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McCurdy Manufacturing Company (Louisville, Ky.) Records, 1888-1950

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Size of Collection:

Locator Number: Mss./BB/M133

.5 cubic feet

Historical Note

McCurdy Manufacturing made and sold sewing machines and parts, as well as other items such as bicycles and sporting goods. They were in business in Louisville, Ky. from the late 1800s to the 1950s.

Scope and Content Note

These records include correspondence and advertising for the lines of sewing machines and other items carried by McCurdy Manufacturing Co. The earliest correspondence deals with bicycle sales and repairs. Later correspondence deals with people wanting them to supply sewing machine to European nations after the Second World War. Other items include sales material and photographs from the 1880s to the 1930s.

Folder List

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1888-1903.
- Folder 2: Correspondence, 1934-1946.
- Folder 3: Sewing machine advertisements and informational brochures, circa 1880s 1920s.
- Folder 4: Pamphlets and booklets about bicycles and other machinery, circa 1890-1920.
- Folder 5: Photographs and advertising cards for sewing machines.
- Folder 6: Photographs Interior of store, 1905-1915,
- Folder 7: Wrapped volume: An old ledger turned into a scrap book.

Added Entries

Advertising – Kentucky.

Bicycle industry.

Broadsides – Kentucky.

Reconstruction (1939-1951).

Sewing machines – Kentucky.

United States – Commerce – Europe.

World War, 1939-1945 – Economic aspects.