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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Christian Heurich Brewing Company Records
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1104
Date:	1883 - 1913
Extent:	2 Cubic feet (7 boxes)
Creator:	Christian Heurich Brewing Company (Washington, D.C.)
Language:	Collection is in English. Some materials in German.
Summary:	The collection consists of three unbound volumes of invoices, orders, and receipts from manufacturers and importers of beer-related supplies purchased by Christian Heurich Brewing Company of Washington, D.C., 1883-1913.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Exact source and date of acquisition unknown.

Provenance

Originally collected for the Division of Agriculture and Extractive Industries' reference collections. Transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work and Industry in 2008.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

During the first half of the twentieth century, Christian Heurich, Sr. was the most prominent brewer in Washington, DC. He was also regarded as an elder statesman of the American brewing industry as a whole. Born in 1842 in the Duchy of Saxe-Meiningen, Heurich immigrated to the U.S. in 1866 to start his own brewery. He ultimately succeeded on a scale that only a few of his fellow brewers were able to match. In the early 1940s, at the peak of his success, he was second only to the U.S. federal government in the amount of land he owned in Washington, D.C., and the number of people he employed. He died, in 1945 at the age of 102.

For more information about Christian Heurich in Washington, D.C. see: Benbow, Mark. "Christian Heurich." *Immigrant Entrepreneurship: German-American Business Biographies, 1720 to the Present*, vol. 3, edited by Giles R. Hoyt. German Historical Institute. (<http://www.immigrantentrepreneurship.org/entry.php?rec=38>)

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of three unbound volumes of invoices, orders, and receipts from manufacturers and importers of beer-related supplies purchased by Christian Heurich Brewing Company of Washington, D.C., 1883-1913. There are some correspondence, credit memoranda, and price lists (Vixen Milling Tools found in Volume 3) as well as an official certificate from the City Weighmaster of Manitowoc, Wisconsin. The certificate provides the exact condition and weight of the materials shipped by railroad car.

The collection consists of three volumes: Volume 1, 1883-1903; Volume 2, 1883-1905; and Volume 3, 1909-1913, and is arranged by volume number. Materials within each volume are arranged chronologically. The volume pages are paginated and there is some water and smoke damage.

Some of the manufacturers, importers and other suppliers include but are not limited to D.D. Williamson and Company (chemists); William Zinsser and Company; Charles Zoeller and Company; Eureka Machine Company; American Tap Bush Company; Toledo Busing Company; Genesee Dairy Salt; Sherwin Williams Company; Detroit White Lead Works (paint and varnish); William T. Wood and Company (ice tools); Johns Hopkins Oil Company; Rainier Company (vehicle equipment); The Garlock Packing Company; W.M. Schwenker; National Foundry and Machine Company; Babcock and Wilcox Company (water tube steam boilers); De La Vergne Refrigerating Machine Company; Foster Pump Works; Michigan Lubricator Company; S.B. Bing Sons (hop merchants of Nuremberg, Germany); American Malting Company; Borchert Malting Company; Elsas & Pritz (grain); North Star Malting Company; Link Belt Company; Harrisburg Foundry and Machine Works; Smith & Armstrong (iron, nails, steel); B.P. Clapp Ammonia Company; and O.F. Day, Son & Company.

Arrangement

The collection is divided into one series.

Bibliography

Benbow, Mark. "Christian Heurich." Immigrant Entrepreneurship: German-American Business Biographies, 1720 to the Present, vol. 3, edited by Giles R. Hoyt. German Historical Institute. Last modified June 19, 2012. <http://www.immigrantentrepreneurship.org/entry.php?rec=38> (last accessed on July 6, 2012)

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Beer
Breweries

Types of Materials:

Business records -- 1880-1910
Order books

Container Listing

Series 1: Company Volumes, 1883 - 1913

Subseries 1.1: Volume 1, 1883 - 1903

Box 1, Folder 1	Volume 1, loose pages, 1883 - 1903 Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 2	Volume 1, pages 1-40, 1883 - 1885
Box 1, Folder 3	Volume 1, pages 41-70, 1885 - 1886
Box 1, Folder 4	Volume 1, pages 71-240, 1883 - 1889
Box 1, Folder 5	Volume 1, pages 241-260, 1887 - 1888
Box 1, Folder 5A	Volume 1, pages 261-280, 1888 - 1889
Box 1, Folder 6	Volume 1, pages 281-300, 1887 - 1889
Box 1, Folder 7	Volume 1, pages 301-320, 1887 - 1888
Box 2, Folder 1	Volume 1, pages 321-340, 1888 - 1889
Box 2, Folder 2	Volume 1, pages 341-360, 1889 - 1890
Box 2, Folder 3	Volume 1, pages 361-380, 1888 - 1890
Box 2, Folder 4	Volume 1, pages 381-400, 1888 - 1890
Box 2, Folder 5	Volume 1, pages 401-408; 496-500, 1882 - 1889

Subseries 1.2: Volume 2, 1883 - 1905

Box 3, Folder 1	Volume 2, pages 27-46, 1903 - 1904
Box 3, Folder 2	Volume 2, pages 47-66, 1904 - 1905
Box 3, Folder 3	Volume 2, pages 67-86, 1905
Box 3, Folder 4	Volume 2, pages 87-106, 1905

Box 3, Folder 5	Volume 2, pages 107-126, 1901 - 1905
Box 3, Folder 6	Volume 2, pages 127-146, 1902 - 1903
Box 3, Folder 7	Volume 2, pages 147-166, 1903 - 1904
Box 3, Folder 8	Volume 2, pages 167-186, 1904 - 1905
Box 4, Folder 1	Volume 2, pages 187-206, 1904 - 1905
Box 4, Folder 2	Volume 2, pages 207-226, 1904
Box 4, Folder 3	Volume 2, pages 227-246, 1904
Box 4, Folder 4	Volume 2, pages 247-266, 1903 - 1904
Box 4, Folder 5	Volume 2, pages 267-286, 1903 - 1905
Box 4, Folder 6	Volume 2, pages 287-306, 1903
Box 4, Folder 7	Volume 2, pages 307-326, 1903
Box 4, Folder 8	Volume 2, pages 327-346, 1902 - 1903
Box 5, Folder 1	Volume 2, pages 347-366, 1902
Box 5, Folder 2	Volume 2, pages 367-386, 1902
Box 5, Folder 3	Volume 2, pages 387-406, 1902
Box 5, Folder 4	Volume 2, pages 409-426, 1901
Box 5, Folder 5	Volume 2, [pages 43x-454], 1901
Box 5, Folder 6	Volume 2, pages 461-492, 1883 - 1886
Box 5, Folder 7	Volume 2, [pages 409-460] belong to this volume?, 1883 - 1889

Subseries 1.3: Volume 3, 1909 - 1913

Box 6, Folder 1	Volume 3, pages 1-12, 1909
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Box 6, Folder 2	Volume 3, pages 13-34, 1909 - 1911
Box 6, Folder 3	Volume 3, pages 35-60, 1911 - 1913
Box 6, Folder 4	Volume 3, pages 61-84, 1909 - 1912
Box 6, Folder 5	Volume 3, pages 85-120, 1909 - 1911
Box 7, Folder 1	Volume 3, pages 121-160, 1910 - 1911
Box 7, Folder 2	Volume 3, pages 161-190, 1910 - 1912
Box 7, Folder 3	Volume 3, pages 191-220, 1910
Box 7, Folder 4	Volume 3, pages 221-252, 1909 - 1910

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