repairs & conversion, repair work, and industrial equipment; a 2-page typewritten document titled *Stages of Development at the present Port Weller Dry Dock site*; a diagram and photograph of the company's location along the Welland Canal showing the fabricating shop, dock, carpenter's shop, administration building and main warehouse; handwritten notes from an interview with the Assistant Secretary / Treasurer at Port Weller Dry Docks; an aerial photograph; typewritten histories of Port Weller Dry Docks; a list of vessels constructed by Port Weller Dry Docks Inc.; and ships built at the Port Dalhousie Shipyard.
- 1.9 St. Catharines – General Industrial, 1951-1970, n.d. Contains information about Alexander Awnings Ltd.; Ampere Electric; Avondale Dairy; Better Shade Co. Ltd.; Blenkhorn & Sawle Ltd.; Boese Foods; Canadian Warren Pink Division of Dominion Chain Company Ltd.; CLA-VAL Canada Ltd.; Clark Machine Co. & Clarkcraft; Columbus McKinnon; Court Industries and St. Catharines Screw Machine Products; Davis Lumber Co.; Domtar Ltd.; Duo-Temp; E.T.F. Tools; Essex Packers; Garden City Paper Mills; Genaire Ltd.; Girotti Machine Co.; Granny Goose of Canada; Janzen Plumbing & Heating; Kelsey Hayes; Kimberly-Clark; Lightning Fastener Co.; Lincoln Graphics; Lincoln Machine Shop Ltd.; Linwell Wood Products; Niagara Vallance-Brown; Red-D-Mix Concrete; Seneca Manufacturing; Sparkle Pallet Co.; Sterling Varnish Co. of Canada; Scholler Bros.; Thompson Products Ltd.; Thorold Welding-Pensteel Products Ltd.; Tri-Sure Products Ltd.; United Cooler (Niagara Ltd.); Welland Vale Manufacturing Co.; and Wetheys.
- 1.10 St. Catharines – Service Industries, n.d. Contains information about Mamy's Wonder Bakeries; Gordon Bunting (Electrical Contractor); General Welding & Fabricating; Seaway News Company; Sheppard Fence Co.; Canadian General Electric Ltd.; Garden City Specialty; Zenith Electric Supply Ltd.; H. Rubin & Son (scrap metal); Sam Adelstein & Co. (scrap metal); and Niagara Frontier Caterers Ltd.
- 1.11 Thompson Products, 1967, n.d. Contains a geographical survey of Thompson Products by Dr. John N. Jackson with photographs, March 20, 1967; and a partially completed survey including sections on manufacturing inputs and outputs, transportation, and location.

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**Related Materials:**

The Industrial Structure of the Niagara Peninsula / John N. Jackson and Carole White. -- St. Catharines, [Ont.] : Dept. of Geography, Brock University, 1971 [SPCL FC 3140.7 I6 J224 1971]