

BHC-MSS 0004
Guide to the Andrew L. Riker and Riker Family Collection
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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Andrew L. Riker and Riker family

Title: Andrew L. Riker and the Riker Family Collection

Dates: 1844-1978 [Bulk 1888-1930]

Quantity: 26 manuscript boxes, 10 oversize boxes

Abstract: The Riker family had considerable impact on Bridgeport in the early 20th century. Hired by the Locomobile Company of America, engineer Andrew L. Riker worked in Bridgeport for two decades. His time as the chief of engineering and vice president of the Locomobile Company occurred at the same time that Bridgeport was producing seemingly everything, from heavy industrial products to small consumer goods. The papers of Andrew L. Riker and the Riker Family provide a look into how Riker himself functioned, how he worked, and what his private life was like. Materials also relate to his immediate and larger family, and help to offer a full picture of the family. Prominent within is material related to the early automobile industry, as well as family photographs and patents.

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Biographical History

Biography of Andrew L. Riker

Andrew L. Riker was born on October 22, 1868 in New York City. He attended Columbia College with the intent to focus on law, but he took a keen interest in engineering. He began working within the automotive industry in 1884, and began his own company based in Elizabeth, New Jersey: the Riker Motor Vehicle Company. Also called the Riker Electric Motor Company, the manufacturer focused on building electric cars in the early days of the automotive industry.

Eventually, Riker was lured to the Locomobile Company of America in 1902, which was based in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Over the course of his tenure there, he rose to the position of vice-president of the company as well as the chief of engineering, but before that he gained recognition for developing gasoline cars for Locomobile. In 1908, the race car that he helped Locomobile to develop won the prestigious Vanderbilt Cup Race, which was given the number of 16 in the lineup. Old #16 was a major success, and represented Riker's skill in engineering and development. He also helped to develop the worm-drive truck for Locomobile, which was later re-named the Riker Truck. This vehicle had a heavy presence in World War I, and the company produced a high number of the trucks for various allies in the war.

Riker's professional life was marked by success. He helped to found the American Society of Automotive Engineers, and was heavily involved in a number of professional organizations.

Until Locomobile began to close in the 1920s, Riker remained at the company. When Locomobile left Bridgeport, Riker retired, and settled into life in Fairfield, Connecticut. An active member of the community, he was a part of the town's planning commission.

Together with his wife Edith Riker (nee Whiting) whom he married on April 9, 1890, Riker had three children: Edith W., Charlotte L., and Andrew L. Riker Junior. The family took numerous trips together, and Riker himself owned several yachts which he clearly took pride in.

Andrew L. Riker died on June, 1930.

The larger Riker family has been in the United States since the 1600s. There are living descendants Andrew Riker today, and they are active in preserving their family's legacy as it relates to automotive history.

Scope and Content Note:

The scope of the Andrew L. Riker and Riker Family Papers contain an eclectic variety of materials. The bulk of the material relates directly to Andrew L. Riker himself, and charts his career in the automotive industry, with a heavy focus on the 1900s to 1920s. While there is some manuscript material, most of it relates to his professional interests and contain things he either researched or was associated with. There are materials related to his personal life, but likewise they primarily reflect involvement and interests.

Represented the most after Andrew L. Riker are materials related to Andrew L. Riker, Junior. His business records are presented to some degree, but the bulk of the material is research and correspondence relating to his father's history and the Locomobile Company. There are typed manuscripts of a draft of what might have been a book, as well as index card files.

Other members of the Riker family, including Riker's with Edith, other children, and extended family have some manuscript material present.

Photographs take up a large portion of the collection. A small group relates to the professional works and endeavors of Andrew L. Riker, the rest are family photographs. These include negatives that require conservation.

Arrangement note

Due to the complex nature of the Andrew L. Riker and Riker Family Papers, the series has been divided into three sub collections: Andrew L. Riker, the Riker Family, and Oversize. The papers of Andrew L. Riker himself have been further grouped into two sub-groups: professional materials and personal materials.

Sub-group A begins with series I, which is composed of manuscript materials. Series II represents Riker's business ventures, and series III contains all patents issued to him. Series IV contains blueprints and drawings, and series V contains medals and ribbons Riker gained through various professional involvements over his lifetime. Series VII reflect the publications that Riker relied on to inform his own work, and series IX shows the maps he also collected as a part of his work. Series

X represents clippings relating to Riker and his work, and series XI contains photographs related to his time in the automotive industry.

