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FAIRFIELD MANUFACTURING COMPANY COLLECTIONS

INTRODUCTION

Fairfield Manufacturing Company was incorporated by Lafayette, Indiana investors in 1919.

Initial production of straight level gears expanded in later years to include a wide variety of other gears, shafts, and complete gear assemblies.

In 1976 Fairfield became a subsidiary of Rexnord, Inc., of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

(See Box 5, Folders 5 and 6, for notes and papers re Fairfield's history.)

The first increment of this collection was assembled by retired Fairfield president, Thomas M. McCaw, and process by TCHA, September 1985.

PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENT OF COLLECTION

3 records storage boxes
2 2-1/2" document boxes

CONTAINER LIST

ADMINISTRATIVE

BOX 1

MINUTES BOOKS

3 June 1952, 5 November 1958-8 November 1967;

17 January 1968-7 March 1973;

7 March 1973-5 November 1976.

3 volumes. Included are minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors; annual meetings of common stockholders; and articles of incorporation, by-laws, and revisions.

BOX 2

AUDITORS REPORTS

Reports of examinations and other financial information by Ernst & Ernst, accountants and auditors, Chicago.

1920; 1922; 1924; 1926; 1927; 1928; 1929; 1930; 1931; 1932; 1933; 1934; 1935; 1936; 1937; 1938; 1939; 1940; 1941; 1942 (2 reports); 1943 (2 reports); 1944 (2 reports); 1945; 1946; 1947; 1950 to and including 1975.

BOX 3

NOTEBOOK

Sales record book of orders, quoted prices, etc., ca. 1927-36.

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Product sales book, 1943. Prepared to acquaint prospective customers with Fairfield's products and contributions to the war effort.

SCRAPBOOK

Materials and photographs re presentation to Fairfield of the Army-Navy "E" Award for distinguished service in production of war materials, 5 April 1943 with subsequent awards to April 1944. (A. J. McAllister written on first page.)

SCRAPBOOKS

Advertising scrapbooks, ca. 1942-51, 2 items. With loose items from 1960s, 1970s, 1980s. Fairfield began advertising in 1942.

BOX 4

NEWSLETTERS

"FM Comments," March-April 1970 to May-June 1985. (Photocopies of originals loaned for copying by Tom McCaw.) Published by Fairfield for its employees.

BOX 5

FOLDER

1 Inquiry file, 1930-45. Includes names of customers, products ordered, date ordered, date orders completed, and miscellaneous notes re orders.

2 Common stock evaluation, 1959. Prepared for Fairfield Manufacturing Company by William Blair & Company.

3 Lazard Freres & Co., New York, 1976. Financial advisor to Eleanor M. Baird and Fairfield Manufacturing Company. Includes an evaluation of Fairfield by Lazard Freres and correspondence. (Photocopies of originals loaned for copying by Tom McCaw.)

4 Fairfield evaluation by Charles F. Dornbush, The Boston Consulting Group, ca. 1983. (Photocopy of original loaned for copying by Tom McCaw.)

5 History of Fairfield, 27 November 1963. Written by E. M. Heinmiller. 2 copies; one is photocopy of original from Tom McCaw and includes additional historic facts re Fairfield to 1973.

6 Miscellaneous notes, memos re Fairfield. Includes historical notes, memos, personnel lists, etc. (Photocopies of originals loaned for copying by Tom McCaw.)

7 Newsclippings, mostly ca. 1971-83; also 1966. (Photocopies of originals loaned for copying by Tom McCaw.)

PEOPLE

McCaw, Thomas M.
Baird, Eleanor M.
Heinmiller, E. M.
McAllister, A. J.

CLASSIFICATION

Manufacturing
Wars/World War II

SUBJECTS

Manufacturing
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SEARCH TERMS

Fairfield Manufacturing Company