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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Gilman Manufacturing Company Photograph Album
Date:	1930s
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1057
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering
Creator:	Gilman Manufacturing Company. (Janesville, Wisconsin) (Creator)
Extent:	0.33 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	An album of photographs of mining equipment manufactured by Gilman Manufacturing Company, Janesville, Wisconsin, including factory scenes and forges.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Unknown.

Provenance

Transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work and Industry in 2007.

Processing Information

Processed by Kiley Orchard, intern, 2008; supervised by Vanessa Broussard- Simmons, archivist, 2008.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Gilman Manufacturing Company was founded in 1936 by George Gilman. The company moved to Janesville, Wisconsin, in 1946 and remained Gilman Engineering and Manufacturing Company until 1948 when it was purchased by Parker Pen Company. It was later bought by Gisholt and then Giddings and Lewis. The company is currently associated with Johann A. Krause Maschinenfabrik of Bremen, Germany. Key products include custom, automated assembly equipment, manual stations, modular and lean cells, simultaneous engineering service, and both light and heavy duty transport systems.

Source: http://www.usitoday.com/article_printview.asp?Articleid=732 (Last viewed September 25, 2008)

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of a photographic album, probably created in the 1930s, including images of pneumatic rock drills and related parts made by the Gilman Manufacturing Company. Many of the photographs are captioned with the name of the tool or tool part, size, and part number. Other photographs document Gilman automatic heat treating machines which hardened and tempered steel drill bits. The album includes images of the Central Drill Steel Shop of the Commerce Mining and Royalty Company in Cardin, Oklahoma, where steel bits from fourteen mines were brought for heat treatment. Photographs at the end of the album document operations in Gilman's manufacturing plant, including heat treating, milling and grinding machines, and lathes. These machines were operated by a system of overhead belts. A few loose photographs are housed in a folder.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in one series.

Series 1, Photograph Album, undated

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Drilling and boring
- Factories
- Forge shops
- Forges
- Manufacturing

Types of Materials:

- Photograph albums -- 20th century
- Photographs -- 20th century

Names:

- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry

Places:

Janesville (Wis.)
Wisconsin

Container Listing

Series 1: Photograph Album, undated

Box 1, Folder 1 Loose photographs, undated

Box 1, Folder 1 Photograph album, undated

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