



BHC-MSS 0058  
Guide to the Papers of Edward A. Nevins  
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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Edward A. Nevins

**Title:** Papers of Edward A. Nevins

**Dates:** 1900-1950s

**Quantity:** 2 manuscript boxes

**Abstract:** Edward A. Nevins spent most of his career at the Singer Sewing Machine Company in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He worked in the drafting department, eventually holding the title of chief draftsman. Present in this collection are blueprints and technical drawings for various machine parts, starting in the 1900s and ending in the 1950s.

**Language:** English

**Repository:** Bridgeport History Center

**Biographical History:**

Born in 1889, Edward A. Nevins had a keen interest in technical drawing from an early age. He went on to work for Singer Sewing Machines in Bridgeport, Connecticut, eventually receiving the title of chief draftsman for the company. His technical work helped to detail individual pieces of sewing machines in the company, and often times his drawings were published in trade publications, such as those featured in the collection.

In his personal life, Nevins married Malvina (sometimes recorded as Melvina) Gazzolo on June 21, 1920. Edward passed in November 1979.

Additional research is being conducted at this time.

**Scope and Content:**

The bulk of the material present in the collection are blueprints and technical drawings done for the Singer Sewing Machine company. Also present, albeit in lesser quantity, are published technical drawings that were used in magazines and promotional material both by Singer and companies that produced machine parts.

**Arrangement note:**

Material has been grouped by technical drawings (series I) and published drawings (series II.) Each group is arranged chronologically. Additional material has been placed in a short series (III) at the end of the collection.

**Administrative information**

**Provenance:** Donated by Christopher Nevins.

**Preferred Citation:**

Papers of Edward A. Nevins (BHC-MSS 0058), Bridgeport History Center, Bridgeport Public Library.

**Names and Subject Tracings**

*Personal Names*

Nevins, Edward A.

*Corporate names*

Singer Sewing Machine Company

*Subject tracings*

Engineering drawings

Sewing machines

Sewing-machine industry

**Detailed box and folder listing**

Series I, Technical drawings

Box 1

1. Sketchbook and notes, c. 1900s-1910s
2. Sketchbook and notes, undated
3. Blueprints and technical drawings, 1901-1908; 1913-1914
4. Blueprints and technical drawings, 1915
5. Blueprints and technical drawings, 1916
6. Blueprints and technical drawings, 1917-1919
7. Blueprints and technical drawings, 1920
8. Blueprints and technical drawings, 1921-1923
9. Blueprints and technical drawings, 1930-1947
10. Blueprints and technical drawings, undated

Box 2

1. Blueprints and technical drawings, undated
2. Blueprints and technical drawings, undated
3. Blueprints and technical drawings, undated
4. Blueprints and technical drawings, undated
5. Blueprints and technical drawings, undated
6. Blueprints and technical drawings, undated
- Series II, Published technical drawings
7. Published technical drawings, 1913-1927
8. Published technical drawings, 1930s

9. Published technical drawings, 1940s
10. Published technical drawings, 1950s
11. Published technical drawings, undated  
Series III, Other material
12. "Details of Jigs and Fixtures" series from American Machinist, along with related personal notes and drawings, 1927-1928
13. Constitution and by-laws of the Bridgeport Tool Engineer's Association Incorporated, undated
14. Graduation program for Army Air Forces Bombardier School, 1943