Sub-group B collects the materials relating to Riker's private life. It contains manuscripts, material relating to his yachts, and also material relating to his death, funeral, and estate.

Sub-collection B represents the material related to the rest of the Rikers. Series I contains material related to Edith L. Riker, Andrew's wife. His son, Andrew L. Riker Junior is represented in series II with a heavy emphasis on his research files and work. Edith and Andrew's daughter, Eleanor, has material represented in series III, and the rest of the family is chronicled in series IV. Series V contains photographs.

Sub-collection C contains all oversize material.

Administrative information:

Provenance: The papers of the Rikers came into the Bridgeport History Center as one donation. The material was not immediately processed. Researchers frequently requested these papers along with the Records of the Locomobile Company of America Records that entered the Bridgeport History Center in three different accessions from three different donors, and were intermixed. Effort was made to determine if any material from the Riker boxes was mixed in with the Locomobile Company of America records. Due to the highly similar content in both collections, judgement calls were made at several points about the likelihood of origin.

The Records of the Locomobile Company of America and Riker family papers were processed simultaneously.

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Names and Subject Tracings

Personal names

Riker, A. L. (Andrew Lawrence), 1868-1930.

Corporate names

Locomobile Company of America

Subject tracings

Automobiles--1890-1900.

Automobiles--1900-1920.

Automobiles--American--1890-1900.

Automobiles--American--1900-1920.

Automobiles--Bodies--Design and construction--History

Automobiles Gas engines

Automobiles, Electric

Locomobile automobile

Box and Folder Listing

Sub-collection: Andrew L. Riker

Sub-Group A: Andrew L. Riker's professional materials

Series I: Andrew L. Riker manuscript materials

Arrangement: Chronological

Summary: Materials in the manuscript series relate to various contacts Riker had, all related to business and professional involvement. Some correspondence is parsed into individual folders due to previous processing begun and then stopped.

Box 1

1. Book of letter copies , A.L. Riker, 1892-1898
2. Correspondence, Charles L. Seabury and Co. to Universal Electric Launch Co., February 13, 1894
3. Correspondence regarding the Inter-Ocean Automobile Show, Chicago, 1900
4. Correspondence, Automobile Club of America, 1900-1901
5. Correspondence, Hart O. Bergh (Riker's European representative), 1901
6. Correspondence, Whiting and Lawrence, 1902
7. Correspondence, A.L. Riker from Thomas Proctor regarding Electric Fire Engine, September 9, 1908
8. Correspondence, establishment of new company, 1900s
9. Correspondence, Naval Consulting Board, 1917
10. Correspondence, Aero Club of America, June 3, 1918
11. Correspondence, Industrial Research Corporation, 1920-1929
12. Correspondence, Henry Ford Museum including donation of cars, 1924-1930
13. Typescript of Naval Board Digest, undated
14. Additional manuscript material, undated
15. Bound book, blank, Andrew L. Riker, undated

Series II: Andrew L. Riker's business ventures

Arrangement: Chronological

Summary: Printed material, original documents, and additional material that relates to the professional involvement of Andrew L. Riker in his various businesses. Riker Electric is most heavily represented in the contents, but also present is the Universal Electric Launch corporation and the Locomobile Company of America.

Box 2

1. Accounting, A.L. Riker, with J.S. and D.L. Riker, June 1888-January 1902
2. Electric Launch Company Catalogue, 1893
3. Minutes from Stockholders meeting of Universal Electric Launch Company, February 24, 1894
4. Universal Electrical Launch corporation documents, c. 1894
5. Universal Electrical Launch insurance policy, November 28, 1903
6. Universal Electrical Launch catalogue, undated
7. Universal Electrical Launch catalogue, undated
8. Riker Electric Motor Company catalogues, 1893
9. Riker Electric Motor Company Electrical Apparatus for Marine Use, 1893
10. Riker Electric Motor Company, brochure, 1896
11. Riker Electric Motor Company and American Steel Casting Company contrast, December 31, 1896
12. Riker Electric Motor Company, Riker System for Electric Vehicles, c. 1897
13. Horseless Age, featuring Riker Electric Elizabeth NJ plant, 1899
14. Motor Car and Motorcycle Exhibition held in London, featuring some electric cars powered

