

UNITED STATES RUBBER COMPANY, (SHELL PLANT), 1945

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ABSTRACT

On May 15, 1942, the United States Navy Department announced the building of a new loading plant for anti-aircraft shells, to be located near Charlotte, North Carolina, and operated by the United States Rubber Company. The New York firm of Sanderson and Porter were contracted for construction of the plant, and the building was completed in January 1943. It was located approximately ten miles south of Charlotte, on York Road, in the Steele Creek area.

Known as the "Shell Plant," workers produced 75 millimeter anti-aircraft shells for the Navy. At its height, the plant employed several thousand people, including women and African Americans, who worked in over two hundred buildings in the area.

Following just two days after the end of the war with Japan, the government cancelled its contract with the U.S. Rubber Company. By November 1945, the plant was a naval ammunition depot. The remaining buildings were refitted for postwar purposes such as a Marine barracks and apartment homes. The plant is no longer in existence, however the area is still primarily industrial. The land it was located on is near the southeast corner of the intersection of Westinghouse Boulevard and South Tryon (Highway 49), at the Arrowood Business Park.

This collection includes documents.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The United States Rubber Company, (Shell Plant), is a small collection formerly from the Ephemera Collection. It consists of a safety rules and identification folder, and a booklet about the plant. The materials date from 1945.

SERIES LIST

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Printed Materials, 1945

The Fightin' 40... booklet containing details regarding the history and activities of the United States Rubber Company's Charlotte Plant, 1945.

Safety Rules and Identification Folder, belonging to Olivia C. Brockmann, includes photograph, c. 1945.

BOX FOLDER

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