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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Ryder Mobile Homes Park Collection
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0777
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1920s-2001
<b>Extent:</b>	15 Cubic feet (44 boxes and 1 oversize folder)
<b>Creator:</b>	Ryder Mobile Homes, Inc. Zink, Philip G. Zink, Scott
<b>Language:</b>	English  Collection text is in English.
<b>Summary:</b>	The collection documents trailer park life, particularly the Ryder Mobile Homes Park founded by Ralph Ryder in New Haven, Connecticut in 1930.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The collection was donated to the Archives Center by Scott and Phillip G. Zink on July 10, 2001.

### Processing Information

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## Historical

Ryder Mobile Homes, Inc. operated a mobile home park in New Haven, Connecticut from 1930 to 1981. Ralph Ryder established the company in 1930. He built and lived in a house car, a trailer on a truck body, near New Haven, Connecticut. The company designed and built its own recreational vehicles in the 1940s and operated a dealership circa 1950 to 1981, where it sold many different brands of mobile home trailers and recreational vehicles. Ryder began selling trailers in 1936 and moved his sales operation and trailer home to a ten-acre wooded lot in Hamden, Connecticut, that he purchased from Henry Usher. He opened his trailer lot to other residents, creating one of the first mobile home parks in the United States. The trailer lot expanded to sixty acres and is still in operation. Ryder's nephew, Gary Zink, joined the business in 1947. Zink continued the business operations after Ryder's death in 1973 and then sold the business in 1999.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consists of photographs, trade literature, plans, park bulletins, specifications, sales materials and contracts from manufacturers, articles, and sales literature on the company's own products. There are some personal items relating to the company founder Ralph Ryder. The photographs depict the Ryder Mobile Homes Park, and its trailers and residents, as well as other mobile homes and recreational vehicles.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged into seven series.

Series 1: Ryder Mobile Homes Park, 1930-1990s

Series 2: Residential Mobile Homes Materials, 1947-2001

Series 3: Recreational Trailer Materials, 1967-1972

Series 4: Mobile Homes Trade Literature, circa 1920s-circa 1970s

Series 5: Mobile Homes Accessories Trade Literature, 1945-1994

Series 6: Magazines, 1936-1973

Series 7: Photographs, 1928-1989

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Mobile home industry  
Mobile home living  
Mobile home parks

Mobile homes  
Recreational vehicle industry  
Recreational vehicle living  
Recreational vehicles

Types of Materials:

Advertisements -- 20th century  
Business records -- 20th century  
Photographs -- 20th century  
Trade catalogs

Names:

Ryder, Ralph  
Zink, Philip G.  
Zink, Scott

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Ryder Mobile Homes Park, 1930-1990s

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- Box 1, Folder 1            Obituaries, 1973
- Box 1, Folder 2            Personal Correspondence, 1951, 1954
- Box 1, Folder 3            Trip Log, 1939
- Box 1, Folder 4            Trip Log, 1954

#### Subseries 1.2: History and General Material, 1930-1990s

- Box 1, Folder 5            Ryder Park History, 1966, undated
- Box 1, Folder 6            Ryder Park Directories, 1964
- Box 35, Folder 2           Ryder Park Maps, undated
- Box 1, Folder 7            Ryder Park Registration and Regulations, 1957, 1976-1977
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- Box 44, Folder 1 Park Scenes, 1939-1976

### Subseries 7.3: Ryder Mobile Homes Park Residents, 1939-1964

- Box 39, Folder 12 Woman and child at water spout, 1939  
[Image\(s\)](#)

[Woman and child at water spout or pump, fetching water, Ryder Mobile Home Park, Connecticut : black-and-white photoprint], 1939  
*1 Item (8" x 10").*

[Image\(s\): \[Woman and child at water spout or pump, fetching water, Ryder Mobile Home Park, Connecticut : black-and-white photoprint\], 1939.](#)

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Photographer unidentified, although "H. Jackson" is in pencil on verso.

Unrestricted research use on site by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Silver gelatin on paper, unmounted.

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Pumps, water  
Water

Place: Connecticut

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Box 39, Folder 15      Ryder Park residents directory, 1964

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Box 40, Folder 2      Residents, undated

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