Hahn (Stanley C.) Collection, 1933-1979

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Contributing Institution: San Joaquin County Historical Society and Museum
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Lodi, CA 95240
Language of Material: Records written in English
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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Title: Agricultural Technology Manuals,
Date (inclusive): 1893-2000 (Ms81)
Title: Kerr (Andrew C.) Collection,
Date (inclusive): 1927-1939 (Ms80)

Biography

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


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.

Folder 1 Correspondence and Ephemera, 1935-1940
Folder 2 Power Control Units and LeTourneau Stockton Iron Works, 1934-1938
Folder 3 24 Yard Buggy, 1934-1935
Folder 4 Almond Huller Drawings by S. Hahn (1 of 2), 1936
Folder 5 Almond Huller Drawings by S. Hahn (2 of 2), 1936
Folder 6 Almond Huller, 1937-1938
Folder 7 Almond Huller, 1937-1941


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
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Folder 12  Believe-All, Stockton, 1936-1941
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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
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Folder 31  Newsletters- LeTourneau News, 1935-1936
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Folder 33  Newsletters-LeTourneau College Now, 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.

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