



Thompsonville / Hartford / Bigelow-Hartford /
Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Company Collection
Finding aid and container list

Carpet making was the major industry in Enfield, specifically in Thompsonville, from 1828 when Orrin Thompson founded the Thompsonville Carpet Company, through 1971 when the Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Company closed the Thompsonville plant for good. The company went through many owners and name changes in its 143 years in Enfield, but the carpet industry was so identified with Thompsonville that the burgeoning, busy village was sometimes called the “Carpet City.”

This collection contains materials spanning the entire run of the carpet industry in Enfield, but most materials are focused on either the Bigelow-Hartford period from 1914-1929, or the Bigelow-Sanford period from 1929-1971. There is also a box of papers and genealogical material about Orrin Thompson and his descendants.

The strength of this collection is in its depiction of the lives of ordinary people, both workers and management. There are pay stubs, benefits pamphlets, identification cards, memos, sales books, instructions on how to use some of the machines, and many photos of people at work. There are also photos, programs, and articles about the various worker clubs, organizations, and teams created by the company for its workers.

There is also a significant amount of material about World War II, including those workers from the company who went off to war, and the company’s role in producing blankets and other items for troops overseas. The Enfield Historical Society also has many physical items, such as looms, tools, and pieces of machinery, used at the carpet mills. These are mostly not detailed in this finding aid, please contact the Enfield Historical Society for more information.

Box 1 – Miscellaneous materials

- The Bigelow Magazine: 11/1915, 01/1916, 11/1916
- Card, “Reune Martin, selling agent” Hartford Carpet Company, date unk.
- Album, “Thompsonville pictures. 17 pictures, dated July 18 to August 29, 1919. Of Alden Avenue and “Old Ball Lot” as the houses were built on Bigelow and Hartford Avenue. Photographic record undoubtedly made by Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co.”
- Carpet mechanic’s manual, 1952
- Map showing property of Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co., Thompsonville, April 12, 1945, revised to Aug. 29, 1952
- Photos of moving loom from 12 Post Office Rd.
- Union placard: “We will not be starved back to work!” 1938
- Certificate of attendance, Labor-Management Institute, University of Connecticut, for Charles C. Gaskell, 1950
- Constitution and by-laws of the Bigelow-Sanford Foremen’s Club [2012.3.13]

- Announcement placard from company during 1938 strike
- Hartford Courant article, 5-24-77, "Carpet Mill Pervasive Factor in Enfield for 140 Years"
- WW2 "service record" books, blank
- "History of the Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Company" [2020.12.3]
- 1941 map of plant layout
- Dec. 1949 issue of "The Bigelow Weaver"
- Program, "Long Service Dinner," with photo of seven 50-year employees [2020.10.14]
- Ribbons and dog licenses 1958-68 [2012.3.27]
- "Meet Your Company" books
- Program: "The Bigelow-Sanford Works Council presents 'Square Cooks,' a three-act mystery comedy" 1931
- "Textile Labor" magazine issue featuring 1955 Thompsonville flooding
- Bigelow Commons promotional material
- Salesperson's memo pad
- Bigelow-Sanford Federal Credit Union information book [2020.3.1]
- Old Timers' Dinner program, 1948
- "Facts about Bigelow rugs and carpets" [2012.3.17]
- Bigelow-Sanford #2 pencils
- 1959 withholding tax statement, Lawrence C. Gaskell
- Rolled photo, Bigelow-Sanford "Old Timers' Group" 1929
- Membership card and pass, "The Travelers Girls' Club" 1925-6
- Pension payment stub, 1989
- Printout from "A Tradesman's Travels in the U.S. and Canada in the years 1840, 41, & 42" by William Thompson. Pages concerning Thompsonville carpets.
- Tax form, Lawrence C. Gaskell
- John Roddy notes on carpet company, 1975
- Sales order, 1968
- Bigelow-Sanford float with "1980?" written on it
- Crestliner parts and service catalog, 1961
- "A Visit to Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Company" booklet, several copies
- "First Grand Minstrel Entertainment and Dance of the Brussels Base Ball Club" 1910
- "Bigelow Weaver's Song"

