C.F. Braun & Co. records

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Descriptive Summary

Title: C.F. Braun & Co. records
Inclusive Dates: 1923-2013
Collection Number: mssBraun
Collector: C.F. Braun & Co.
Extent: 7 boxes, 1 folder, and 10 exhibition display boards
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Abstract: The C.F. Braun & Co. records primarily consist of photographs related to the company.
Language of Material: The records are in English.

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Acquisition Information
Gift of Robert Cowan, May 2014.

Biography
C.F. Braun & Co. was started by engineer Carl F. Braun. The firm designed oil refineries and petrochemical plants around the world. The headquarters of C.F. Braun & Co. was located in Alhambra, California. C.F. Braun & Co. was sold to Santa Fe International in 1980.
Carl Franklin Braun was an engineer, professor, and author. He was born in Oakland, California in 1884. He earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Stanford University in 1907. In 1909, Braun started C.F. Braun & Co. with a few associates and $500 in capital.
Braun was married to Winifred Hughes Gilbert. The couple had three sons. He passed away in 1954.

Scope and Content
The C.F. Braun & Co. records primarily consist of photographs related to the company. Many of the photographs were used in printed publications issued by the company. There are photographs of the interior and exterior of the Braun facilities, personnel, models, and equipment. The records also include hardbound publications; newsletters; negatives; and some material related to Alhambra Brown & Root facility. It appears that some of the material belonged to Daniel B. Banks, a chemical engineer, at C.F. Braun & Co.
There are ten exhibition boards with printouts and photographs related to different aspects of the company.

Note: Some of the original photograph numbers assigned by the company have been included in this finding aid for reference.

Arrangement
Arranged by genre.

Personal Names
Braun, Carl Franklin

Corporate Names

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**Subjects**
- Engineering firms
- Manufacturing industries

**Geographic Areas**
- Alhambra (Calif.)
- Murray Hill (N.J.)

**Genre**
- Negatives (photographs)
- Newsletters
- Photographs

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Box 1

**Folder 1**
- **Builders' guide - Hardbound publications**
  - Builders' guide -- The Piping Guide Part II, (1973)

**Folder 2**
- Hardbound publications -- Braun Consulting and Research Services, (1950)

**Folder 3**
- Hardbound publications -- Chemical Plants Engineering and Construction, (1954)
  - Newspaper clipping laid in

**Folder 4**
- Hardbound publications -- Delaware City Power Station, (1956)

**Folder 5**
- Hardbound publications -- The Development of the English Bible, (1948)

**Folder 6**
- Hardbound publications -- Fair Thought and Speech by Carl F. Braun, (1948)

**Folder 7**
- Hardbound publications -- The Fluid Catalytic-Cracker at Avon, (1945)

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Box 2

**Folder 1**
- Hardbound publications -- General Index to Companion Books by Carl F. Braun, (1948)

**Folder 2**

**Folder 3**

**Folder 4**
- Hardbound publications -- The Restaurant of the Braun Plant, (1945)

**Folder 5**
- Hardbound publications -- The Story of a Modern Engineering Establishment, (1953)

**Folder 6**
- Hardbound publications -- The Story of a Modern Engineering Establishment, (1953)

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Box 3

**Folder 1**
- Hardbound publications - Photograph albums
  - Hardbound publications -- Two Hundred Good Books by Carl F. Braun, (1949)

**Folder 2**
- Invitations -- Nick Nassir's 100th Birthday "It's a Wonderful Life!", (2011)

**Folder 3**
- Job descriptions -- The Role of a Secretary, (1970, Apr. 6)

**Folder 4**
  - Included: Action List Moore Binders and 2001 Braun Reunion Guest List

**Folder 5**
- Magazines (periodicals) -- Business Week, (1949, May 28)
Folder 6  
Maps -- Map of Saint Georges Quadrangle Delaware - New Castle Co., (1951)

Folder 7  
Memorandums -- C.F. Braun & Co., (1945-1952)  
Appears to be a staff handbook?

