Thomas Celia & Son Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Thomas Celia & Son Papers

Dates: 1935-1989

Collection Number: ARCH0011

Creator/Collector: Thomas Celia, Sr., Thomas Celia, Jr., Thomas Celia & Son.

Extent: 5 linear feet.

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Abstract: The collection comprises files, catalogs, and records from the San Francisco-based paper ruling company, Thomas Celia & Son, which opened in 1952 and closed in 1989 after the death of Thomas Celia, Sr.

Language of Material: English

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Acquisition Information

Acquired from Thomas Celia, Jr.

Biography/Administrative History

Thomas Celia, Sr., was born in California around 1901 to parents of Italian origins. By 1930, he was living in San Francisco with his wife and young son, and operating a bookbindery. The paper ruling business called Thomas Celia & Son opened in 1952 and operated until closure in early 1989, after the 1987 death of Thomas Celia, Sr. and the steady loss of business to digital industries.

Scope and Content of Collection

The collection spans the existence of the Thomas Celia & Son paper ruling business, and includes information on expenses and orders, product samples, and brochures and catalogs for paper used in Celia’s field of work.

Indexing Terms

Paper ruling.
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Thomas Celia & Son.
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