Box 2

Folder 1

- History of the Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Company, Inc., undated. Several copies.
- Group Insurance Protection for You [1996.30.11]
- Photo: Thompsonville "Home of the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co." sign
- The Bigelow Magazine, anniversary issue 1950
- Press release, election of James DeWise as president 1944
- Photo of carding
- Photocopy of pamphlet for health care, new plant hospital
- Photo: James T. Mills
- Certificate of apprenticeship, Francis Stanley Bania, 1938
- Thompsonville sign, "Home of the famous Hartford-Saxony Rugs"
- Bigelow Roll Call, Oct-Nov 1943, August 1944

- Stock shares notice from acquisition of Hartford Carpet Co. 1914?
- Enrollment of carpet mills on National Register of Historic Places letter, 1983
- Springfield Daily News article on carpet companies, May 28, 1977
- 125th anniversary “Open House at Bigelow” booklet
- “The Magic of Making Carpet at Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Company”
- Photo: Carpet displays
- Berkshire Conference on Production Management, Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co, 1946
- Placard? “War Years”

Folder 2

- Schedule “A” mimeograph
- 1951 inserts to Organization Manual
- Letters to W. Weiler, president of Bigelow-Sanford Co., 1975
- Article: “Home Town Boys Make Good” in June, 1937 issue of *Factory management and maintenance*.
- Articles of incorporation, Hartford Carpet Co.
- Histories: “Later Years” by Robert B. Jennings
- Histories: “Development of the Carpet Industry in Enfield” by Miss Cornelia Brainerd, 1924
- Photocopy of cover of book, “Report of the case of the Thompsonville Carpet Manufacturing Company vs. William Taylor, Edward Gorman, and Thomas Norton” (book in state library?)
- Letter to Harvey Brainerd, Enfield Historical Society, donation of carpet samples. Includes list of samples.

Folder 3

- 35mm slide of 1841-1845 view of Thompsonville Carpet Mfg. Co.
- President’s Night Dinner, March 26, 1946
- Bigelow Weavers School of Craftsmanship “Class of 1938”
- Carpet tags, labels
- Small photos: float
- Business cards
- Envelopes
- Orrin Thompson lithograph
- Pay stubs
- Trade mark
- Program: Big-San Girls’ Club presents “A Spring Fiesta” May 8, 1945
- Stockholder News, Dec. 1949
- Program: Army-Navy E flag, 1944
- Insurance policies
- “Two-Ply Loom” written instructions [1903.23.10]
- Bigelow-Hartford employee pass, Dorothy Gaskill
- 2005.13.4 calling cards, John Austin Shea
- Paycheck stub for Ethel Rhodes, 1942
- Tax form for J. Vezzinick, 1925
- Envelopes, [2012.3.16]
- Packing labels, Bigelow-Sanford

Folder 4

- Photo, likely Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Company basketball team, 1910
- Photo of 1864 carding building fire at the Hartford Carpet Company with accompanying article from the Springfield Republican
- Photo: Robert Perkins, president of Hartford Carpet Company [2001.19.50]
- Constitution of U.S. booklet “people’s edition” presented by Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Company, c.1920
- Photos: Robert J. Jackson, Henry A. Reinhardt, others
- Article about the “Big-San Girls’ Club”
- Memo pads, likely for salesmen
- Honor roll, Bigelow-Sanford employees in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, December 7, 1942
- “Meet Your Company” book
- Hartford Saxony rugs sales sheets
- Army-Navy “E” award presentation program, Jan. 5, 1944
- “Bigelow at War” booklet
- 1946 Annual Report
- 125th anniversary “Open House at Bigelow” booklet
- “Scope of Bigelow production for war” [2000.13.1]

