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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title: Black and Decker Collection
Identifier: NMAH.AC.1441
Date: 1914-1992
Extent: 1 Cubic foot
Language: English
Summary: Approximately 150 photographic negatives, 54 photographic prints, and two rolls of film negatives documenting the history of the Black and Decker Corporation, from a few years after its founding in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1910, through the 1990s.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information
Immediate source of acquisition unknown.

Provenance
Transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work and Industry, 2017.

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Content Description
Approximately 150 photographic negatives, 54 photographic prints, and two rolls of film negatives documenting the history of the Black and Decker Corporation, from a few years after its founding in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1910, through the 1990s. The photographs depict company executives and employees in portraits, at work, and at company functions and conferences; company recreational
activities, including bowling, soccer, picnics and a minstrel show; office and factory interiors and exteriors; Black and Decker products; and company vehicles.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged into two series.

Series 1: Company Files, 1910-1975
Series 2: Photographs, 1914-1992

Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:

Black & Decker Corporation (Towson, Md.)
Container Listing

Series 1: Company Files, 1910-1975

Box 1, Folder 1  Patents, 1917
Box 1, Folder 2  Fixed policies, 1920
Box 1, Folder 3  Magazine articles, 1925-1975
Box 1, Folder 4  Observations Regarding, Advertising in Europe, 1929
Box 1, Folder 5  Materials relating to tools, 1931-1956
Box 1, Folder 6  Sales conference, 1937
Box 1, Folder 7  Telegram, 1943?
Box 1, Folder 8  Army Navy Production Award Presentation, 1943
Box 1, Folder 9  A.M.A. Production Conference, New York, 1947
Box 1, Folder 10  Manufacturing, 1947
Box 1, Folder 11  Manufacturing, 1948
Box 1, Folder 12  Manufacturing, 1950
Box 1, Folder 13  Manufacturing, 1951
Box 1, Folder 14  Facts, 1959, undated
Box 1, Folder 15  Speech by Alonzo G. Decker, Jr., 1960-12-29
Box 1, Folder 16  Sales and income, 1910-1966, 1966
Box 1, Folder 17  Background information, undated
Box 1, Folder 18  Biography of Harold O. Short, undated
Box 1, Folder 19  Employee handbook, undated
Box 1, Folder 20  High, Wide and Handsome, song, undated
Box 1, Folder 21  Highlights of Progress, undated
Box 1, Folder 22  Newspaper clippings, undated
Box 1, Folder 23  News release for Bullet Pilot Point drill bits, undated
Series 2: Photographs, 1914-1992

Box 1, Folder 24  Employees, 1910-1951, undated
Image(s)

Box 1, Folder 25  Employee activities, 1914-1945
Image(s): Employee Activities

Box 1, Folder 26  Sales manager meetings, 1938-1956
Image(s): Sales Manager Meetings

Box 1, Folder 27  Publicity photographs, 1992
Image(s): Publicity Photographs

Box 1, Folder 28  Exterior of office and manufacturing building, undated
Image(s): Exterior of Office and Manufacturing Building

Box 1, Folder 29  "E" award, Botwinik Brothers, undated
Image(s): "E" Award at Botwinik Brothers Photographs

Box 1, Folder 30  Towson, Maryland, engineering department remodeling, undated

Box 2  Photographs, 1992.0532.004 -.051, undated

Box 3  Photographs, 1992.0532.052 -.101, undated

Box 4  Photographs, 1992.0532.152 -.209, undated

Box 5  Employees, undated

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