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BOYD BROTHERS (est. 1907). Concrete Product Manufacturers

Originals, 1907-1966. 1.1 m. Photocopies, 1907-1965. 116 pages. Finding Aid No. 1275.

The Boyd Brothers Company of Osgoode, Ontario started manufacturing concrete building blocks in 1907 and continued to do so for more than fifty years. When they began, the technology was very new and often produced unsatisfactory blocks. Unlike many other companies, the Boyd Bros. learned how to produce quality products, expanded rapidly and prospered. Many houses, churches, schools, and commercial buildings throughout Eastern Ontario were constructed with their blocks.

Although block production was ended in the mid-1960's, this family business continues to manufacture such specialized products as precast concrete septic tanks and silos.

Presented in 1981 by Boyd Bros., Osgoode, Ont.

The finding aid No. 1275 is a file list.

The bulk of the collection consists of the company's Accounts (1914-44), and its correspondence files (1951-66). There is also a complete list of jobs and locations (1907-65). The collection also includes a company history, supplies and price lists for various years, financial files (1951-66), purchase agreements (1953-66), estimates for customers (1958-64), a small amount of early correspondence, and a limited number of timebooks, bank books, and early cash and memorandum books (volumes 1-10).

Over thirty books and pamphlets dealing with concrete block manufacture and use, building plans, manuals and trade catalogues have been transferred to the PAC Library.

More than one hundred and fifty photographs, many of them of identified buildings, have been transferred to the National Photography Collection.

Some block plans, blue prints and building plans have been transferred to the National Map Collection.

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<u>COMPANY HISTORY AND JOB LIST</u>			
1	1	Oscar Kingston "Boyd Brothers History"	1907-1971
	1a	"Profile of an old and Valued Customer" <u>Crossroads</u>	1976
	2	"Two Boys From Osgoode" <u>Ideal Ideas</u>	1913
	3	"Early Development of the Artistic Concrete Block: The Case of the Boyd Bros." Ann Gillespie	1913
	4	Boyd Bros. Calendar	1913
	5	List of Jobs and Locations (See also Vol. 2)	1907-1965

ACCOUNTS

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3		Correspondence. File #2	1952
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	4	Correspondence. File #4	1954

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	10	Correspondence. File #1	1956
	5	1	Correspondence. File #2
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3		Correspondence. File #4	1956
4		Correspondence. File #5	1956
5		Correspondence. File #1	1957
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	11	Price Lists, Supplies	1953
	12	Price Lists, Supplies	1956
	13	Price Lists, Supplies	1957
	14	Price Lists, Supplies	1958
	15	Price Lists, Supplies	1960
	16	Price Lists, Supplies	1961
	17	Price Lists, Supplies	1963
	18	Price Lists, Supplies	1964

FINANCIAL

9	1	Financial	1951
	2	Financial	1952
	3	Financial	1953
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	5	Financial	1955
	6	Financial	1956
	7	Financial	1957
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PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

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	20	Purchase Agreements	1956
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	33	Estimates for Customers	1960
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	37	Estimates for Customers	1964
<u>HOCKEY INFORMATION</u>			
	38	Hockey Information (Ottawa and District Amateur Hockey Association).	1952
<u>LIGHTHOUSE PAVILION</u>			
	39	Music - Lighthouse Pavilion - Osgoode	
<u>ADDITIONAL BUSINESS RECORDS</u>			
10	1	Cash Book	1907-1908
	2	Memorandum Books	1907-1910, 1909
	3	Memorandum Books	1912, 1913
	4	Account Book	1913
	5	Receipt Books	1949, 1953-1955

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<u>ADDITIONAL BUSINESS RECORDS (cont'd)</u>			
10 (cont'd)	6	Time Books	1920-1924, 1925-1926
	7	Time Books	1927-1929 1929-1931
	8	Time Books	1932-1934, 1934, 1935-1937, 1942
	9	Bank Books	1919-1924, 1924-1929
	10	Bank Books	1929-1933, 1934-1942
	11	Bank Books	1942-1949, 1949-1954
	12	Estimates	1913, 1914, 1915
	13	Estimates	1916, 1917, 1918-1919
	14	Estimates	1925-1926, 1926-1929, 1930-1932, 1933-1934
	15	Estimates	1935-1937, 1938-1942, 1943-1944, 1945

PRINTED MATERIAL

The following material has been transferred
to the Public Archives of Canada Library:

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Canada Cement Co. Bulletins

#3 Gaylord & Wilson. Concrete Silos

#4 Tanks & Watering Troughs

#5 Cement Stucco

#6 Newberry. Concrete Blocks

#7 Howes. Artistic House Building

#8 Thompson. Concrete Chimneys

#9 Coombs & Slocum. Telegraph and Telephone Poles

#10 Concrete Surface Finishing

#12 Concrete Fence Posts

Canada Cement Co. Proportioning Concrete Mixtures and Mixing and
Placing Concrete. Montreal: Canada Cement Co.

Canada Cement. What the Farmer Can Do With Concrete. Montreal:
Canada Cement Co. circa 1905 (p. 75-76 missing) 88 pages.

