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Becher & Eitel business records

A Guide to the collection at the Connecticut Historical Society

Collection Overview

Repository:	Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Connecticut
Creator :	Becher & Eitel Bookbinders
Title :	Becher & Eitel business records
Dates :	1895-1995
Extent :	2 linear feet (16 volumes, 46 items)
Location:	Ms 98180
Language:	English

Historical Sketch

German born Fred Otto Becher (1873-1962) provided bookbinding services in Hartford, Connecticut before taking on a partner, another German by the name of Emil Eitel (b. ca. 1858). The firm, Becher & Eitel, was noted for the high quality of their work. In 1951 Becher appeared in an advertisement of the Smyth Manufacturing Company of Bloomfield. Becher was still using a Smyth book sewing machine that dated to 1891, the oldest continuously used machine the company could locate.

In the 1960s, President Robert Thorsell and Vice President Kathy Murawski took over operation of the company.

Scope and Content

Order books, sales records, payroll, scrapbook, correspondence, invoices, advertisements, and photographs of a Hartford, Connecticut bookbindery, founded by Fred Otto Becher. Later partner was Emil Eitel .

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

Use Restrictions

Use of the material requires compliance with the Connecticut Historical Society's Research Center regulations.

Subject Headings

Personal Names

Becher, Fred Otto.
Eitel, Emil, b. ca. 1858.

Subjects

Bookbinders -- Connecticut -- Hartford.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Item, Collection Title, Collection number (Box #, Folder #). Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Connecticut.

Processing Details

EAD Finding Aid created June 2012.

Accruals

The collection is closed.

Contents:

I. Records

Volume

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|----|-------------------------|
| 1 | Ledger, 1901-1906 |
| 2 | Order book, 1901-1903 |
| 3 | Sales record, 1928-1931 |
| 4 | Sales record, 1931-1933 |
| 5 | Sales record, 1933-1936 |
| 6 | Sales record, 1937-1942 |
| 7 | Order book, 1936-1939 |
| 8 | Order book, 1939-1944 |
| 9 | Order book, 1944-1949 |
| 10 | Sales record, 1961-1965 |
| 11 | Sales record, 1966-1970 |
| 12 | Sales record, 1971-1975 |
| 13 | Sales record, 1975-1979 |
| 14 | Sales record, 1979-1981 |
| 15 | Scrapbook, 1895-1971 |
| 16 | Payroll, 1963 |

Envelope Folder

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| 1 | 1 | Correspondence (mostly thank you notes), 1990-1995 |
| 1 | 2 | Invoices, 1992-1995 |
| 1 | 3 | Advertisement, clippings, 1982, 1991-1994 |
| 1 | 4 | Photographs (of staff and their products), 1991, undated |