AMERICAN CAST IRON PIPE COMPANY.

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Historical Note
The American Cast Iron Pipe Company (ACIPCO) was founded in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1905. It manufactures ductile iron pipe, spiral-welded steel pipe, fire hydrants and valves for the waterworks industry, and electric-resistance-welded steel pipe for the oil and gas industry. ACIPCO was founded by businesswoman Charlotte Blair with support from several investors, including John Joseph Eagan, who was also the company's first president and later became the sole proprietor. Eagan's business philosophy was based on the golden rule of treating others how you would like to be treated. When Eagan died in 1924, he willed ownership of the company in a trust to its employees. It is still an employee-owned corporation. During World War II, ACIPCO manufactured steel parts for ships and has introduced innovations to the steel and pipe industry, such as the cement-lined pipe, which was the industry standard in the early 20th century.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of eight interviews with American Cast Iron Pipe Company employees from 1987-1988. Employees included members of the Board of Managers and the Board of Operatives. There are transcripts for most of the interviews as well as interviewer notes that may have been made after the interviews were conducted. Interviews may have been conducted by Emory University alumnus James Stephen Cleghorn for his dissertation, This work of justice: The search for moral common ground in the authority relations of work. The cases of the American Cast Iron Pipe Company and the Scott Bader Commonwealth compared (1995).

Arrangement Note
Arranged by record type.
Interview: Arthur Edge, Human Resources Director, interview conducted while on tour of ACIPCO, Birmingham, Alabama, 1988 June 6 [original: audiocassette]

Interview: Eugene Langner, Vice President/Works Manager and member of the Board of Management, Birmingham, Alabama, 1988 July 1

Interview: James Frederick (Reverend), Leland Adams, and David Keeton, Board of Operatives members, Fortsdale, Alabama, 1987 October 3 [1] [original: audiocassette]

Interview: James Frederick (Reverend), Leland Adams, and David Keeton, Board of Operatives members, Fortsdale, Alabama, 1987 October 3 [2] [original: audiocassette]

Interview: James Frederick (Reverend), Robert Bates, Tommie Albright, and David Keeton, Board of Operatives members, Birmingham, Alabama, 1988 May 9 [original: audiocassette] [recording includes author's notes]

Interview: Joseph P. Doughty, Vice President of Finance and Treasurer of the Board of Management, Birmingham, Alabama, 1988 June 20 [original: audiocassette]

Interview: Richard M. Bragdon, Vice President of Engineering and member of the Board of Management, Birmingham, Alabama, 1988 June 20 [original: audiocassette]

Interview: Van Richey, Vice President of Sales and Secretary of the Board of Management, Birmingham Alabama, 1988 July 15 [original: audiocassette]

Transcripts and interviewer notes, 1987-1988