Folder 5 – People

- 1989.11.4-7, Bigelow-Sanford clam bake, people identified, undated
- 1983.14.5 Photo of Coloring Department with names
- 2001.19.19 Lowell Weicker, Sr. (father of Gov. Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.)
- 2001.19.23 John Morrison, Geo. Russel, ? Mills
- 1993.3.54 Office of Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co.
- 1998.7.7 Carpet School alumni, guests. 2 copies, one has names of people
- Two photos of people on lawn in front of building, “10% Club” banners visible
- Coloring Dept. 1941, George O’Callahan, Edmund Schneider, Conrad Pare, Kenneth R. Cowles, James W. Duncanson
- 2009.6.33B, C, D Bigelow Employees Banquet 1940s, 3 photos
- 2009.6.33A Bigelow-Sanford accounting dept. 1940s
- 2005.15.5 Bigelow executives? Meeting, no names, 1940s
- 2005.15.3 Heavyweight boxer James Bladdock visits Bigelow employees
- 2006.18.2 Program: 10th anniversary dinner Bigelow-Sanford Craft Club March 27, 1944. Signed by guests including Gov. Raymond E. Baldwin. Includes newspaper clipping of the event.
- Several photos matching Craft Club event
- Group of six men and one woman, no information. 2 copies
- Group of eight men and one woman, no information, 2 copies
- Photo of D. McQuarrie and H. Reinhardt at desk
- Photo of three men in two adjoining offices
- Photo of 31 men, some identified
- Photo of 31 men, 21 identified, 2 copies

Folder 6 - Photos

- James DeCamp Wise [2001.19.22]
- Robert B. Jennings, president of Bigelow-Sanford, 1/1/1968-6/1/1972 [2001.19.20]

- Banquet at Recreation Hall 5/27/1925 [1983.3.47]
- Unidentified men in suits 1/5/1944
- People gathered around piano: Larry Lamont, Florence Savage, Bob Shelankus, Willard Furey, 4/9/1947
- Retirement gathering for Lou King, Thompsonville foreman 4/30/1948 [2004.5.3]
- Clipped photos from “The Bigelow Weaver”: “Thompsonville Foremen Lewis King and Jack Malley Retire after Long Service” [2004.5.5]
- 1936 Bigelow executives Pullman, C. Gaskell, Mandy, Unknown [2014.22.4]
- Bill Richer [2006.19.4]
- Six photos, Bigelow Craft Club meeting, 2/23/1948
- Two photos, Bigelow Craft Club picnic, 9/1946
- Awarding prizes, bowling banquet, 5/22/1947
- Designers’ party 5/8/1947
- Undated group of six men, two women meeting
- Unknown magazine photo, possible 25 and 50-year employees
- Engineering plant party [1992.2.2]
- Group of men inside mill [1992.2.3]
- Group of men drawing on easels
- George Russell [2001.19.54]
- James Wise [2001.19.53]
- John Roddy receiving certificate of merit, Bigelow-Sanford Finishing Department – also identified in photo: “Flash” Fiore, Arthur Cote, Peter Bellico, Joe Krzys, Walter Wheeler [2004.11]
- Two photos of unidentified groups inside building, appear to be looking at carpet on floor
- Newspaper photo clipping – Francis Paradise and Cosimo Galluccio inspecting carpet
- Erastus B. Bigelow
- Stephen Sanford
- Newspaper clipping photo of Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co. Safety Committee, May 3, 1928

Box 3

Folder 1

- Newspaper clippings: Bigelow closing. **Originals. Fragile.**

Folder 2

- Newspaper clippings: Bigelow closing photocopies. **Use these copies.**
- Press release sent to “All Thompsonville Employees” February 9, 1971, concerning the closing of all Bigelow-Sanford Co. operations in Enfield

Folder 3

- Photos: “White Mill”

Folder 4

- Photos and news clipping: “Black Mill”

Folder 5

- Photos and illustrations: aerial views of plant and Thompsonville, 1920s-1960s
- Set of aerial views, winter

Folder 6

- Various photos of mill buildings, including smokestack, power plant. (more photos of the mills are in the **Buildings** collection)
- News clippings about power plant.

Folder 7

- Photos: construction of mill buildings along Pleasant St., c.1901

Folder 8

- Bigelow Commons material, including negatives of photos, news clipping, promotional material

Folder 9

- "Berkshire News" published by Bigelow-Sanford, Fall 1953

Folder 10 (clubs and sports)

- Photo: Tennis team
- Photocopy of Tennis Team photo, some persons identified
- Photo: Carpet City Band [1993.3.54]
- Photo: Carpet City Band, members identified on back
- Photo: Customer Service softball champs, 1941
- Photo: Enlargement of Bill Richer from 1941 softball champs photo
- Photo: Enlargement of softball champs photo with information about Bill Richer on the back
- Bigelow-Hartford shop baseball league photo, members identified
- Basketball teams, 1937-8
- Photo: Bowling Girls' League "start of season." Attached photocopy identifies persons in photo.
- News clipping: "Axminsters Enter Big-San Playoffs" 1940s. Persons identified.
- Photocopy of softball champs article from Bigelow Weaver, September, 1948
- Marriage certificate (1918) photocopy and obituary articles photocopies (1938) about Edward G. Hoersch, a designer for Bigelow-Sanford
- "Bigelow Weavers, Thompsonville, a Souvenir of your visit to Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co."