Canada Cement Co. What the Farmer Can Do With Concrete. Montreal:
Canada Cement Co. 1911. 159 pages

Concrete Publishing Co. The ABC's of Good Concrete. Chicago:
Concrete Publishing Co. 1928.

Davison, Ralph C., Concrete Pottery and Garden Furniture. New York:
Munn & Co. 1901.

Dodge Manufacturing Co. Power Transmission Machinery Catalogue B 10.
Toronto.

Dodge Sales & Engineering Co. Standardized Elevators and Conveyors
Catalogue D-20-C. U.S.A.

Fairbanks-Morse Co. Ltd. General Catalogue No. 50. Montreal:
Rowlands Company Ltd. 1950.

Ferguson, M.L. Introduction to Book-Keeping. Montreal: A.T. Chapman,
1906.

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- General Electric Co. The Home of a Hundred Comforts. Conn: General Electric Co., 1925.
- Harris, Wallace R. and H. Colin Campbell. Concrete Products their Manufacture and Use. Chicago: International Trade Press 1921.
- Houghton, A.A. Molding Concrete Chimneys, Slate and Roof Tiles... Concrete Workers' Reference Book No. 4. New York: Norman W. Henley Publishing Co., 1911.
- Houghton, A.A. Concrete Monuments Mausoleums and Burial Vaults... Concrete Workers' Reference Book No. 6. New York: Norman W. Henley Publishing Co., 1911.
- Ideal Concrete Machinery Co. Ideal Ideas. Vol. 13, No. 7. Ideal Concrete Machinery Co.
- Industrial Accident Prevention Association. Talks to Foreman on Industrial Accident Prevention #1-7. Toronto: n.d.
- International Correspondence Schools. The Building Trades/Pocket-book. Scranton, Penn.: International Textbook Co., 1905.
- International Correspondence Schools. Arithmetic, Formulas, Geometry and Mensuration, Masonry. I.C.S. Reference Library Vol. 13. Scranton, Penn.: International Textbook Co.
- International Correspondence Schools. Carpentry, Joinery, Stair Building, Geometrical Drawing, Architectural Drawing, Estimating and Calculating Quantities, Specifications. I.C.S. Reference Library, Vol. 14. Scranton, Penn.: International Textbook Co.
- James Robertson Co. Ltd. Catalogue K. Montreal.
- Kidder, Frank, E. The Architect's and Builder's Pocket Book. New York: John Wiley and Sons. 1905.
- LaChance, W.W. Modern School Houses. Toronto: William Briggs, 1919.
- Lukenheimer Co. Illustrated Catalogue and Price List. Cincinnati, Ohio, 1912.
- Pit and Quarry Handbook. Chicago: Complete Service Publishing Co., 1923.
- Radford Architectural Co. The Radford American Homes. Chicago: Radford Architectural Co. 1903.

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Radford Architectural Co. The Radford Ideal Homes. Chicago: The Radford Architectural Co., 1909.

Radford, Wm. A. Cement Houses and How to Build Them. Chicago: Wm. A. Radford, 1908.

Radford, W.A. Framing. Chicago: The Radford Architectural Co., 1909.

Radford, W.A. How to Read Plans and Take Off Bills of Material. Chicago: Radford Architectural Co., 1925.

Radford, William A. Radford's Details of Building Construction. Chicago: The Radford Architectural Co., 1911.

Radford, William A. Radford's Practical Barn Plans. Chicago: The Radford Architectural Co., 1909.

Rice, H.H. and Torrance, Wm. M. The Manufacture of Concrete Blocks and Their use in Building Construction. New York: The Engineering News Publishing Company, 1906.

Specification Data Ltd. Directory of Building Supplies - Supplement 1912. Toronto: 1912.

Whipple, Harvey Concrete Stone Manufacture. Detroit: Cement Age Publishing Co. 1915.

Whipple, Harvey How To Do It. Detroit: Concrete - Cement Age Publishing, 1919.

PLANS

The following material has been transferred
to the National Map Collection:

Boyd Bros. Plans:

1. Block Plan Blanks - 2 sheets, 2 different styles of blocks
2. Block Plans for the following customers:
 - 1 - J.D. Armstrong, Cardinal
 - 1 - Percy A. Barr, Carleton Place, 1948
 - 1 - Ross Bothwell, Smith's Falls, 1948
 - 1 - Dominion Concrete Co., Kempville
 - 2 - Goulbourne Machine Storage, Stittsville
 - 1 - B.W. Johnson, Smith's Falls
 - 1 - James Kelso, Hallville
 - 1 - S.F. Lowery, Smith's Falls, 1948
 - 1 - George McLean, Manotick
 - 2 - Geo. Morrison & Son Coal Co., Smith's Falls
 - 1 - Ken Pritchard
 - 1 - S.J. Sanderson
 - 1 - J.C. Scobie, Ottawa (cancelled)
 - 1 - Nelson Sherman, Manotick
 - 2 - Cam Thompson, Chesterville
3. Plans for Scobie Memorial Chapel, Westboro, 1948.
 - 12 - Blueprints
 - 1 - Pencil Drawing, (Foundation Measurements)
4. Misc. Plans for 3 Customers
 - a) Barney Marshall (1948)
 - 4 - Block Plans
 - 4 - Pencil Diagrams & Measurements

PLANS (cont'd)

- b) E. Meyer, Cornwall (1948)
 - 1 - Block Plan
 - 3 - Pencil Diagrams & Measurements
- c) Bert Reddick, Johnstown
 - Ground Floor Plan

PHOTOGRAPHS

The following photographs were transferred to the National Photography Collection. Most are of buildings; many have been identified either by the company, or by Ann Gillespie while she was researching the company.

