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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Herder Cutlery Collection
Date:	1836 - 1976
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0050
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Domestic Life
Creator:	Herder Cutlery, Inc.
Extent:	3 Cubic feet (5 boxes, 1 map folder)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Collection documents the Herder family and its cutlery business in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Herder's Cutlery, Incorporated, through Lynn Herder Walker, Secretary-Treasurer, 1997.

Provenance

Transferred from the Division of Domestic Life (now the Division of Cultural and Community Life) to the Archives Center on May 26, 1983.

Separated Materials

Artifacts in the Division of Work and Industry include ice skates, steel punches, stamps, grinders, scissors, shears, store signs, a grinder's stool, claim tags, honing stones, and razor blades. See accession 1983.0406.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Robert Harding, 1983

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Collection is open for research.

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Biographical / Historical

The Herder Family had several cutlery businesses in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Charles Clarenbach and Herman Herder, 606 Arch Street; L. Herder and Son, founded 1871 by Herman's son Leopold, the elder of two sons; Herder-Fine Cutlery, founded by younger son, Charles, 830 Arch Street; and Herder's Cutlery, Inc.

Scope and Contents

The collection documents through corporate records, correspondence, financial records, news clippings, personal papers, photographs, and sales records of several Herder family cutlery businesses in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Arrangement

The collection is divided into seven series.

Series 1: Corporate Records

Series 2: Financial Records

Series 3: Sales Records

Series 4: Photographs

Series 5: Clippings

Series 6: Correspondence

Series 7: Herder Family

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Cutlery trade

Types of Materials:

Photographs -- 19th century

Names:

Clarenbach and Herman Herder.

Herder Cutlery, Inc.

Herder Family

Herder, Charles

Herder, Herman

Herder, Leopold

Herder-Fine Cutlery.

L. Herder and Son.

National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Domestic Life

Places:

Philadelphia (Pa.)

Container Listing

Series 1: Corporate Records, 1850 - 1948

Box 1, Folder 1	Tax Bills, 1877 - 1902, 1850 - 1850
Box 1, Folder 1	Security and insurance bills, 1863 - 1918
Box 1, Folder 1	Bills – Loan and mortgage payments, 1843 - 1928
Box 1, Folder 1	Business affairs – Correspondence, bills and expenses, including wages and salaries, 1948 - 1948
Box 1, Folder 1	Patents, 1900 - 1901, 1892 - 1892
Box 1, Folder 1	Stock certificates
Box 1, Folder 1	Miscellaneous (Inspection certificates), 1888 - 1893
Box 2	Legal documents
Box 2	Ledger of Herder advertising ephemera

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Series 2: Financial Records, 1865 - 1976

Box 2	Journal, 1854 - 1855
Box 4	Expense Account Book Notes: Partial record of Jan 1949; partial annual summary of 1953.
Box 4	Account Book, 1937 - 1965
Box 4	Account of various companies w/L. Herder & Sons
Box 4	Recapitulation book, 1865-09 - 1976-06
Box 4	L. Herder & Sons accounts with other companies – includes revenue stamps
Box 5	Sheriff's Sale, Leopold Herder citizenship paper signed by William Seward

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Series 3: Sales Records, undated

Box 3	Trade Catalogs
Box 3	American-made pocket knife catalogs
Box 3	Imported carver's catalogs
Box 3	Imported cutlery accounts and sales material (scissors)
Box 3	Promotional literature and trade catalogs
Box 3	Catalog sheets

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Series 4: Photographs

Box 1	Various photos of Herder Cutlery
Box 1	2 framed photos (possibly of Leopold Herder?)
Map-folder 1	Portrait of Leopold Herder? (unframed), undated 1 Photograph (23.5 in x 19.75 in)

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Clippings, 1836 - 1836, undated

Box 1	Various newspaper clippings
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Box 5	Philadelphia Public Ledger, 1836-03-25 - 1836-03-25
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Series 5: Correspondence

Box 1

Correspondence, 1888 - 1913

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Series 6: Herder Family, 1880 - 1921

Box 1	Herder Estate, 1880 - 1921
Box 1	Herder Family Personal Papers
Plaque	Plaque

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