Guide to the Glen W. Stevenson Collection, 1954-1960

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Overview of the Collection

Collection Title: Glen W. Stevenson Collection
Dates: 1954-1960
Identification: SC/GWS
Creator: Stevenson, Glen W.
Physical Description: 2.68 linear feet
Language of Materials: English
Repository: Special Collections

Abstract: Glen W. Stevenson was assistant to Frank W. Bireley, founder and head of Bireley's, Inc., producers of Bireley's non-carbonated sodas. Bireley's Inc. is credited with the design and construction of the first automated juice extractor. The collection consists primarily of photographs of the extractor built in the 1950s, as well as some other records, news clippings, and artifacts.

Biographical Information:
Glen W. Stevenson was assistant to Frank W. Bireley, founder and head of Bireley's, Inc., producers of Bireley's non-carbonated sodas. Bireley's Inc. is credited with the design and construction of the first automated juice extractor. During the time that Stevenson worked for Bireley in the 1950s, he served as Office Manager and was in charge of various duties including purchasing parts, the scheduling of manufacturing, and personnel hiring and training.

Access Terms
This collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Corporate Name:
Bireley's, Inc. (Calif.)

Genre/Form of Material:
Paper records
Photographic material

Personal Name:
Bireley, Frank W., 1899-1960
Stevenson, Glen W.

Topical Term:
Soft drink industry -- California -- San Fernando Valley -- Equipment and supplies

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Scope and Contents
The Glen W. Stevenson Collection documents Stevenson's work as Office Manager at the Frank W. Bireley Plant in North Hollywood in the 1950s. The collection consists primarily of photographs of the recently developed juice extractors and their ongoing modifications. This includes photos of personnel, as well as close-ups of the different parts of the extractor such as the "knife holder," "fruit feed hopper," and "juice collection pans." There are also photographs documenting different experiments such as "juice fractionation," and instructions for assembling units once they were shipped. The collection also consists of correspondence, business records, news clippings mostly concerning Frank Bireley's death, and artifacts, including an empty Bireley's soda bottle.
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