Folder 8  
Included: Two e-mails

Folder 9  
Memorandums -- Dodson, Graham to All Alhambra Employees, (1988, Oct. 8)  
Notice of Facility Closing

Folder 10  
Negatives (photographs) -- [Unidentified], (1957-1959)

Folder 11  

Folder 12  
Newsletters -- Braun Review [photocopies], (1954, May)

Folder 13  
Included: Three-Star Chef Opens Restaurant in Alhambra, 2002; Braun’s move end of an era, 1998; and photographs of "A Design Engineers Office", "Designers Office - One of Some 150", "Blueprint Room", and "File-Vault, Drawings and Records"; Life in Corporate America Is Bleak

Folder 14  
Photograph albums -- Murray Hill Landscaping, [undated]

Box 4  
Photographs
Folder 1  
Photographs -- Allan Braun, (1970)  
Included: Negatives

Folder 2  
Photographs -- Blood Bank, [undated]  
6705-CN-3

Folder 3  
Photographs -- Braun Family, [undated]  
Winifred Hughes Gilbert Braun and unidentified woman

Folder 4  
Photographs -- Braun Heater and Boiler, (1948-1955)  
B8-4

Folder 5  
Photographs -- Braun Miscellaneous (Interior), [undated]

Folder 6  
Photographs -- Braun Plant Gate, [undated]  
6405-02

Folder 7  
Photographs -- Braun Publicity, Program on Television Richfield Success Story, (1952)  
B12-5

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B5-11

Folder 11  Photographs -- Field Equipment, Guy Derricks, (1943)  
B5-8

Folder 12  Photographs -- Field Equipment, Loading Three-Drum Steam Hoist, (1943)  
B5-9

Folder 13  Photographs -- Field Equipment, [Miscellaneous], (1944-1952)  
B5-5, B5-17  
Included: Field Batch Plant; Mobile Tar Melter; Tugger Hoist Portable; Concrete Hopper  
and Buckets; Small Mobile Concrete Mixer

Folder 14  Photographs -- Field Equipment, Storage & Loading Area, (1951-1953)  
B5-18

Folder 15  Photographs -- Field Equipment, Portable Pentagraph Torch-Cutter, (1949)  
B5-14

Folder 16  Photographs -- Field Equipment, Welding Positioner, (1949)

Folder 17  Photographs -- Forming Hemispheres, (1958)  
5810-CN1

Folder 18  Photographs -- Henry Braun - Plaque, [undated]  
7501-CN-1  
Included: Negative and Braun plate presented by the People’s Republic of China

Folder 19  Photographs -- H.W. Cunningham, [undated]  
B10-5

Folder 20  Photographs -- Installation of Fired-Heater Stack, (1952)  
B8-2

Folder 21  Photographs -- Lyman G. Horton, (1960)  
B10-1

Folder 22  Photographs -- Maintenance Equipment, [Cranes], (1943-1956)  
B6-5  
Included: Maintenance Crane; Loading Section of Fired-Heater; Goose-Neck Yard;  
Field-Crane

B6-1

Folder 24  Photographs -- Maintenance Equipment, Garden Tools, (1944-1945)  
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Folder 25  Photographs -- Maintenance Equipment, Ladder, (1948)  
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Included: Cabinet work in Lower Level of Building A-8; Cabinet Shop; Hoisting Panels; Paneling for A-6 Offices

Folder 16  Photographs -- Personnel, (1952-1961)
B11-1, B11-4, 6901
Caldwell's Retirement Luncheon; Last of the Shop Personnel; VIP Retirement Party Program, Torgersen; PC McGath Retirement Luncheon

Folder 17  Photographs -- [Personnel Activities?], Braun Baseball, (1923-1972)
B9-4

Folder 18  Photographs -- [Personnel Activities?], [Miscellaneous], (1950-1958)
B9-1, B9-2
Included: Archery Shoot; Annual Dance

Folder 19  Photographs -- Plant using Giammarco-Vertrocoke process, [undated]
5906
Included: Negatives

Folder 20  Photographs -- Powerhouse, (1949-1950)
B8-1

Folder 21  Photographs -- Tidewater Delaware Refinery, [undated]

Box 7  Printed ephemera - Transparencies
Folder 1  Printed ephemera -- Banks, Daniel B., (1958)
School-related work belonging to Banks at University of California, Los Angeles

Work-related material belonging to Banks at C.F. Braun & Co. and Brown & Root

Primarily booklets

"The Alhambra" by Alhambra Preservation Group; The World of Santa Fe, April 1984; C.F. Braun & Co. pioneer process plants; Mark Seal, Contributing Editor biography; Gerhartsreider, Christian Karl - alias Christopher Chichester material; Coldwell, Banker & Company

Folder 5  Reports -- DBRAUN/PROJ.RP1/CLIENT_NAME, (1994)
Included: Client, Project Name, CFB No. and Date


Folder 7  Telephone directories -- Braun Alhambra Directory, (1990)

Folder 8  Transparencies -- Graph of Vapor Rate, Actual FT3 per Minute, [undated]

Oversize folder  Photographs
Carl F. Braun; Murray Hill; and Tidewater Delaware Refinery
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