- by Riker design, July 3-10, 1899
15. Riker Electric Vehicle Company, Announcement of opening of Elizabethport Plant, 1899
 16. Additional documents relating to Riker Electric Automobiles, c. 1890s

Box 3

1. Riker Motor Vehicle Co., Receipts for European Patent Applications, 1900
2. Contract for Sale of Foreign Patents to Riker Electric Vehicle Company, January 30, 1900
3. Riker Motor Vehicle Co., ads in Greater Interstate Fair in Trenton, NJ, 1900
4. Riker Electric Vehicle Company, Vehicle data and electrics, September 10, 1900
5. Riker Electric Vehicle Company, Tri-state Fair at Guttenberg, NJ, September 17-22, 1900
6. Riker Electric Vehicle Company, press release for November 3, 1900
7. Riker Motor Vehicle Company, Directions for charging, 1900
8. Riker Motor Vehicle Company, Catalogue, 1900
9. Riker Motor Vehicle Company, Vehicle data announcements 1-41, April 3, 1901
10. Catalog, Auto supplies, 1901
11. Electric Vehicle Company. Columbia/Riker, containing the first mention of Riker Gasoline Cr, 1901
12. Electric Vehicle Company. Columbia/Riker, Bulletin for Town and County Runabout, September 29, 1901
13. Electric Vehicle Company. Columbia/Riker, List of owners, 1901
14. Description of the Riker 8 HP Gasoline Vehicle, November 2, 1901
15. Operator's license and 1st auto registration, Philadelphia, 1903
16. Electric Vehicle Company. Columbia/Riker, undated
17. Riker Electric Vehicles, price list, undated
18. Riker Electric Vehicles, directions for care and management, undated
19. Riker Electric Vehicles, handbill, undated
20. Riker Electric Vehicles additional documents, undated
21. Riker Electric Vehicles, engraving plate for A. L. Riker's business cards, undated
22. Riker Motor Vehicle Company, name plate, undated
23. Contract with A.L. Riker to develop 8 HP gasoline engine and car, January 1, 1902
24. License and Locomobile envelope, September 1903
25. List of car specs, 1905-1908
26. Vanderbilt Cup instructions for entrants, 1908
27. Vanderbilt Cup banquet, October 24. 1908
28. A.L. Riker sales book and company address book, 1912
29. Formula of steels used in construction of Locomobiles, October, 1913
30. Ball bearings as an automobile sales factor by A.L. Riker, 191
31. Info sheet on A.L. Riker's gunboat roadster, 1917
32. Notes regarding periodicals and lists of articles appearing in

Box 4

1. Invoice for Locomobile converter for A.L. Riker, 1920
2. Locomobile correspondence, 1902-1929
3. Locomobile trademark registration, April 29, 1925
4. Address to employees of Locomobile about flag raising, unknown author, undated
5. Additional notes and material relating to Locomobile, undated

Series III: Patents issued to Andrew L. Riker

Arrangement: Chronological

Summary: Patents issued to Andrew L. Riker in the United States of America, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

6. List of patents issued to Riker, 1886-1924
7. U.S. Patent 711441, motor vehicle frames, October 14, 1902
8. U.S. Patent 725990, internal combustion engines, April 21, 1903
9. U.S. Patent 906290, spark adjusting means, December 8, 1908
10. U.S. Patent 17499, improvements in internal combustion engines, July 27, 1911
11. U.S. Patent 1051515 speed changing mechanism, January 28, 1913
12. U.S. Patent 1108851, band breaks, August 25, 1914
13. U.S. Patent 1109637, internal combustion engines, September 14, 1914
14. U.S. Patent 1144433, internal combustion engines, June 29, 1915
15. U.S. Patent 1156038, internal combustion engines, October 5, 1915
16. U.S. Patent 1168421, controlling means for internal combustion engines, January 18, 1916
17. U.S. Patent 1175813, controlling means for internal combustion engines, March 14, 1916
18. U.S. Patent 1181252, May 2, 1916
19. U.S. Patent 1206731, sparking connection for automobiles, November 28, 1916
20. U.S. Patent 1213019, sparking devices, January 16, 1917
21. U.S. Patent 1215863, internal combustion engines, February 13, 1917
22. U.S. Patent 1230033, internal combustion engine, June 12, 1917
23. U.S. Patent 1244244, anti-skidding devices, October 23, 1917
24. U.S. Patent 1253630 internal combustion engine, January 1, 1918
25. Assignment of Patent, A.L. Riker to Locomobile Company, April , 1918
26. U.S. Patent 1264561, power-transmission gearing, April 30, 1918
27. U.S. Patent 1268623, internal combustion engines, June 4, 1918
28. U.S. Patent 1275173, windshields, August 6, 1918
29. U.S. Patent 1326157, automobile breaks, December 23, 1919
30. U.S. Patent 1368411, vehicle wheels, February 15, 1921
31. U.S. Patent 166218, ventilator, April 17, 1928