Identified Photographs

	# of photos	
	1	Harry Boyd
	1	Eddie Currie, from Montreal, early 1930's
Boyd Bros.	3	Old Plant (1909)
	8	New Plant (1921) shows construction
	6	Factory Photos (1945-1950)
Churches	1	Avonmore, built by Beggs, Hallville, 1925
	1	Manotick, Knox Presbyterian Church, 1926
	1	Osgoode, St. Paul's Anglican - replaced by concrete block church
	1	Osgoode, Methodist Church, 1910
	1	Ottawa, St. Peters Lutheran Church, 1913
Schools	2	Hallville, built by Beggs, 1922
	1	Hazeldean, 1911
	1	Osgoode, 1911
	2	North Gower, 1912
Commercial	2	Cornwall Motor Sales Co.
	1	Munro's Dairy, Cornwall
	2	Stue Bing Lift Truck Systems, Cornwall
	1	Theatre, Kempville
	1	Cohen's Store, Osgoode
	1	Silo

PHOTOGRAPHS (cont'd)

Houses

- 1 Albert Logan's House (no location) illustrated in "Ideas Ideas"
- 1 Avonmore, McMillan Farm House, 1922
- 1 Cardinal, Jackson's House, 1917
- 1 Carp, William Jame's House, 1917
- 1 Carsonby, Allen Bradley's Farmhouse, 1911
- 1 Cornwall, J. Awer House
- 1 Cornwall, Jas. Freeman House, 1922
- 1 Cornwall, Tom William's House, 1922
- 2 Edward's Station, Fred Fair House, 1918
- 1 Iroquois, C.A. Fisher House
- 1 Kempville, Dr. Fenton's House
- 2 Manotick, W.S. Rowat Cottage (?), 1926
- 1 Osgoode, Edward Boyd's House, 1909
- 2 Osgoode, Harry Boyd's House, 1910
- 2 Osgoode, Milton Boyd's House, 1910, 1911 ?
- 4 Osgoode, W.E. Boyd's House
- 2 Osgoode, Robert Cleland's House, 1909
- 1 Osgoode, W.J. Mose's House, 1910
- 2 Osgoode, J.H. Nixon's House, 1910, 1911(?)
- 1 Osgoode, George Otto's House 1910
- 2 Osgoode, Mrs. W. Taylor's House 1910
- 1 Osgood, Jos. York's House 1919
- 1 Ottawa, 210 Fifth Ave., John David, 1912
- 1 Ottawa, 221 Fifth Ave., Robert Young, 1912
- 1 Ottawa, 11 Marlow Cres. (build by Wm. J. Tyndall & Harry Boyd) 1915
- 2 Ottawa, W.B. Bartram's House, 916 Echo Drive (1909)
- 1 Ottawa, James Brownlee's first House, 251 Powell Ave., 1911
- 1 Ottawa, Brownlee House, Mcleod St.
- 2 Ottawa, James Brownlee's House, 11 Clemow Ave., 1911

PHOTOGRAPHS (cont'd)

Houses
(cont'd)

- 1 Ottawa, Arthur C. Cameron's House, 5th Ave., 1912
- 1 Ottawa, A.N. Dunning's House, 852 Byron, 1911
- 1 Ottawa, George Gibson's House, 11 Laurentian Place,
1907
- 2 Ottawa, J.A. Milke House, 2182 Deschenes Ave., 1908
- 3 Ottawa, Charles Ogilvie's House, 488 Edison St., 1915
- 1 Ottawa, F.X. Plaunt House, Clemow Ave., 1915
- 1 Ottawa, W.F. Powell House, 85 Glebe Ave., 1931
- 1 Ottawa, R.E. Scott's House, Besserer & Cobourg Sts.
- 2 Ottawa, Bernard Slattery's House, 40 Riverdale Ave., 1911
- 1 Ottawa, Magistrate Smith's House, Britannia Heights, 1908
- 1 Ottawa, W.J. Syke's House, 321 Fairmont Ave., 1909
- 1 Renfrew, Adam Blackwell's House, 1919
- 1 Smith's Falls
- 1 Williamsburg, J.A. Hansen, 1920
- 1 Winchester ? Irving House?

Unidentified photographs

of photos

- 2 Osgoode Boat Racing
- 3 Wooden House
- 7 Churches
- 7 Monuments
- 9 Commercial Buildings
- Houses 3 Cornwall (1923-1924)
- Houses 5 Osgoode
- Houses 3 Ottawa
- Houses 39 Location not known

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