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Charles Alvah Smith Collection, 1841-1987

Collection Description

- **Title:** Charles Alvah Smith Collection
- **Dates:** 1841 – 1987
- **Creator:** John Anderson
- **Call Number:** MG 016
- **Language:** English
- **Extent:** 2 boxes

Conditions of Access

- **Restrictions:** These records are open to researchers for personal or scholarly research. Most of the records in the collection are available for photocopy, depending on the preservation needs of the material as well as other variables not specified here. Researchers, however, are responsible for obtaining copyright permission to use materials and documents. These records are part of the permanent collection in the archives of the Library & Research Center of the National Watch and Clock Museum and researchers are required to comply with the Archive Rules when using the collection.

Biographical/Historical Sketch

- **Biographical History:** Charles Alvah Smith was lived his whole life in Battleboro, Vermont. Born in 1867, he worked for his father's baby carriages manufacturing company. Upon retirement he began making wooden clocks, of which there are

614 variations. He rose to prominence when an article featuring his clock making was published by the Saturday Evening Post. Charles Alvah Smith died in 1946.

Content & Structure

- **Scope & Content:** This collection consists of two boxes. Box #1 consists of family history, history of the family company, patents, shop notebook, sketches, and notes, photos of workshop, articles, and photographs of clocks, letters to Bert Dorloff, negatives, and obituary. Box #2 consists of mostly sketches and photographs of some clocks (#1 to #612).