Box 5

1. Canadian patent 165623, internal combustion engines, October 26, 1915
2. Canadian patent 166132, improvements to band brakes, November 23, 1915
3. Canadian Patent 166945, regulation means for internal combustion engines, January 4, 1916
4. Canadian Patent 167846. Improvements in internal combustion engines, February 29, 1916
5. Canadian Patent 196941, automobile brakes, February 20, 1920
6. Canadian Patent 203591, internal combustion engines, August 21, 1920
7. UK Patent 17499, Improvements in internal combustion engines, July 27, 1911
8. U.K. Patent 19507, improvements in band brakes, August 30, 1911
9. U.K. Patent 22197, improvements to ignition systems, September 30, 1911
10. Automotive and aviation patents, 1924-1939
11. Additional patents
12. A.L. Riker inventions, 1 of , undated
13. A.L. Riker inventions, 2 of , undated

Series IV: Blueprints and drawings

Arrangement: Chronological

14. Blueprint, layout of Elizabethport (Elizabeth, NJ) plant, late 1890s
15. Blueprint, style 86 electric, June 12, 1901
16. Blueprint, gasoline car for Locomobile, 1904
17. Early electrical drawings, undated
18. Blueprint, McCormick Automatic starter, 1911

19. Drawing, Gasoline engine, cooper hewitt, 1916
20. Sketch, Speed launch for A.L. Riker, undated
21. Blueprints related to Rubber shock insulator company
22. Blueprints related to gas engine for Charles E. Sargent
23. Drawing, hub enclosed differential for Riker carriages, July 30, 1965

Box 6

Series V: Subject files

Arrangement: Chronological

Summary: Various materials related to Andrew L. Riker and his professional involvements. They offer a look at the breadth of his interests and involvements.

1. Constitution and by-laws of the Electrical Contractors Association, December 1897
2. Electrical fraternity dinner invitation, September 9, 1899
3. Speech given to [?] club, 1898
4. New York Electrical Society symposium, March 22, 1900
5. Engineers club, annual report, 1901
6. Automobile Club of America banquets, 1902-1903
7. American Motor League constitution and by-laws, 1903
8. May Carnival-Bridgeport Fresh Air Association, 1903
9. SAE membership list, 1908
10. SAE dinner menu, January 19, 1909
11. Honors from Naval Consulting Board, 1909; 1913
12. Flushing Institute Association dinner invitation, February 11, 1913
13. American Red Cross life membership certificate, April 9, 1917
14. Society of Automotive Engineers, membership directory, 1917
15. Founder member of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps country club
16. Navy Yard ID for Andrew L. Riker, 1910s
17. Society of Automobile Engineers, membership roster, July 1919
18. National Automobile Chamber of Commerce annual dinner, January 6, 1925
19. SAE annual dinner, January 8, 1925
20. SAE annual dinner program, January 8, 1925
21. SAE pamphlets, undated
22. Misc.

Box 7

Series VI: Medals and Ribbons

Arrangement: Chronological

Summary: Various ribbons associated with Riker's place either as a participant in automotive related events or else as a judge.

1. Columbus Day, October 12, 1892, empty
2. Vanderbilt Cup Commission, 1904
3. Vanderbilt Cup Race, American Elimination Trial and Member Commission, 1905, empty
4. American Elimination Trial, Cup Race Judge, 1905
5. Vanderbilt Cup Race, Judge of Weigh-in, October 14, 1905
6. Automobile Meet, Atlantic City Automobile Club, April 26-27, 1906
7. Empire City Track, 11th Automobile Race Meet, November 6, 1906
8. Member 1906 Cup Commission. American Elimination Trial, September 22, 1906
9. Automobile Club of Hartford Reliability Contest, Referee, May 22, 1909
10. Annual Meeting, counselor, A.L. Riker, 1914, empty

11. Locomobile Sales Convention, April 24-2, 1916
12. 13th Annual Meeting of the Garden Club of America, Mrs. Riker, April 13-16, 1926
13. Unknown medal, possibly relating to World War One, undated
14. Automobile Permit, Central Park, undated, empty
15. Dinner in honor of Locomobile of America, undated, empty

Box 8

Series VII: Published materials collected by Andrew L. Riker

Arrangement: Chronological

Summary: Published material that Andrew L. Riker collected. It showcases the development of the automotive industry, and reflects Riker's interests.

