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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: The materials in the collection supply a picture of the growth of an internationally successful company through the period of the Great Depression, as well as the development of the machines important to the farmers and developers in California and across the world. The collection consists of draftsman's drawings and blueprints as well as company publications and photographs of equipment, the majority collected during the employment of Stanley Hahn with R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., an internationally respected earthmoving company. The bulk of the collection dates between the years of 1935 and 1937, when Hahn was employed by LeTourneau, and includes related items connected to that company and collected in subsequent years. The collection includes additional items from Hahn's employment between 1936 and 1943 with Capps Brothers, steel fabricators and machinery builders in Stockton, California.

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Related Material

Title: Agricultural Technology Manuals,

Date (inclusive): 1893-2000 (Ms81)

Title: Kerr (Andrew C.) Collection,

Date (inclusive): 1927-1939 (Ms80)

Biography

Stanley C. Hahn (1908-2008) graduated from Stockton High School in 1929 and took his first full-time job with R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., as a draftsman. Known as the "Dean of Earthmoving," Robert G. LeTourneau (1888-1969) established R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., in 1929, combining a contracting business with the manufacture of earthmoving equipment. By 1933,

the company dropped out of contracting altogether to concentrate on the manufacturing side of the business. Working with other draftsmen, Hahn created blueprints for numerous machines designed for heavy earthmoving projects. When the company moved its main offices in 1935 to Peoria, Illinois, Hahn relocated briefly to Sunnyvale, California, where he worked for the Wooldridge Company. He returned to Stockton the following year and was employed by Capps Brothers, steel fabricators and machinists. Capps Brothers had bought the rights to the Laurence L. Miller Almond Huller, and Hahn created blueprints detailing the huller. He also worked on projects constructing parts for the Holt Combine and for Stevens Boat Works, in Stockton, California.

In 1943, Stanley Hahn and his wife Lydia bought the H and M Tractor Company in Stockton, renaming it the Hahn Tractor Company. The focus of the business at that time was manufacturing equipment. In 1945, Hahn partnered with Ashley Mehrten to devise and fabricate the first rice combine in the San Joaquin Valley. Soon after, Hahn established the first Oliver tractor dealership in the Northern San Joaquin Valley. Though manufacturing remained its focus, the company added a tractor repair and parts division and eventually a rental fleet to its ventures.

Scope and Content

The Stanley C. Hahn Collection consists of papers from the files of Stanley Hahn, a mechanical draftsman, who began his career with R. G. LeTourneau, Inc. The bulk of the collection dates between the years of 1935 and 1937, when Hahn was employed by LeTourneau. It also includes items from his employment in 1936-1943 with Capps Brothers, steel fabricators and machinery builders in Stockton, California. The collection contains original draftsmen's drawings and blueprints, administrative records and sales information, newsletters and newspaper articles, price lists, parts catalogs, company informational binders, and photographs. Of particular interest are the original draftsman's materials showing the details of machinery development. Also of interest are copies of salesgrams and two series of different LeTourneau newsletters illustrating the inner workings of the company.

Arrangement

The collection consists of four series: 1. Original Materials by Stanley C. Hahn, 2. Publications of R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., 3. Photographs, and 4. Oversize.

Personal Name

Hahn, Stanley C. (1908-2008)

Corporate Names

Caterpillar Tractor Company

R. G. LeTourneau, Inc.

Hahn Tractor Company

Subjects

Tractor Industry--United States

Caterpillar Tractor Company--History

LeTourneau, Robert G. (Robert Gilmore), 1888-1969

Series 1 Hahn Family Papers 1934-1941

Scope and Content Note

Includes Hahn family greeting cards, correspondence, and ephemera, as well as draftsman's drawings and blueprints by Stanley Hahn in company with others employed by R. G. LeTourneau and work done by Hahn on Capps Brothers' Almond Huller.

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Correspondence and Ephemera, 1935-1940

Power Control Units and LeTourneau Stockton Iron Works, 1934-1938

24 Yard Buggy, 1934-1935

Almond Huller Drawings by S. Hahn (1 of 2), 1936

Almond Huller Drawings by S. Hahn (2 of 2), 1936

Almond Huller, 1937-1938

Almond Huller, 1937-1941

Series 2 Publications of R. G. LeTourneau, Inc. 1934-1979

Scope and Content Note

Includes administrative items and sales information, newsletters and newspaper articles, price lists, parts catalogs, and items from company informational binders.

