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HISTORICAL SKETCH

G.A. Topp & Company was based in Indianapolis, Indiana. The company manufactured Topp's Framing Tool in the 1890s. The tool, described as a combined try-square and bevel, was patented in the U.S. by Thomas R. Cook on 1 November 1892. George A. Topp was listed as a partial assignee on the patent. Topp worked as a designer and wood engraver in Indiana in the 1880s and 1890s.

Sources:

Official Gazette of the United States Patent Office. Vol. LXI. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1893. HathiTrust Digital Library. https://hdl.handle.net/2027/wu.89048454177.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains one letter from G.A. Topp & Co. to W.P. Neuhard on 15 August 1895. The letter discusses an order for Topp's Framing Tool. Also included are blank order receipts and informational pamphlets for the tool.

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