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## LINK-BELT COMPANY PHOTOGRAPHS, 1939–1952

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## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

In 1875, a patent was granted to William Dan Ewert for a detachable link chain. The Link-Belt Company was formed by Ewert after merging two of his companies, the Link-Belt Machinery Company and the Link-Belt Engineering Company --both based in Chicago-- in 1906. He later acquired the H.W. Caldwell and Son Company to expand his operations in 1922. By 1922, the Link-Belt Company had opened operations in Philadelphia, Toronto and Indianapolis. In 1939, Link-Belt took over the Speeder Machinery Corporation to reduce its machine size. Today, the Link-Belt Company operates as the LBX Company.

### Sources:

Berry, Thomas. "Organizational History." Link-Belt (1875-current) Historical Construction Equipment Association. <http://archives.hcea.net/?p=creators%2Fcreator&id=375>. Accessed August 03, 2017.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains 10 photographs of the Link-Belt Factory in Indianapolis, IN ranging from 1939-1952. One (4 1/2" x 6 1/2") shows the "Tool Room" in May of 1939. One (8" x 10") photo shows employees outside the factory posing with a life-size cut-out of Uncle Sam in 1944 (a note on the back indicates that 14 of the men in the photo had passed away by 1972). Three undated (8" x 10") photos labeled with numbers 23, 24 and 28 show workers working with spooled chain belts. The remaining five (8" x 10" or 10" x 8") photos, labeled 202156-1, 2-2156-2, 202156-3, 282395-1 and 282395-2, depict employees working on chain belts in 1952. Those five photos were taken by the Bass Photo Co.

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and workers

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