Folder 11

- Photo: "Sales Training Thompsonville 1948," attached photocopy identifies some persons
- Photo: Unidentified hands with carpet samples
- Bigelow-Sanford Carpet School alumni of Thompsonville, CT, visit to Amsterdam, NY plant April 14, 1939
- Photo: "1903, upstairs in long mill on Pleasant St. decorated for reception and dance for employees from NY"
- Photo: "Upson Martin Central St." 1906

Box 4 (Mostly photos)

Folder 1 - Photos of the Army-Navy "E" flag presentation day. A series of photos by the George H. Davis studio in Boston. None have labels except for the date: January 5, 1944

- Photo, possibly company executives with military brass, Army-Navy "E" flag presentation ceremony
- Photo, A woman operates a machine while men in suits and military uniforms look on

- Photo, Military and corporate men examine a large machine
- Photo, Military and corporate men examining carpet
- Photo, Military and corporate men with a woman weaving
- Photo, Man shaking female weaver's hand
- Photo of carpet factory entrance with a sign reading "This is a war plant" above.
- Photo of corporate and military men watching female employees work. "Photo by George H. Davis Studio" "Jan. 5, 1944"
- Photo, Demonstration of machine, men examine carpets
- Photo, Woman operating machine
- Photo, U.S. and Army-Navy "E" flags in tent, band playing
- Photo, Naval officer speaking at ceremony, soldier on crutches nearby
- Photo, "E" flag being raised as band plays
- Photo, soldier on crutches pins a ribbon to an elderly worker's coat
- Photo, people entering tent
- Photo, military officer speaking at ceremony
- Photo, singing (national anthem?)
- Photo, soldier on crutches pins something to a man in civilian dress's coat
- Photos, military officers touring plant and meeting workers
- Photos of speakers and audience at ceremony
- Photo of outside of tent, plant in background

Folder 2 – Other WWII era

- Photos, exercises commemorating employees of Bigelow who served? [1982.75.12-13]
- "War Worker, Bigelow Sanford" paper "V" emblem
- Booklet: "Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co., War Bond Drive for Victory" [1990.5.3]
- Photo, unknown person speaking at banquet

Folder 3 – Photos, machines and workers

- Photo of carding(?) machines, labeled "Russell C. Atkins" on back
- Photo, "Shearing, Axminster"
- Photo, large Axminster loom [1983.3.135]
- Photo, Bigelow generators [1983.3.276]
- Photo, "Manufacturing engineering dept." Persons labeled on back of photo
- Photo, picking room employees, John Davies, Sisi Caramazza, Frances Schiano, Yvonne Girard [1992.18.3]
- Unlabeled photos of looms
- Unlabeled photo, men examining carpet in front of loom
- Photo, coloring dept., 1948. Persons labeled on back. [1983.14.6]
- Photo, Men in suits watching an employee with dark goggles. Welding?
- Photo, Employees cleaning newly made carpets
- Photo, man working loom
- Photo, employees labeling rolls of carpet
- Photo, loom
- Photo, "man working at large Axminster loom" [1983.3.145]
- Detailed photos, various machines

Folder 4 – Photos, misc.