1. Book, The Electric Motor and Its Applications, 1889
2. Duggin and crossman house catalog, 1878
3. C&C electric motor Company catalogue, undated, and testimonial letters, dated 1890
4. Pamphlet, "The triumph valveteen compound engine", January 1891
5. Pamphlet, "L'Eletriction Revenue Inernational del'Eletricite", January 2, 1892
6. Journal, "The Compass" volume 3 number , December 1893
7. Magazine, Cassier's Magazine, March 1894
8. Pamphlet, "La Rouche System" electrical machinery catalogue, 1894
9. Pamphlet, J.H. Williams and Co. catalogue of drop forgings 1895
10. Pamphlet, American Electric Vehicle Company, catalogue, 1898
11. Pamphlet, Eletro-Chemical Storage Battery Company, catalogue and price list, 1896
12. Pamphlet, Walker Manufacturing Company, bound copies of testimonial letters, 1894-1896
13. Pamphlet, Automobile Club of America Racing Rules, 1901
14. Information sheet, Motor Vehicle Law, New Jersey, 1903
15. Membership certificate, International Electrical Congress, 1904
16. Program, Fifth Automobile Race and Meet, Yonkers, New York, September 24, 1904
17. Pamphlet, Automobile Club of America, Sixth Annual Banquet Guest List, January 21, 1905
18. Handbill, Spirit Hill Climb, May 30, 1908
19. Firestone Progressive Locomotion, 1909
20. Booklet, Who's Who and What's What in Gasoline, 1913
21. Pipe-Hartford trucks 3 and ton truck specs, 1913
22. Pamphlet, Fischner Motor, 1915
23. Booklet, Edison Storage Batteries for Submarines, dedicated to A.L. Riker by Miller Reese Hutchinson, October 1915
24. Information on Mechanical Vessels from Fuller Engineering Company, October 19, 1917
25. League to enforce invitation to convention, May 1918

Box 9

1. The Lubrication of Motorcars, 1919
2. The Naval Consulting Board of the United States by Llord N. Scott feat. Riker's name on the cover, 1920
3. Pamphlet, The Dey Electric, 1921
4. Charging of Two-Stroke Engines by W. Morgan, December 1922
5. Gear Tooth Shapes from American Machinist, 1922
6. Railless Trolley Traction, January 11, 1923
7. Misc. Electrical Company early catalogues, undated
8. Institution of Automotive Engineers Library catalogue, 1923
9. Telegraph Testimonial Catalogue, 1928
10. Presentation images from Harrisburg F and M works, undated

11. A Little Manual for Motorists, July 1, 1928
12. Automobile Quarterly, subscription solicitation brochure, undated
13. The Baylis Company, Reaction brush Holder descriptive pamphlet
14. Alexander, Barney, and Chapin electrical supply catalogue, undated
15. Flather machine tools, undated
16. I.A.E. data sheets, undated

Series IX: Maps

Arrangement: Primarily chronological. Exception made for a group of maps that were put in a file folder together that had a clear order.

Summary: Riker's role in the automotive industry meant he paid careful attention to maps and road developments. The maps reflect that interest.

Box 10

1. World's Columbian Exposition, 1893
2. Fairfield county, 1904
3. Coast of main, eastern part, 1905
4. Pilot road map for New England, 1908-1909
5. Travelers Atlas, New England, 1911
6. Road map, western Connecticut, C.S. Hammond Company, 1913
7. Map of proposed highways by National Highway Association, 1918
8. Victory map of Europe, 1919
9. AAA service station directory, 1940
10. Map of Connecticut, undated
11. Railroads of Connecticut, undated
12. Travels of George Washington
13. Latest map of the coast of Maine, western part, 1910
14. Latest map of southern New Hampshire, 1910
15. New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad map, 1915
16. Latest road map of southern and northern Vermont, 1910
17. New York, Philadelphia, and Norfolk Time Schedule, 1889
18. Topographical maps from Withrop H. Perry, 1 of 2
19. Topographical maps from Withrop H. Perry, 2 of 2
20. Map of the Street Railways of Connecticut, 1908

Series X: Clippings

Arrangement: Primarily chronological

Summary: Clippings relating to Riker's professional activities, along with general clipping files.

