

# Connecticut Historical Society museum & library

## Broad Brook Company records

### A Guide to the collection at the Connecticut Historical Society

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#### Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Connecticut
<b>Creator :</b>	Broad Brook Co.
<b>Title :</b>	Broad Brook Co. records
<b>Dates :</b>	1848-1960
<b>Extent :</b>	7 linear feet and oversize items(12 boxes)
<b>Location:</b>	Ms 83679
<b>Language:</b>	English

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#### Historical Sketch

In 1842 the Phelps Manufacturing Company built a woolen mill which, after a merger, became the Broad Brook Company in 1849. The company was owned by various stockholders, with General Motors possessing the largest share of stock. The company was organized under the leadership of George Beach, Austin Dunham, Bryan E. Hooker, George Beach, Jr., Erastus Smith, and others. The Broad Brook Company manufactured wool, cotton, and other materials which were used for yarn, cloth, automobile and railroad upholstery. Beginning in January 1954 the company engaged principally in the investment business. Additionally, it owned approximately thirty five acres of unimproved real estate in Broad Brook, Hartford County, and operated a small water works system which furnished water to a portion of the town of East Windsor. In December 1953 the company sold its manufacturing operations. A week later they sold their machinery and equipment. Finally, in February 1954, the Broad Brook Company sold its manufacturing plant.

The first president of the Broad Brook Company was Homer Blanchard, who served for approximately thirty five years(1849-1884). Succeeding presidents were F.R. Cooley, Harry Brook, W.A. Fischer, and Chester Wiese. On September 23, 1959 a Plan of Reorganization was finalized between the Broad Brook Company and the State Street Investment Corporation, a Massachusetts based investment firm. All assets of the Broad Brook Company were to be transferred to the State Street Investment Corporation

in exchange for shares of stock. After the shares were distributed to the Broad Brook stockholders, the company was liquidated.

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## Scope and Content

The collection consists of tax records, business correspondence, minutes of various meetings, financial statements, and other reports. Of the twelve boxes, three contain general ledgers of assets, liabilities, and revenues. The collection also contains a picture file of the Broad Brook Company and the surrounding area. Finally, the collection contains phonograph albums of radio broadcasts.

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## Restrictions

### Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

### Use Restrictions

Use of the material requires compliance with the Connecticut Historical Society's Research Center regulations.

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## Subject Headings

### Corporate Names

General Motors Corporation  
Phelps Manufacturing Co. (Broad Brook, Conn.)  
State Street Investment Corporation.

### Geographic Names

Connecticut -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.  
Connecticut -- Industries.  
Connecticut -- Manufactures.  
East Windsor (Conn:Town)

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

Item, Collection Title, Collection number (Box #, Folder #). Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Connecticut.

### Processing Details

Collection processed by Margaret Nurse, November 1985.

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### Accruals

The collection is closed.

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## Contents:

### I. General company records

#### Box Folder

- |   |   |                                                                                                                       |
|---|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | A | Articles of Association, and Act of Incorporation, 1848 1849                                                          |
| 1 | B | By-laws of the Broad Brook Co. (C. Wiese notebook); Profit and loss statements; Factory payroll statistics, 1937-1953 |
| 1 | C | By-laws of the Broad Brook Co. notebook; Profit and loss statements<br>Proxies for shareholders meetings              |

#### Box Folder

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|---|---|---------------------------|
| 1 | D | 1908-December 1909        |
| 1 | E | 1911-February 1912        |
| 1 | F | 1917                      |
| 1 | G | 1918 February             |
| 1 | H | 1919<br>Annuity Contracts |

#### Box Folder

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|---|-----|------------------------------------|
| 1 | I   | 1946-1963                          |
| 1 | J   | Correspondence (IRS), 1946-1953    |
| 1 | K   | Correspondence, 1953-1962          |
| 1 | L-M | Dissolution, 1959-1960 (2 folders) |
| 1 | N   | Renegotiation Releases             |

