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1 record storage box and 1 short lid "shoebox"

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There are no restrictions.

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There are no restrictions.

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Historical Note

Roanoke Drug Company has a long and complex history. Commercial druggist companies boomed in the 19th and 20th centuries. One such company that began during this time was Benton, Myers, and Company formed in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1884, Benton Myers merged with the Hall-Van Gorder Company. Meanwhile, in Roanoke, the Bowles-Robertson Drug Company had a shop in downtown Roanoke on Salem Avenue. In late 1916, the name changed from Bowles-Robertson to Roanoke Drug Company. It would remain Roanoke Drug Company until 1929, when drug conglomerate, McKesson-Robbins took over after merging with Hall-Van Gorder the previous year, in 1928. Many of the records have Dorothy Layman's name on them. Ms. Layman began working at Bowles-Robertson while in her 20s. She later married and became Dorothy Cline, as some of the memos indicate. She was the only female accountant and office manager the company ever employed

Scope and Content

This collection is comprised of office memos, photographs, news clippings, meeting minutes, stock ledger books, office directories and artifacts.

Arrangement

Documents are arranged alphabetically by document type with all artifacts housed in Box 2.

Contents List

Records

Box 1

Bowles-Robertson meeting memos undated

Folder 1

"Debits and Credits": accountant newsletters 1949-1952

Folder 2

Group photographs 1959 and 1965

Folder 3

Insurance policy for Roanoke Drug Company date unknown

Folder 4

Interoffice memos 1934-1964

Folder 5

McKesson and Robbins Employee Report 1942

Folder 6

Miscellaneous ephemera from various drug companies undated

Folder 7

Newspaper articles on related drug companies various dates

Folder 8

Office directories 1914-1937

Folder 9

Office directories 1939-1948

Folder 10

Ohio State Pharmaceutical Association Meeting Book 1893

Folder 11

Stocks issued undated

Folder 12

Bowles-Robertson Stock Ledger Book undated

Folder 13

Roanoke Drug Company Stock Ledger Book undated

Folder 14

Artifacts

Box 2

Tawn Lightweights Travel Kit undated

Item 1

Tawn Shaving Set undated

Item 2

Mennen's Centennial Collection Aftershave 1978

Item 3

Tawn Ladies Travel Kit undated

Item 4