

## **Record Group 33 Burroughs Finding Aid**

1937-1998

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Plymouth Historical Museum, Plymouth, MI  
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**Creator:** Burroughs Corporation  
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**Use:** Refer to Archives Reading Room Guidelines  
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### **Abstract**

The Burroughs Corporation was founded in the 1880s by William Seward Burroughs. It was originally named the American Arithmometer Company, formed in St. Louis Missouri. In 1904, the company moved to Plymouth, with a new facility featuring over 70,000 square feet. In 1905, the company was renamed the Burrough Adding Machine Company as a tribute to William S. Burroughs, who died in 1898.

### **Scope and Content**

The Burroughs record group consists of records about the Company and its products. These records include pamphlets, flyers, newspaper articles and photographs.

### **Entries**

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### **Important Subjects**

Burroughs Corporation  
Local History—Plymouth, MI  
Local Companies—Plymouth, MI

### **Box 1, Shelf 55**

*Entry 1: Photographs*  
*Plymouth's Proud of Burroughs Week*

1959 celebration outside City Hall, (Acc. # 1939.00)  
Celebration carriage ride, (Acc. #1939.01)  
Carriage ride across Main Street (Acc. #1939.02)  
Company leaders dressed as Pilgrims (Acc. #1939.03)  
Mgr. Lorenz next to an ice sculpture in "B" shape (Acc. #1939.04)  
Meal being served (Acc. #1939.05)  
Employees working on adding machine (Acc. #1939.06)  
Head table with Henderson, Lindsay, Eppert, Guenther, and Native Americans in  
    Mayflower Room (Acc. #1939.07)  
Eppert speaking at lunch (Acc. #1939.08)  
View of Mayflower Room during lunch in Mayflower Room (Acc. #1939.09)  
Eppert with Native Americans (Acc. #1939.10)  
Town Crier, C.V. Sparks, reading Proclamation in Mayflower Room (Acc. #1939.11)  
Eppert and others on Main Street near Museum (Acc. #1939.12)  
Eppert, Guenther, and others in carriage (Acc. #1939.13)  
Display of 2 mannequins in stocks (Acc. #1939.14)  
Street banner, "Plymouth's Proud of Burroughs" (Acc. #1939.15)  
Carriage ride on Main Street-Guenther, Lindsay, and Eppert (Acc. #1939.16)  
Introductions at City Hall, M.C. Henderson, Eppert, Mgr. of C of C Millikin,  
    Commissioner Hartmann, and Township Clerk Broome (Acc. #1939.17)  
Guenther, Cooper, Lindsay, Eppert, and Henderson in front of company display in hotel  
    lobby (Acc. #1939.18)  
Hotel lobby with Eppert, Cooper, Lindsay, and Guenther (Acc. #1939.19)  
Eppert, Lindsay, Guenther, and Cooper with Mgr. Lorenz (Acc. #1939.20)  
Burroughs display with Guenther, Lindsay, Cooper, and Eppert (Acc. #1939.21)  
Mgr. Millikin and Hugh Griffin outside C of C office (Acc. #1939.22)  
Susan Wesley and Dr. A. C. Williams in the stocks (Acc. #1939.23)  
Mgr. Millikin and Pres. Eppert at plant (Acc. #1939.24)  
Various duplicate photos of above mentioned celebration (Acc. #2004.266.01)  
*Other company photos*  
Aerial photograph of plant in 1955  
Plant under construction  
Postcard of Plymouth plant (Acc. #2001.087.032)  
Drawing of plant in 1938  
Packard delivery truck operated by Burroughs in 1910 (Acc. #90.90.L)  
Plant workers in 1969 (Acc. #93.57.5)  
Burroughs cash register  
Lodge at Burroughs Farms near Brighton, MI around 1928 (Acc. #2006.083.01)  
"Stroll Through Our History" CD (Acc. #2007.176.01)  
Burroughs Co. Gun Farm in Brighton, MI –Trap and skeet shooting (Acc. #2006.083.02)  
Barney Platt shooting trap at Burroughs Gun Farm (Acc. #2006.083.02)  
People at Burroughs Gun Farm (4 photos) (Acc. #2006.083.02)  
Workers assembling adding machines (Acc. #2006.186.02)  
Burroughs plant with Mr. Platt, superintendent of power & maintenance, March, 1937  
    (2 photos) (Acc. #2007.34.04)

