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Guide to the Whitman's Chocolates Collection of Print Advertisements

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Whitman's Chocolates Collection
Date:	1878-1954, undated
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0437
Creator:	Whitman Chocolates (Collector)
Extent:	0.6 Cubic feet (2 boxes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Materials trace the evolution of product packaging and advertising of Whitman's Chocolates. Includes business records and photographs of early product displays.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Whitman's Chocolates, through Robert J. Dizutti, 1991, November 13.

Separated Materials

The Division of Home and Community (now Division of Cultural and Community Life) holds artifacts related to this collection, including packaging for some of its products. See Accession number 1992.0017.

Related Materials

Materials related to Stephen F. Whitman & Son are located in the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana (AC0060).

Processing Information

Collection processed by Stacy Coates, intern, 1991; supervised by Vanessa Broussard-Simmons, archivist.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents

The collection primarily documents the packaging and display of Whitman's Chocolates. There is a pen and ink sketch from a New York newspaper dated from 1878 which is an image of the Whitman exhibit in Paris, France. Also included are advertisements clipped from newspapers and magazines dated 1898 and 1934 as well as undated advertisements. A scrapbook labeled as Mr. Greenwood's advertising and merchandising portfolio consists primarily of photographs of window displays and products. The window displays are from stores across the United States, including Burlington, Vermont; Louisville, Kentucky; Wichita Falls, Texas; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Huntington, West Virginia; Chicago, Illinois; Burlingame, California; Beverly, Massachusetts; Mobile, Alabama; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Atlantic City, New Jersey and Albany, New York. There are some materials relating to Mother's Day, including a short paper on the history of the holiday which states that the first observance was in Philadelphia in 1908. In addition, there are candy wraps, point of purchase displays, correspondence and a Good Housekeeping Bureau of Foods Sanitation and Health certificate from 1932. A second scrapbook of correspondence, advertisements, order forms, newsletters, and newspaper clippings dates from 1950-1952. There is also a fact book dated 1954 and an undated product book. Lastly, there is an undated photograph of Stephen Whitman. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Chocolate industry -- History -- United States
- Chocolate processing
- Chocolates -- History
- advertising -- Confectionery
- advertising -- Food

Types of Materials:

- Business records -- 20th century
- Photographs -- 20th century

Container Listing

Box 2, Folder 1 Pen and ink sketch, New York newspaper, 1878

Box 1, Folder 1 Advertisements, 1898, 1934 - 1934

Box 2, Folder 2 Scrapbook, 1932-1934

Box 1, Folder 2 Scrapbook, 1950-1952

Box 1, Folder 3 Fact book, 1954-1954

Box 1, Folder 4 Photograph, Stephen F. Whitman, undated

Box 1, Folder 5 Product book , undated