

Indiana Mirror Manufacturing Company

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3 mss boxes, 1 oversize folder

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Organizational History:

The Indiana Mirror Manufacturing Company began business in Indianapolis, Indiana in January 1904. The original president of the company was A. Lehman. The company was purchased by James Franklin Failey for his son, Robert B. Failey, in 1911. Robert Failey eventually became both president and treasurer. The company's main purpose was to make mirrors for wholesale to other companies. The glass used in the mirrors was sometimes purchased from other businesses such as the Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company in Toledo, Ohio. The company was dissolved in 1954.

Sources:

Information Found within Collection.

Biennial Report of the Secretary of State of the State of Indiana, 1904

Interview with Laura E. Williams, June 18, 2012

Scope and Content:

This collection contains records of the Indiana Mirror Manufacturing Company. These records include inventories (1935-1953), trial balance/accounts receivable reports (1941-1954), and profit/loss statements (1935-1954). Also included are the biannual Census of Manufacturers (1927-1947) and reports related to the shipment of alcohol (1920-1947). There are also payroll records (1948-1952) which include information about the company's employees, including birth dates and job descriptions. More information about employees can be found in their Employee Withholding Exemption Certificates (1943-1952). There is extensive paperwork related to one employee, Ralph LaGrotta (also spelled LaGrotta or LaGrotte), including tax returns (1943-1946) and immigration information about him and wife Anna and son Joseph. The collection also includes sales figure charts (1932-1953), business reports, correspondence, and price guides for other companies in similar fields.

An oversize folder contains 16 ledger sheets related to various aspects of the business, including machinery and office furniture.

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Collection Inventory Box and Folder Listing:

Box 1.

Folder

1. Receipt Inventory, Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company, 1934 and undated
2. Inventories, 1935-1936
3. Inventories, 1937
4. Inventories, 1938
5. Inventories, 1939-1940
6. Inventories, 1941-1942
7. Inventories, 1943-1945
8. Inventories, 1947-1949
9. Inventories, 1950-1953
10. Trial Balance/Accounts Receivable, 1941
11. Trial Balance/Accounts Receivable, 1942
12. Trial Balance/Accounts Receivable, 1943
13. Trial Balance/Accounts Receivable, 1944
14. Trial Balance/Accounts Receivable, 1945

Box 2.

Folder

1. Trial Balance/Accounts Receivable, 1946-1947
2. Trial Balance/Accounts Receivable, 1948-1949
3. Trial Balance/Accounts Receivable, 1950-1951
4. Trial Balance/Accounts Receivable, 1952-Feb. 1954
5. Profit & Loss Statements and Balance Sheets, 1935-1954
6. Census of Manufacturers Reports, 1927-1933
7. Census of Manufacturers Reports, 1935-1941
8. Alcohol Reports, May-Dec 1920-1922
9. Alcohol Reports, 1923-1925
10. Alcohol Reports, 1926-1928
11. Alcohol Reports, 1929-1931
12. Alcohol Reports, 1932-1934
13. Alcohol Reports, 1935-1937
14. Alcohol Reports, 1938-1939
15. Alcohol Reports, 1945-1946

16. Alcohol Reports, 1947

Box 3.

Folder

1. Payroll Records, 1948-1952
2. Payroll Records, 1948-1952
3. Payroll Records, 1948
4. Payroll Summaries, 1948-1950
5. Payroll Summaries, 1951-1952
6. Sales Figure Charts, 1932-1953
7. Business Reports, 1931-1941
8. Business Paperwork, 1952 and undated
9. Business Correspondence, 1928, 1935-1938
10. Business Correspondence, 1940-1941, 1944, 1947, 1951, 1953 and undated
11. Ralph LaGrotta Papers, 1923, 1943-1946
12. Price Guides: Outside Companies, 1925, 1931, 1950
13. Price Guides, Labels, Article on Mirror History, Withholding Certificates

OB85. Overside Folder

Item

1. Ledger Sheet for Building, 1914-1930
2. Ledger Sheet for Building, 1931-1954
3. Ledger Sheet for Machinery and Tools, 1911-1927
4. Ledger Sheet for Machinery and Tools, 1928-1944
5. Ledger Sheet for Machinery and Tools, 1945-1954
6. Ledger Sheet for Office Furniture, 1911-1927
7. Ledger Sheet for Office Furniture, 1928-1944
8. Ledger Sheet for Office Furniture, 1945-1946
9. Ledger Sheet for Improvements, 1933-1954
10. Ledger Sheet for Automobile, 1929-1936
11. Ledger Sheet for Mrs. Blanche Chamberlain, 1933-1952
12. Ledger Sheet for D. Isgrigg Commission Account, Jan-Sept 1933
13. Ledger Sheet for D. Isgrigg Commission Account, Sept 1933-Feb 1934
14. Ledger Sheet for D. Isgrigg Commission Account, Feb-Apr 1934
15. Ledger Sheet for D. Isgrigg, Apr 1934-July 1935
16. Ledger Sheet for D. Isgrigg, July 1935

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