

## Finding Aid to the Mid America Steel Inc. Records

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Mid America Steel Inc. Records, 1905-1994

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### BIOGRAPHY

Mid America Steel Inc. (formerly known as the Fargo Foundry) was founded in 1905 by Thomas L. Sykes, a boilermaker who later became the Vice-President of the company. It is one of the oldest and longest running businesses in Fargo. Stated on their website, “from our early days as an agricultural repair shop and foundry to modern custom steel fabrication, we’ve steadily evolved and invested in the latest equipment and techniques to remain the industry leader.” Mid America Steel Inc. provide steel products for schools, churches, industrial plants, commercial buildings, and more.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Mid American Steel Inc. Records** include two financial ledgers from the beginning of the Fargo Foundry. The first financial ledger belonged to Thomas L. Sykes, from when he was on his own as a boilermaker. Also included is a payroll ledger, as well as a factory inspection folder, welding qualification book, and a charge-offs ledger.

## **FOLDER LIST**

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                 Financial ledger, 1889-1907  
                 Financial ledger, 1905-1911  
                 Payroll ledger, 1914-1919  
                 Factory Inspection and Label Service Procedure folder, 1951-1968  
                 Welding Qualifications book, 1959  
                 Charge-Offs ledger, 1960-1994