- Series of photos, “Shipping Dept.” Shows warehouse space, trucks loading, etc.
- Photos, large Axminster looms
- Series of photos, “Coloring Dept.”
- Photo, Bigelow coal furnace [1983.3.277]
- Photo, woman sewing label onto carpet
- Photo, man using stencil?
- Photo, men using machine, wool stacked in background, unlabeled
- Photo, man working with carpet
- Photo, employees at work, [1983.3.146-7]
- Photo, woman sewing
- Photo, wool being processed
- Photo, Jacquard Loom [1983.3.133]
- Photo, “Rug room” [1983.3.137]
- Photo, “Inside of Bigelow Sanford Power House office, North River St. Alfred Knight, Overseer.” [1985.46.39B]
- Photo, “Inside of Power House Office, Eugene Sommerville, Assistant” [1985.46.39A]
- Photo, inspection of operations?
- Smaller photos of machinery, undated
- Photo, “View inside carpet factory building showing machinery, c.1901” [1981.3.8]
- Photo, “Shipping Office,” 1910. [1980.12.12]
- Photo, parade float labeled “One of the first carpet looms, Thompsonville, 1828” Back of photo says “Shown at Springfield anniversary”
- Clip from Scientific American, Sept. 23, 1882
- Clipping from 1967 newspaper, photo of men standing next to Scottish wool
- Photo: Bigelow supervisory personnel 1940s, not identified [2005.15.7]

Folder 5 – Photos labeled “Amsterdam,” likely of Amsterdam NY plant

- Photo, man working with large piles of wool
- Photo, woman working with yarn
- Photo, men at large loom
- Large packages, wool?
- Photo, “Amstmdm” written on back. Man with large machine.
- Photo, unlabeled, machine with wool

Not in folder:

- Photo, Bigelow cafeteria building, Main St. [2007.19.3-l]
- Large framed photo, Axminster looms
- Photo, “Upson-Martin Carpet Co. before 1908”

Box 5

Folder 1 (Frank Caronna/Bigelow [2021.1.2-2021.1.26])

- *The Bigelow Weaver*, June 1951 issue [2021.1.2]
- Letter from Bigelow-Sanford to Frank Caronna explaining new employee Life (ID) number vs. department number [2021.1.3]

- Three typed pages, “Division of Work,” “Duties of Section Spinner,” “Spinners Agreements” all undated but were clipped together. [2021.1.4]
- Typed half-page, “These are Some Spinners’ Agreements” (3 copies) [2021.1.5]
- Five typed pages, “Female Seniority,” “Filling Carding Seniority,” “Filling Spinning Seniority,” “Filling Spinning Agreements” (2 pages) [2021.1.6]

Folder 2 – Union materials (Frank Caronna/Bigelow [2021.1.2-2021.1.26])

- *Agreement Made and entered into BETWEEN Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co., Inc. and Textile Workers Union of America And Local No. 1 Amsterdam, N.Y. AND Local No. 2188 Thompsonville, Conn.* September 20, 1948, yellow cover [2021.1.7]
- *Agreement Made and entered into BETWEEN Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co., Inc. and Textile Workers Union of America And Local No. 1 Amsterdam, N.Y. AND Local No. 2188 Thompsonville, Conn.* June 12, 1947, blue/black cover [2021.1.8]
- *Agreement Made and entered into BETWEEN Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co., Inc. and Textile Workers Union of America And Local No. 1 Amsterdam, N.Y. AND Local No. 2188 Thompsonville, Conn.* August 13, 1945, blue/black cover [2021.1.9]
- *Agreement Made and entered into BETWEEN Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co., Inc. and Textile Workers Union of America And Local No. 1 Amsterdam, N.Y. AND Local No. 2188 Thompsonville, Conn.* April 16, 1953, orange cover [2021.1.10]
- Textile Workers Union of America membership cards: 1949, 1951, 1957 Frank Caronna; 1956 J.R. Besaw, A Farrick, Jr., B. Lawson, H. Leroux, E. LaPointe, G. Ortona, T. W. Russel, R. P. Torre [2021.1.11]

Folder 3 – Notebooks, etc. (Frank Caronna/Bigelow [2021.1.2-2021.1.26])

- Notebooks, 3” x 5”, brown cover, appears to be work-related notes and calculations [2021.1.12, 2021.1.13]
- Notebook, 3” x 5”, brown cover, “Script Note Book No. 801,” appears to be work-related notes and calculations [2021.1.14]
- Notebook, 3” x 5”, blue cover, “Gold Medal Series Note Book,” appears to be work-related notes and calculations [2021.1.15]
- Clip-on “Merit” badges, metal, chrome & black [2021.1.16-19]
- Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Company ID badge, #8768, believed to be Frank Caronna [2021.1.20]
- Travel Identification Card, #43771, for moving carpet or materials through factory, with some kind of notes or diagram on back. [2021.1.21]