#### Box Folder

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|---|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 | A | Report of Examination of Statements, Financial Statements, Balance sheets and earning statements, 1925-1930. 1934-1952 1931-1954 |
| 2 | B | Broad Brook Company stockholders receipts, Correspondence                                                                        |

concerning stockholders, 1951-1960. 1956-1959

## **II. Tax Records: work sheets, correspondence, reports**

### **Box Folder**

3	A	Income tax returns, 1917-1960
3	B	Correspondence concerning income tax returns, 1922-1925. 1917-1920
3	C	IRS and state correspondence concerning tax returns, 1917-1920
3	D	Local tax lists, 1919-1929
3	E	Federal income and profit tax return, 1921
3	F	Local tax lists "property", 1930-1941
3	G	Federal capital stock tax return, 1934-1940
3	H	State of Connecticut taxation of miscellaneous corporations, 1935.
3	I	Treasury Department reports, 1935-1937
3	J	Federal capital stock tax returns, 1941-1945
3	K	Federal income tax correspondence, 1939-1956
3	L	Federal income tax reports, 1943-1945
3	M	Treasury Department formula, 1943-1950
3	N	Annual return of excise tax, 1943-1950
3	O	Tax data correspondence, 1950-1960
3	P	Federal income tax reports, 1952-1954 US annual information return forms 1096 & 1099

### **Box Folder**

3	Q	1952-1956
3	R	1957-1959

## **III. Federal and State Income Tax Records (1909-1933)**

Federal Income Tax Returns

### **Box Folder**

4	A	1909-1915
4	B	1916
4	C	1917
4	D-E	1918 (2 folders)
4	F	1919
4	G	State Income Tax Returns, 1915-1921
4	H	Federal Income Tax Reports, 1917-1920
4	I	Federal Income Tax Return and Correspondence, 1921 Federal Income Tax Return,

### **Box Folder**

4	J	(Tentative) 1922
4	K	(Amended) 1922

4 L 1923  
 4 M 1924  
 4 N State and Federal Income Tax Return, 1924  
 Federal Income Tax Return

**Box Folder**

4 O 1925  
 4 P 1926  
 4 Q 1927

**Box Folder**

5 A 1928  
 5 B 1929  
 5 C 1930  
 5 D 1931  
 5 E Federal Income Tax Return, State Income Tax Return, and State annual report, 1932  
 5 F Connecticut State and Federal Tax Return, New York Tax Return, and Inventory Return, 1933

**IV. Federal and State Tax Returns (1934-1960)**

Federal Income Tax Return

**Box Folder**

6 A 1934  
 6 B 1935  
 6 C 1936  
 6 D-E 1937 (2 folders)  
 6 F Federal Income Tax Return Correspondence, 1935-1937  
 6 G Connecticut Income Tax Return, 1936-1939  
 Final Federal Income Tax Return

**Box Folder**

6 H-I 1938 (2 folders)  
 6 J 1939  
 6 K Final Federal Income Tax Return, Final Federal Excess Profit Tax Return, and Final Connecticut Income Tax Return, 1940  
 6 L Federal Income Tax Return and Federal Excess Profit Tax Return, 1941  
 6 M Final Federal Income Tax Return, Final Federal Excess Profit Tax Return, and Final Connecticut Income Tax Return, 1942  
 6 N-O Federal Income Tax Return and Federal Excess Profit Tax Return, 1943 (2 folders)  
 6 P Tentative Federal Income Tax Return, Tentative Federal Excess Profit Tax Return, and Tentative Connecticut Income Tax Return, 1944

- 6 Q Final Federal Income Tax Return, Final Federal Excess Profit Tax Return, and Final Connecticut Income Tax Return, 1944
- 6 R Federal Income Tax Return and Federal Excess Profit Tax Return, 1945
- 6 S Connecticut Income Tax Return, 194119431945
- 6 T Federal Income Tax Return and Connecticut Income Tax Return, 1946
- 6 U Tentative and Final Federal Income Tax Returns and Tentative and Final Connecticut Income Tax Returns, 1947
- 6 V Federal Income Tax Return and Connecticut Income Tax Return, 1948

