

HISTORICAL FACT SHEET Telephone Industry Related Companies



COMPANY Smith-Vassar Telephone Company

DATE ORGANIZED 1895

WHERE ORGANIZED New York, NY

FOUNDER(S) F.S.Pusey, Pres; John Dorrance, VP;
R.G. Vassar, Sec/Tres; James G. Smith, engineer

NATURE OF BUSINESS Manufacturer

Subsequent names or significant changes resulting from acquisitions, consolidation, sales or bankruptcies:

Company reorganized

DATE
1900

Bell Company negotiated for control of Smith-Vassar but failed
due to its Massachusetts charter at the time

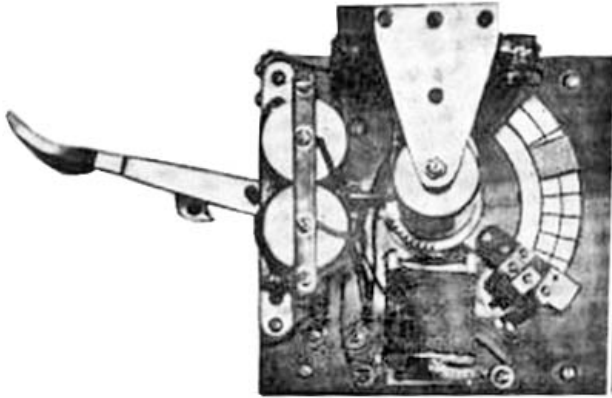
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Company dissolved

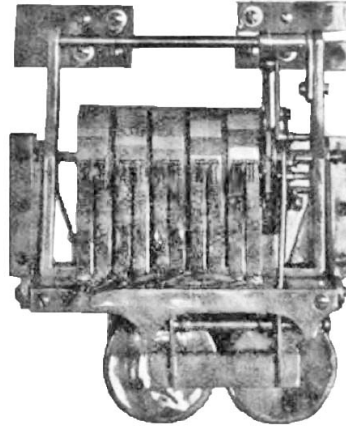
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REMARKS The Smith-Vassar system was a line selective system saving telephone companies
the need to dedicate a line pair for each unit. The system would select an idle telephone
line to process a call.

Source: Western Electrician, 1897; Electrical Review, 1897; Electrical World, 1900;
Engineering Magazine, 1896



Switching mechanism found in top box



Magneto and ringer in middle box