Folder 4 – Promotional materials

- Bigelow Custom Carpets, 1965
- “A New Rug is Born” [1983.36.33]
- “Hand-crafted Carpet Classics: The Roman Coin Group” [1990.14.1]
- “The Magic of Making Carpets”
- “The Picture Book of Rug and Carpet Making” 1934. 3 copies
- “Hand-book of Rugs and Carpets” Mohawk Carpet Mills, 1934
- “Bigelow’s Folio of Room Recipes”
- “Axminster Rugs by Bigelow-Sanford”

Folder 5-Misc. employee/corporate materials

- Thompsonville plant map [2005.17.7]
- Quality Control Inspector’s Manual
- “You and Your Future” A booklet “directed to the college and university graduates who in future years will be assuming the responsibilities of higher management”
- “Purchasing Policies and Principles of Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Company, Inc.,” revised ed. 1950

- Purchasing Directory, 1952? [2003.13.3]
- “Your Pension Plan,” 1951
- “Your Company Benefit Programs” Bigelow-Sanford, late 1960s
- Withholding tax statement, Charles C. Gaskell, 1961
- Berkshire Conference notebook, Francis S. Bania, 1950
- “Two-ply ingrain carpet” explanation, likely from exhibit

Not in folder:

- Thesis Instructions – Bigelow-Sanford School of Management at the Manchester State Trade School [1996.22.5]

Box 6 – Annual reports

- Reports for: 1946, 1947 (2), 1948 (2), 1949 (2), 1950 (4), 1951, 1953, 1954 (2), 1955, 1956 (2), 1957, 1958 (2), 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963 (2), 1964 (2), 1965, 1966 (2)

Box 7

- “Belt book,” 1927 [2020.1.3], also contains some misc. papers
- Bigelow carpet specs, “Weave to Finish.” 1930s-1960s. [2014.22.19]
- 1 year of “ideagrams” between Charles C. Gaskell and Elliott I. Peters, 1934/5. Includes letters/memos from Peters to all supervisors. In green book titled “Profitable Talks to Supervisors.” [2012.3.11]
- Management guide re: speeches [2012.3.12]

Box 8

- Bigelow Magazine
 - Jan-Feb 1949
 - Mar-Apr 1949
 - Nov-Dec 1949
 - Jan-Feb 1950
 - Mar-Apr 1950
 - Sept-Oct 1950 (special anniversary issue)
 - Mar-Apr 1951
 - May-Jun 1951
 - Sept-Oct 1951
 - Nov-Dec 1951
- Bigelow Today: special issue of the Bigelow Magazine, 1951
- Bigelow Commons promotional materials
- “Meet Your Company” 5 copies. One contains recipes pasted in.

Box 9

- Hand-written instructions for wool scouring process, in 4x6 binder notebook belonging to Francis Bania [1999.11.1]
- Book, “Kilmarnock, Aspects of Local History” with note inside concerning weavers who came to Thompsonville from Scotland [1996.13.35]

- Notebooks belonging to Frank Bania, blank
- Berkshire Conference on Productivity notebook
- Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co., Inc. Management Development Program belonging to Charles C. Gaskell
- Daily diary, Clinton factory Bigelow-Sanford
- Diary, Thompsonville
- “Personal notebook, School of Craftsmanship, property of Frank S. Bania.” Contains notes, instructions, and diagrams about the carpet-making process

Box - Orrin Thompson

Folder 1

- Materials concerning Thompson mansion house on Enfield Street

Folder 2

- Genealogical materials, including correspondence with descendants of Orrin Thompson
- Sketch of the life of Dr. Henry Allen Grant, husband of Laura A. Thompson, daughter of Orrin Thompson

Folder 3 – Documents

- Ledger, Matthew Thomson to J.B. Hyde, Dr., 1818-21
- Letters between Orrin Thompson and his son Henry, 1830s
- Autograph collection, includes Thompson signatures
- Various deeds to Thompson Carpet Co.
- Letter to Orrin Thompson from Eliza Anne Graham of Greenwich concerning church [1992.16.22]
- Bill of Lading for Orrin Thompson’s cargo ship *Sachem*, August 11, 1847.