Box 11

1. Vanderbilt Cup Race, clippings from 1958
2. Postcards, Vanderbilt Cup Race, 1908
3. Clippings, #16
4. New York Sun, Interview with Riker, January 1916
5. Newspaper ad for exhibition of War Locomobile, 1917-1918
6. Bridgeport Sunday Post, Riker's appointment to Naval Advisor Board c. 1910s
7. Riker's appointment to Naval Advisory Board, c. 1910s
8. Bridgeport Sunday Post, A. L. Riker and Edith Riker world trip, June 9, 1929
9. Fairfield News, Editorial by A.L. Riker, June 7, 1930
10. 50 Years of Motor Cars, 1946
11. "The Antiquarian", November 1950
12. New York Times Magazine, Photos of Riker electric, January 19, 1967

13. New York Times Magazine, Photos of Riker electric, January 29, 1967
14. Antique Motor News, History of Locomobile, April 1978
15. Antique car clippings
16. Electric car clippings, undated
17. Clippings
18. Clippings
19. Clippings
20. Clippings
21. Clippings
22. Clippings
23. Clippings
24. Clippings

Series XI: Photographs

Arrangement: Chronological

Summary: Photographs of Riker's cars, his time with the Naval Consulting Board, and other professional accomplishments.

Box 12

1. Photographs, Naval Consulting Board, New York City parade photos, undated
2. Photographs, Naval Consulting Board, Visit to proving grounds,
3. Photographs, electric car, 1897
4. Photographs, The Riker screen
5. Photographs, Exhibit at the American Institute, 1892
6. Photographs, Electric Surrey, 1897
7. Photographs, Riker Electric at Harrah's, 1896
8. Photographs, first Riker Electric (bicycles), undated
9. Photographs, Electric surrey, undated
10. Photographs, Riker Electric Victoria undated
11. Photographs, Riker Electric vehicles, 1896-1897
12. Photographs, Riker exhibit at Madison Square Garden, January 21, 1899
13. Photographs, Riker Electric, undated
14. Photographs, Riker Electric, unlabeled, 1889-1901, includes negatives
15. Photographs, auto show, undated
16. Photographs, "waters" winder of Riker Electric Motor, negatives, 1888
17. Riker electric plant and products, 1888-1890
18. Photographs, negatives

Box 13

1. Photographs, Cars, 1880s-1950s
2. Photographs, work areas, 1887-1890
3. Photographs, individual car parts, 1897-1900s
4. Photographs, Riker Electric Motor exhibit, 1890
5. Photographs, awards, 1900
6. Photographs, exhibit of Priestman oil engine, undated
7. Photograph album created by A.L. Riker, undated

Sub-group B: Andrew L. Riker's personal life

Series I: Life material

Arrangement: Manuscripts given primary focus, all other material is chronological.

Summary: Material related to Riker's personal life. Features some manuscript, but mostly revolves around his yacht, the Ocolaqua.

Box 14

1. Cash journal for house in Newton, November 1840-September 1850
2. Letter, Andrew W. Riker to parents, July 4, 1898
3. Correspondence, A.L. Riker, 1930s
4. Clippings, Wedding, 188?
5. Correspondence A. L. Riker and family with Dewel Family
6. School books belonging to Andrew L. Riker, 1876
7. "The Reveille" from Peekskill Military Academy, December 1886
8. Wedding invitation, December 18, 1900
9. Material related to Pittsburg trip, 1903
10. Program, "Dew Lockstepper's Minstrels" featuring Edith Riker in the cast and an ad for Locomobile, April 23, 1913
11. Program. "The College Hero" featuring Edith and Lawrence Riker in the cast for May 19-21, 1913
12. Program, "A Midsummer night's dream" featuring Edith and Andrew L. Riker Jr. in cast and ad for Locomobile, May 29, 1913
13. Material relating to Riker owned yachts
14. Ocolaqua, parts list for engine

Box 15

1. Logbook for the Ocolaqua, 1910-1913
2. License for the Ocolaqua, 1917
3. Ventilouve Yacht Information pack c. 1920s
4. Christmas card list, 1928-1929
5. Art given to Riker by friends and children, undated

Series II: Death, funeral, and estate

Arrangement: Chronological

Summary: Obituaries and arrangements related to Riker's death.

