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**An Inventory of Its Litigation Files: D. H. Blattner & Sons,
Inc. v. State of Minnesota**

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minnesota. Attorney General. Government Services Division.
Series Title: Litigation files: D. H. Blattner & Sons, Inc. v. State of Minnesota.
Dates: 1983-1991 (bulk 1986-1991).
Quantity: 2.4 cu. ft. (3 boxes).
Location: See Detailed Description section for the box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Correspondence, claims, confidentiality agreements, consultant's reports, depositions, exhibits, expert reports, pleadings, photographs, register, and arbitration and settlement documents detailing this case involving the Interstate 35 tunnel in Duluth, Minnesota. In March 1986, D. H. Blattner & Sons, Inc., Avon, Minnesota, entered into a contract with Minnesota Department of Transportation [Mn/DOT] to perform work associated with the drilling, blasting, and excavation of bedrock for construction of the tunnel. On August 3, 1988, Blattner & Sons commenced a civil action against Mn/DOT in Ramsey County District Court [Court File No. C4-88-3142], seeking to recover damages of \$5 million for itself, as well as its subcontractors, American Drilling & Blasting, Inc., Green Lake, Wisconsin, and S. J. Louis Construction, Inc., St. Cloud, Minnesota. The claim was settled on March 14, 1991 for \$2,645,500, just prior to the April 1991 commencement of a jury trial.

INDEX TERMS

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Topics:

Arbitration.
Express highways—Minnesota—Duluth.
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Places:

Duluth (Minn.).
Interstate 35.

Persons:

Bruce, Donald A.
Cromell, John.
Davidson, David.
Ford, Graham R.
Heuer, Ronald E.
Hoist, Timothy B.
Lysholm, James A.
Oriard, Lewis L.
Rodencal, Steven G.
Schall-Karwacki, Cynthia M.
Stanley, Donald F.
Wagligora, M. H.
Wiek, Roland I.

Organizations:

American Drilling & Blasting, Inc. (Green Lake, Wis.).
D. H. Blattner and Sons (Avon, Minn.)—Trials, litigation, etc.
Minnesota. Dept. of Transportation—Trials, litigation, etc.
S. J. Louis Construction, Inc. (Saint Cloud, Minn.).
Wiss, Janey, Elstner, and Associates.

Types of Documents:

Photographs.
Depositions.
Legal instruments.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Location	Box	
115.F.17.9B	1	Arbitration file, 1987-1989. Attorney General's Office: Correspondence, 1991. Attorney General's Office: Correspondence with Blattner legal counsel, 1988-1991. 2 folders. Attorney General's Office: Memos to file, 1990-1991. Claim of American Drilling & Blasting, Inc., undated. Claim of S. J. Louis Construction, Inc., 1986-1988. 2 folders. Claim for damages, pertinent correspondence, 1986-1987. 2 folders. Confidentiality agreements, 1991. Consultant correspondence: Wiss, Janney, Elstner and Associates, 1985-1988. Consultant's Reports: Wiss, Janney, Elstner and Associates, 1983, 1986. Department of Transportation: Correspondence files, 1985-1990. 8 folders. Depositions: John Cromell, 1991. 2 folders.
115.F.17.10F	2	David Davidson, 1990. 3 folders. Graham "Rudy" Ford, 1991. 3 folders. Timothy B. Holst, 1991. James Lysholm, 1991. Steven G. Rodencal, 1991. 2 folders. Cynthia Schall-Karwacki, 1990. 2 folders. Donald F. Stanley, 1990. 5 folders. Roland I. Wiek, 1991.

Location	Box	
115.F.17.10F	2	Exhibits, 1986-1987. Expert reports: Donald Bruce, 1988, 1991. Ron Heuer, 1987. Timothy B. Holst, undated. Lewis L. Oriard, 1987-1991. M. H. Waligora, 1987.
115.F.17.11B	3	Pleadings, 1990-1991. 4 folders. Photographs, undated, 1987. 3 folders. Register, 1991. Settlement, 1991. <i>[0.6 cu. ft., empty, letter]</i>