Folder 4 – Biographical, photos

- “Commemorative of Orrin Thompson”
- Obituaries
- Photo of grave
- Photos, small, of Orrin Thompson
- “At Evening Time It Shall be Light – A Discourse at the Funeral of Orrin Thompson at the First Congregational Church in Enfield, Conn.,” February 6, 1873

Folder 5 – Newspaper clippings, **very fragile, most not unfolded**

Not in folder:

- Photo of Orrin Thompson and wife, framed
- Orrin Thompson book of psalms and hymns

Bigelow-Sanford Oversize Box

- 1983.3.00 “Hartford Carpet Co. loan to Jared Brainerd”
- Hartford-Saxony Rugs advertisement, 1924
- “The Rug on Your Floor” advertisement, date unknown
- Certificate to A. Jackson Green, course of study in foremanship, April 1938

- Placard, carpet history
- Certificate from American College of Surgeons to Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co.
- Placard, "Bigelow's Labor Relations" [1990.8.3]
- Issues of The Bigelow Weaver: June 1951, March 1951, June 1954, March 1948, November 1948
- "Bigelow-Sanford Reports on 1947"
- Hartford Carpet Co. loan to Jared Brainerd, 1859
- Photos: "Service department, Feb. 8, 1939"
- Photo: "A few of the overseers and foremen of the Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co." names on photo back. 1919
- Large blown-up photo of the White Mill with Velcro on the back for display
- News clippings mounted on cardboard related to Bigelow closing, 1971
- Large photo, construction, likely of Bigelow Commons
- Large photo, "Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Shop Baseball League 1919". Persons in photo named on back.
- Large photo, "Champions of the Bigelow-Hartford Shop League 1919," persons in photo named on back.
- Large framed photo, people working on carpets in mill, early 1900s
- Rolled photo, Bigelow-Hartford Safety Committee, 1928
- Photo: "War Products, Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co."
- Large framed photo, man driving an early 20th century Bigelow Hartford Carpet Co. truck with boxes in back
- Large framed photo, "A tapestry in the Drum Print Department"
- Photo: 1944 photo of tapestry beaming machine [1996.13.205]
- Photo, Peter Bellico working at tapestry beaming machine [1995.4.2]
- "Magic of making carpet making"
- Charles Gaskell certificate for completing course on foremanship

Physical objects:

- 2021.4.1 - Roll of Bigelow carpet binding tape, mauve cloth with yellow "Bigelow rugs & carpets"
- Cutting tool
- Bigelow Cushionlok® Cutter in box
- 125th anniversary medallion
- Bigelow-Sanford 6-inch ruler
- Misc. stickers, badges, and pins including 125th anniversary pins, Army-Navy "E" pin from WW2, employee pins with numbers, "Bigelow Weavers" pin
- Orange ashtray, likely 1960s or 70s
- Pin? 2022.15.3 (accession empty)
- Bigelow-Sanford Federal Credit union 6" ruler
- 2017.18, #2 pencils, Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Company

Oversize Box: 2017.14 Bigelow/Elliott Peterson, also 2015.08

- A journal of carpet manufacture by Elliott Peterson [2017.14.1]
- "The Bigelow Weaver" Sept. 1953 [2017.14.2]
- Album: "Pete His Book," "Elliott Peterson elected Vice President of Production by Directors of Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co." February 14, 1945 [2017.14.3]
- "A Second Book" part of the album [2017.14.3]

- “Who Killed Cock Robin” by Elliott I. Peterson, Nov. 30, 1955 [2015.18.1]
- Mohasco Industries, Inc – April 24, 1956 – Mohawk Carpet Mills – Proxy statement [2015.18.2]
- Photo, Elliott Peterson [2015.18.3]
- Photo of raw wool mill [2015.18.4]
- Photo, Elliott Peterson with Bigelow looms [2015.18.4]
- Photo, Elliott Peterson and unknown person with Bigelow looms [2015.18.5]
- Photos, Bigelow looms [2015.18.6-7]
- Photo, 3 unidentified persons at drawing board [2015.18.8]
- Group photo, wood shop, persons unidentified [2015.18.9]