6. Obit from Fairfield News, June 7, 1930
7. Obituaries for A.L. Riker, June 1930
8. Telegrams of sympathy, June 1930
9. Letters of sympathy, June 1930
10. Resolution of sympathy from town of Fairfield, June 3, 1930
11. Carriage list and funeral invitations

Box 16

1. Assessment of Riker estate, January 10, 1934
2. Andrew L. Riker Report of Trustees of Estate, April 22, 1933 and March 30, 1934
3. Riker Connecticut properties cash journal, 1934-1936
4. Andrew L. Riker Estate, quitclaim "Whitegate" to children
5. Riker estate, homestead and tax settlements

Sub-collection B: Riker Family

Series I: Edith L. Riker

Arrangement: Chronological

Summary: Materials related to Edith L. Riker, wife of Andrew L. Riker.

6. "Church and Town" a survey of life in Fairfield, 1888-1913
7. Edith Riker, correspondence with J. Raynor Whiting (brother), 1899-1931
8. Warehouse receipts, Lincoln Safe Deposit Company, 1894-1895

9. Engagement books, Edith Riker, c. 1913
10. Automobile log book belonging to Edith, c. 1910s
11. Electrical Navigation transcribed by "E.R."

Box 17

1. Garden club, 1924-1926
2. Story of the Annual Meetings of the Garden Club of America by Mrs ALR, 1924-1925
3. Wills, 1930
4. Edith L. Riker, Obituaries, October 1933
5. Edith L. Riker Estate, Executor's report and other probate documents, November, 1934
6. Genealogies of Riker and Whiting families
7. A.L. Riker biography for Cooperative Press, c. 1915
8. Additional Riker info
9. Biographical materials relating to Riker and Riker family
10. Andrew and Edith genealogy info, relating to Society of Mayflower Descendants

Series II: Andrew L. Riker Jr.

Arrangement:

Summary: Grouped by Andrew L. Riker Junior's professional activities and his research into his father and the early automobile industry. The latter has a much greater presence.

Box 18

1. Correspondence, 1922-1950
2. Correspondence, 1960s
3. Correspondence, 1970s
4. Records of Riker Real Estate, c. 1955
5. Riker Realty Corporation, correspondence, 1935-1946
6. Speed change electrical signal patent applications and drafts, 1933
7. Political materials from Andrew L. Riker Jr.'s campaign, c. 1940s
8. Veteran Motor Car Club meet, July 28-29, 1945
9. Antique car shows, books, services, museums, 1960s
10. Automobile Quarterly, 1960s
11. Veteran Motor Car Club of America, 1960s-1970s
12. Antique Automobile Club of America membership roster 1970
13. Plaques for fall foliage tour, October 1978
14. Andrew L. Riker Jr. biography and obituaries, December, 1978
15. Auction for contents of Riker home in Manchester, June 16, 1984
16. "The Riker" transcript by Andrew L. Riker Jr.
17. "History of the Locomobile Company of America part 2" typescript by Andrew L. Riker Junior
18. "History of the Locomobile Company of America part 3" typescript by Andrew L. Riker Junior
19. Timeline scrapbook of life of Andrew L. Riker created by Andrew L. Riker Junior, undated
20. Research material, Riker Electric Motor Vehicle
21. Scrapbook featuring Locomobile material created by Andrew L. Riker Junior, undated

Box 19

1. List of material on Riker Electrics, January 24, 1966
2. Research material on Locomobile, primary sources
3. List of Locomobile owners
4. Races and lists of prizes

5. Research notes, various timelines, 1969
6. Research material, additional ephemera
7. Research notes
8. Research notes on index cards
9. Research correspondence, 1938-1939
10. Research correspondence, 1940s-1960s
11. Research correspondence, 1970s
12. Research correspondence related to #16, 1940s-1970s

Box 20

1. Research cards relating to Locomobile used by A.L. Riker Junior, 1 of 2

Box 21

1. Research cards relating to Locomobile used by A.L. Riker Junior, 2 of 2

Box 22

Series III: Eleanor Riker

Summary: Material related to Eleanor Riker, daughter of Andrew L. Riker

1. Eleanor Riker, correspondence
2. Eleanor Riker, clippings and ephemera

Series IV: Extended Riker family

Arrangement: Chronological

Summary: Material related to earlier and later members of the Riker family.