**Box Folder**

- 7 A-B Federal Income Tax Return, Connecticut Income Tax Return, Correspondence dating to for this return, 1954 1949 (2 folders)
- 7 C Tentative and Final Federal Income Tax Returns and Tentative and Final Connecticut Income Tax Returns, 1950
- 7 D Federal and Connecticut Income Tax Returns, 1951
- 7 E Final Federal Income Tax Return, Tentative and Final Connecticut Income Tax Return, 1952
- 7 F-G Federal Income Tax Return, Tentative and Final Connecticut Income Tax Return, 1953Correspondence dating up to 1954 (2 folders)
- 7 H Tentative and Final Connecticut Income Tax Returns, 1954
- 7 I Connecticut Income Tax Return, 1955
- 7 J Federal Income Tax Return, 1955
- 7 K Connecticut Income Tax Return, 1956
- 7 L Federal Income Tax Return, 1956
- 7 M Connecticut Income Tax Return, 1957
- 7 N Federal Income Tax Return, 1957
- 7 O Connecticut Income Tax Return, 1958
- 7 P Federal Income Tax Return, 1958
- 7 Q Final Connecticut Income Tax Return, 1959

**V. Correspondence, Reports, and Minutes**

**Box Folder**

- 8 AA Director and Stockholder minutes, 1906-1909
- 8 A Directors meeting minutes, Stockholder meeting minutes, and resignation letters, 1919
- 8 B Stockholders meeting notes, directors meeting notes, proxy letters, 1920  
President's Address to the Directors, Directors meeting minutes, Stockholders meeting minutes

**Box Folder**

8 C 1921  
 8 D 1922  
 Directors meeting minutes, Stockholders meeting minutes, proxy letters

**Box Folder**

8 E 1923  
 8 F 1924  
 8 G Reports of President and General Manager, Director's meeting minutes, Stockholders meeting minutes, proxy letters, 1925  
 Directors meeting minutes, stockholders meeting minutes, proxy letters, and related material

**Box Folder**

8 H 1926  
 8 I 1927  
 8 J 1928  
 8 K 1929  
 8 L 1930  
 8 M Adjourned directors meeting minutes, 1931  
 Directors meeting minutes, proxies for annual meeting of stockholders, list of stockholders

**Box Folder**

8 N 1932  
 8 O 1933  
 8 P Notices to Stockholders, special meeting of stockholders minutes, proxies for annual meeting of stockholders, 1934  
 8 Q Directors meeting minutes, balance sheet pertaining to corporate resolutions, resignation letters 1934 1933 1934  
 8 R Directors meeting minutes, minutes of special meetings of stockholders, corporate resolutions, proxies for special meeting of stockholders, 1935  
 8 S Director meeting minutes, stockholder meeting minutes, corporate resolutions, proxies for special meeting of stockholders, 1936  
 8 T Special meeting of stockholders minutes, proxies for special meetings of stockholders, minutes of special meetings of Board of Directors, 1937  
 8 U Minutes of Directors meetings, proxies for annual meeting of stockholders, list of stockholders, 1938

**VI. Ledgers**

**Box**

9 General Ledger, 1935-1944

**Box**

10 General Ledger, 1945-1953

**Box**

11 War Savings Plan Accounts, 1939-1953

**Box**

OV Accounts Payable, 1920-1925

OV Assets, liabilities, expenses, 1926-1934

OV Bills payable and receivable, expenses, 1848-1863

OV Bills receivable, supplies, expenses, interest, 1864-1875

OV Real estate, insurance, expenses, profit and loss, 1876-1889

OV Accounts payable, dye stuffs, profit and loss, 1890-1898

OV Cash, fuel, wool, cloth, interest, 1899-1908

OV Capital stock, wool, supplies, freight, etc., 1909-1917

OV Profit and loss, capital stock, rents, oils, fuel, 1918-1920

**VII. Army and Navy Awards Program**

**Box Folder**

12 A Photographs, certificate of award, program guide, newspaper clippings, 1942-1945

12 B Broad Brook Company awards program, guest book

Phonograph records, WTIC, 1943 February 15