## **Map Case 2, Drawer 2**

Burroughs delivery truck circa 1920 (Acc. #2006.114.01)

Burroughs under construction 1938 (Acc #2006.114.02)

### ***Entry 2: Contact Sheets***

*Folder 1:* Photograph contact sheets of City Hall, Museum, and downtown Plymouth

*Folder 2:* Photograph contact sheets of Burroughs office

*Folder 3:* Photograph contact sheets of company personnel at airport and personnel at outside activities

*Folder 4:* Photograph contact sheets of company dinners

*Folder 5:* Photograph contact sheets of company personnel at Tiger games

### ***Entry 3: Pamphlets, Flyers, and Calendar***

#### *Folder 1*

Pamphlet, "The Story of Figures"

Pamphlet, "My Trip to Detroit" (Acc. #91.39.2L)

1986 flyer, "Burroughs Ranked Number 1"

Pamphlet, "Welcome to Plymouth Facility-Unisys, 1987"

Pamphlet, "Burroughs History" (2 copies)

Calendar, "The History of the Plymouth Plant" (Acc. #2004.129.01)

Pamphlet, "Burroughs at Plymouth"

Flyer, "Burroughs Corporation, Invention and Technology"

### ***Entry 4: Newspaper Clippings***

#### *Folder 1*

Burroughs plant newspaper, Christmas edition, 1968 (Acc. #93.57.4)

Plymouth Mail section devoted to Burroughs Week, March 19, 1959

"View of Progress at Burroughs Adding Machine Company," *The Plymouth Mail*, 5/21/31

"Burroughs Plant Opened Monday," *The Plymouth Mail*, 3/25/38

"Burroughs Adding Machine Co. Pushing Ahead at Rapid Pace Here," *The Plymouth Mail*

"Plymouth Waitress and Construction Foreman Die in 245-Foot Fall on Forbidden Sight-Seeing Trip Here," *The Plymouth Mail*, 9/10/37

"Construction of Burroughs Plant over Half Done," *The Plymouth Mail*

"Installation of Machinery in Huge Burroughs Adding Machine Company Factory Will Start in Mid-October," *The Plymouth Mail*, 1937

"Burroughs Adding Machine Plant to Open Here Monday," *The Plymouth Mail*, 3/18/38

Photo of Burroughs Plant, *Detroit Free Press*, 8/31/52

"Burroughs Adding Machine Co. Makes Building Survey," *The Plymouth Mail*, 8/14/36

"Plymouth Lets Burroughs Know They are Welcome," *The Plymouth Mail*, 3/26/59

"Plymouth Shows It's Proud," 1959

"Burroughs Not Closing Here, Says President," 5/8/71

“Plymouth boasts ties to subject of new film,” *Observer & Eccentric*, 10/24/91  
“Unisys, community have changed over the years,” *The Observer & Eccentric*, 5/3/90  
“Landmark will bite the dust,” *Detroit News*, 5/27/98  
“Scroll Proclaims Plymouth’s Appreciation for Burroughs” 1959  
“Exhibit tells story of growth, change,” *Observer & Eccentric*, 1998  
“Burroughs Company Makes Survey of Property on Plymouth Road,” *Plymouth Mail*, September 11, 1936  
“Burroughs Adding Machine Co. Makes Building Survey,” *Plymouth Mail*, August 14, 1936

***Entry 5: Burroughs Company Information***

*Folder 1*

Interoffice Unisys memo about company display at Plymouth Historical Museum,  
10/23/89  
“Special for Time Traveler Show-Bud Guest,” A short history of Burroughs Corporation  
Burroughs Farm Bulletin, February 25, 1937 (Acc. #2005.162.02)  
Burroughs Farm Bulletin, June 3, 1930 (Acc. #2005.162.01)  
Army Navy Production Award  
Daily Convention Bulletin, June 3, 1930 (Acc. #2006.186.01)

***Entry 6: Miscellaneous***

*Folder 1*

“Burroughs adding Machine Company”  
Picture card of Burroughs machines (Acc. #2007.169.48)