

Guide to the Ithaca Calendar Clock Company Collection

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This collection contains materials related to the Ithaca Calendar Clock Company, founded by Henry B. Horton in 1866. Mr. Horton had been awarded patents in 1865 which perfected the calendar mechanism allowing the proper display of February 29 during Leap years. The clocks were so successful that the business expanded into a new three-story factory in 1875. In spite of a fire in 1876 the business continued to thrive with hundreds of clocks made each year and shipped around the world. Sales began to slump during the early 20th century, especially during WWI and the company folded in 1919. Ithaca Calendar Clocks have become valued collectables.

There is additional material related to the Autophone, invented by Henry Horton and manufactured in part of the Ithaca Calendar Clock factory from 1879 until 1925.

A google search on December 17, 2019 showed that the Ithaca Calendar Clock Company was revived by three individuals in October of 1981. They started by making reproductions of some of the most common models from the original company as well as repairing clocks. Two of the founders left leaving just Michael Porter who as of 2005 ran the company from Newfield NY mostly doing repairs of original Calendar Clocks.

CONTAINER LIST

	<i>folder</i>
Pamphlets, articles, and notes concerning the Ithaca Calendar Clock Company	1
DHS correspondence concerning Ithaca Calendar Clock Company 1936-1968	2
Newspaper clippings	3

Photocopies of correspondence and patents of the Ithaca Calendar Clock Company	4
1976 letter about Ithaca Calendar grandfather clock with photo	5
Reprints (3) of talk given by John G. Brooks in 1941	6
Materials concerning the Autophone Company of Ithaca	7

Note: There is an empty folder labelled “Copy of United States Patent #57,511 issued August 28, 1866, to Henry B. Horton, of Ithaca, New York, covering an *Improvement in clock cases.*” A note inside the folder says that the “material is presently matted and in the Ithaca Calendar Clock Company.” This item is currently considered missing.