Folder 8	General Company Information, 1936-1938
Folder 9	Information for Salesmen: Promotional Material, Memos, and Salesgrams, 1934-1938
Folder 10	LeTourneau Indexes, Undated
Folder 11	Promotional Pamphlets, 1935-1939
Folder 12	Believe-All, Stockton, 1936-1941
Folder 13	Tournapulls, 1939-1942
Folder 14	Power Control Units, 1936-1941
Folder 15	LeTourneau Scrapers, Peoria and Stockton, 1935-1938
Folder 16	Parts Price List and Part Number Cross Reference, 1937-1938
Folder 17	LeTourneau Price List Updates for Salesmen, 1935-1938
Folder 18	LeTourneau Equipment Parts Catalog, 1936
Folder 19	Parts Catalogs-Carry-all Scrapers, Ca. 1936
Folder 20	Parts Catalogs-Power Control Units, Ca. 1936
Folder 21	Parts Catalogs-Bulldozer, Ca. 1936
Folder 22	Parts Catalogs-Angledozer, Ca. 1936
Folder 23	Scrapers: Types U, Y, J, R5, 1935-1938
Folder 24	Bulldozer, 1936-1938
Folder 25	Angledozer, Power Control Unit, Logger, 1935-1938
Folder 26	Equipment Price Lists, Sheep's Foot Roller, Buggy, Rooter, 1935-1941
Folder 27	Crane, Trailer, Miscellaneous, 1935-1938
Folder 28	Promotional Pamphlets, <i>Now</i> Newsletters, 1934-1942
Folder 29	Promotional Pamphlets, <i>Now</i> Newsletters, 1935-1941
Folder 30	Promotional Pamphlets, <i>Now</i> Newsletters, 1934-1937
Folder 31	Newsletters- <i>LeTourneau News</i>, 1935-1936
Folder 32	Newspaper Articles, 1933-1937
Folder 33	Newsletters-LeTourneau College <i>Now</i>, 1966-1979
Folder 34	Caterpillar Diesel-35 Tractor Pamphlet, 1948-1975

Series 3 **Photographs 1934-1942**

Scope and Content Note

Includes photographs and negatives of equipment and personnel.

Folder 35	Photographs and Negatives (1 of 3), 1934-1942
Folder 36	Photographs and Negatives (2 of 3), 1935-1941
Folder 37	Photographs and Negatives (3 of 3), 1934-1937

Series 4 **Oversize 1934-1942**

Scope and Content Note

Includes plans, pamphlets, and other publications separated from Series 1 and 2.

Folder 38	J6 and J8 Scrapers, 1935
Folder 39	J12 Scraper (Universal Joint) and R5 Drag Scraper, 1934
Folder 40	U18 Scrapers, Stockton-made, 1936
Folder 41	Roe Welder made by R. G. LeTourneau, 1936
Folder 42	Power Control Units, 1936-1939
Folder 43	LeTourneau Stockton Iron Works, 1936
Folder 44	Bulldozers, A-Frames, R5 Drag Scrapers, 1936
Folder 45	24 Yard Buggy, 1934-1935
Folder 46	Almond Huller Drawings by S. Hahn, 1936
Folder 47	Almond Huller, 1937-1938
Folder 48	Almond Huller, 1937-1941.
Folder 49	General Company Information, 1936-1938
Folder 50	Information for Salesmen: Promotional Information, Memos, and Salesgrams, 1934-1938
Folder 51	Promotional Pamphlets, 1935-1939
Folder 52	LeTourneau Price List Updates for Salesmen, 1935-1938
Folder 53	Bulldozer, 1936-1938
Folder 54	Angledozer, Power Control Unit, Logger, 1935-1938

Folder 55	Equipment Price Lists, Sheep's Foot Roller, Buggy, Rooter, 1935-1941
Folder 56	Crane, Trailer, Miscellaneous, 1935-1938
Folder 57	Promotional Pamphlets, <i>Now</i> Newsletters, 1934-1942
Folder 58	Newsletters-<i>LeTourneau News</i>, 1935-1936