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Manuscript Finding Aid

Title: The Rolock Incorporated Company Records
Collection #: Ms B 62
Dates: 1924-1984
Size of Collection: 10 linear inches (2 boxes)
Accession Number: L95 Oct 49
Donor: Rolock Incorporated, via President Frank Bergami
Restrictions: None
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Biographical/ historical note:

Rolock Incorporated, which manufactures woven wire mesh baskets and trays for industrial heat treating processes, and environmental monitoring devices, was founded in Southport in 1924 as the DeMattia Wire Works, Inc. The name Rolock, which was DeMattia's trademark, became the company name in 1929. The plant moved from its location on Station Street in Southport to King's Highway in Fairfield in the mid-1940s, where it still operates today.

Scope and content note:

The collection arrived in several three-ring binders along with loose photographs and a catalog with material inserted. Records in the binders were kept in their original order, except for the most recent minutes; the binder contents were divided between two folders. All thermofax and wet copies, as well as newspaper clippings, were copied onto acid-free paper and the originals destroyed. Photographs were kept with the collection, and were

placed in archival sleeves.

Minutes of executive committee and board of directors meetings, and stockholder lists and dividend notices, 1924-1953, are arranged in Series A. Each folder is in reverse chronological order, as the records were kept originally. Minutes from 1924-1935 include financial statements; those from 1936-1946 include information on profit sharing and some legal documents; and those from 1949-1953 include additional information on profit sharing and retirement plans, a copy of the certificate of incorporation and amendments, ratio (production) reports, and mortgage information. The only financial records in the collection are audited financial statements, 1926, 1957, 1964-1966, 1994, organized chronologically in Series B.

Correspondence, drawings, plans and photographs found in a 1957 Rolock catalog evidently were used as evidence in a 1983 patent controversy (which Rolock won). The records in Series C date from 1957-1968, and 1983-1984. Oversized blue-line drawings are stored in flat files.

Personnel records in Series D consist of a wage and salary survey, including job descriptions, conducted in 1953, and samples of the employee newsletter Rolock Roundup from 1954.

The final series encompasses advertising materials, including product catalogs, samples of advertising copy arranged according to publication, correspondence, photographs of the Rolock buildings, employees, and manufacturing processes, and newspaper articles, ca. 1945-1967.

Container list:

Series A.	Minutes, 1924-1953.	Box 1
Series B.	Financial Records, 1926, 1957, 1964-1966, 1994.	Box 2
Series C.	Patent Records, 1957-1968, 1983-1984.	Box 2
Series D.	Personnel Records, 1953-1954.	Box 2
Series E.	Advertising, ca. 1945-1967.	Box 2

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Box 1

- Series A. Minutes, 1924-1953
Folder 1. 1924-1935
Folder 2. 1936-1946
Folder 3. 1947-1948
Folder 4. 1949-1951
Folder 5. 1952-1953

Box 2

- Series B. Financial Records, 1926, 1957, 1964-1966, 1994
Folder 1. Audited financial statements, 1926, 1957, 1964-1966, 1994
- Series C. Patent Records, 1957-1968, 1983-1984
Folder 1. Plans, correspondence, 1957-1968, 1983-1984
Folder 2. Photographs, product catalog, 1957
- Series D. Personnel Records, 1953-1954
Folder 1. Wage and salary survey, 1953
Folder 2. Rolock Roundup, 1954
- Series E. Advertising, ca. 1945-1967
Folder 1-2. Product catalogs, ca. 1947-ca. 1960
Folder 3. Advertising copy, 1954-1967
Folder 4. Letters, 1952
Folder 5. Photographs of employees, ca. 1945-1962
Folder 6. Photographs of buildings and manufacturing, ca. 1945-ca. 1952
Folder 7. Newspaper articles, 1962, 1964

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Business Records--Conn.--Fairfield
Catalogs, Commercial
Fairfield (Conn.)--Industries
Industrial Equipment--United States
Manufacturing Processes--Conn.--Fairfield
Patents--Conn.--Fairfield
Southport (Conn.)--Industries
Wire Netting Industry--Conn.--Fairfield