3. Correspondence to Richard Lawrence, January 10, 1844
4. Minute book and Correspondence for the Volunteer Patriots Fund of Newton, L.I., 1861
5. Diary, Lettie L. Riker, 1865
6. Memoir and death of Gertrude Whiting (mother of Edith Riker nee Whiting), 1881-1884

Box 23

1. Summer home of Jonathan L. Riker and William J. Riker, c. 1901
2. William J. Riker baptismal certificate, April 20, 1905
3. John L. Riker obituary, July 1909
4. Charlotte L. Riker, will copy, March 18, 1913
5. Will of Mary Hayden mentioning A. L. Riker
6. Autograph book belonging to Edith Whiting
7. Richard W. Riker composition book
8. Richard W. Riker personal files
9. Riker estate, 1928-1940s
10. Riker genealogy, 1918
11. Additional manuscript materials from other family members, 1888-1945

Box 24

Series V: Photographs

Arrangement: Grouped first by photographs of Andrew L. Riker, and then portraits of other members of the Riker family. Material then moves into family related materials, including family trips. Also present are stereopticon slides, which are in need of conservation.

Summary: Photographs of the Riker family, extended family, and of family events, homes, and vacations.

1. Photographs, formal photo of A.L. Riker, 1890s
2. Photographs, A.L. Riker
3. Photographs, Riker and his children, 1880s-1900s
4. Photographs, school photographs, unclear if A.L. Riker or A.L. Riker Junior
5. Photographs, A.L. Riker Junior in Navy
6. Photographs, formal portraits of A.L. Riker Junior,
7. Photographs, Billy Riker
8. Photographs, Charlotte and Edith Riker
9. Photographs, Edith W. Riker
10. Frances L. Riker, A. Schuyler Clark Jr., Biki Riker, c. 1909
11. Jane Margaret Riker

Box 25

1. Photographs, John L. Riker and wife
2. Photographs, Larry Riker
3. Photographs, Lavinia Smith Riker
4. Photographs, Margaret Riker
5. Photographs, Mary Riker
6. Photographs, Ruth and Julia Riker
7. Photographs, Samuel Riker
8. Photographs, William J. Riker Junior
9. Photographs, Riker family group photos, undated
10. Photographs, Riker family group photos, undated
11. Ditmars family
12. Sylvannus and Helen Smith
13. Mary Anna Styker with Rikers
14. Maragaret Lawrence Strong
15. Unknown Riker family members 1 of 2
16. Unknown Riker family members 2 of 2

Box 26

1. Photographs, Riker estate
2. Photographs, Hayden property
3. Photographs, other holdings
4. Photographs, The Ocolaqua
5. Photographs, The Ocolaqua and others
6. Photographs, The Ocolaqua and others on stiff backing
7. Photographs, St Augustine and Daytona

Box 27

1. Photographs, Riker family vacation in St. Augustine and Daytona, Florida, undated
2. Photographs, Riker family vacations, undated, 1 of 3
3. Photographs, Riker family vacations, undated, 2 of 3
4. Photographs, Riker family vacations, undated, 3 of 3

Box 28

1. Photographs, Boston
2. Photographs, churches

3. Photographs, camping
4. Photo documentation, undated
5. Prints from stereoptic slides, c. 1890s
6. Photographs, unidentified
7. Negatives, St. Augustine and Dayton, undated
8. Negatives, Riker family travels
9. Prints and negatives from stereoptic slides, vacation images, 1890s
10. Negatives, slide film

Box 29

1. Riker Stereopticon slides

Box 30

1. Riker family negatives in need of conservation

Box 31

1. Riker family negatives in need of conservation

Sub-group C: Oversize

Arrangement: Arranged by size

Summary: Contains material too large to fit with other materials. It includes objects and scrapbooks.

Box 32.

1. Razor strap belonging to Andrew L. Riker

Box 33

1. Schematics

Box 34

1. Scrapbook, 1915

Box 35

1. Clippings scrapbook, 1910-1930s, loose pages

Box 36

1. Clippings scrapbook, 1910-1930s, loose pages

Box 37

1. Rolled up materials that require conservation