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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

Ms.1987.029

Unit Date

1939-1960

Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

This collection contains sales and expense ledgers of Rosemont Corporation, a Marion, Virginia, manufacturer and seller of textiles.

Creator

Rosemont Corporation

Extent

0.3 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

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Processing Information

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Administrative History

Rosemont Corporation was founded in Marion, Virginia, by Laura Lu Scherer Copenhaver (1868-1940), mother-in-law of writer Sherwood Anderson. With a view toward improving the standard of living for farm families of southwestern Virginia, Copenhaver advocated cooperative marketing strategies to sell locally made goods. In establishing Rosemont, Copenhaver coordinated the production of textiles by local women in her home, Rosemont. Initially offering coverlets made from local wool and based on traditional patterns, Rosemont soon expanded its production line to rugs, bed canopies, and other hand- and machine-made items. The company boasted a worldwide customer base. Following Copenhaver's death, Minerva May Scherer, dean of Marion College and sister of Copenhaver, served as Rosemont's director. In 1960, Copenhaver's children incorporated the company as Laura Copenhaver Industries, Inc. The company continued into the 21st century to manufacture and sell textiles.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of two ledgers maintained by Rosemont Corporation, a Marion, Virginia, manufacturer and seller of textiles. The first ledger, arranged in a rough alphabetical order by customer name, records date of order fulfillment, product name, price paid, and customer name and address. The second ledger, titled "Checks Written," details the company's expenses. For each month, the ledger lists checks issued by the company, providing check number, date, recipient, description of purchase, and amount paid. At the end of each monthly list of checks is a summary of the company's monthly expenses.

Related Archival Materials

Rosemont, Marion, Virginia. Marion, VA: L. Copenhaver, [1951]. (F234 .M373 R6 1951 Small Spec)

Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives also holds several collections related to Eleanor Copenhaver Anderson and Sherwood Anderson.

Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Textile manufacturers

Copenhaver, Laura Lu Scherer, 1868-1940

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by ledger type.

Description of Subordinate Components

Sales ledger

Unit Date 1939-1943

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Expense ledger

Unit Date 1956-1960

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)