

Indiana University South Bend Archives

Guide to South Bend Businesses Collection:

Summary Information

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Title: South Bend Businesses Collection

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet

Abstract:

This is a small collection that includes the records of South Bend companies, including the South Bend Malleable Range Company, the South Bend Watch Company, the Engman-Matthews Range Company, the River Park Theater, Playland Park (formerly Springbrook Park), and the Claeys Candy Company. The collection includes ephemera and photographs from all of these area businesses, and the date range of the materials is from the 1910s to the 1960s, with the bulk of materials dated from the 1910s and 1920s.

Scope and Content Note:

These materials present a small snapshot of the South Bend business scene in the early half of the twentieth century. The materials include small promotional items from the various companies, including children's games, cookbooks, kitchen tools, and a souvenir coin. The collection additionally contains photographs of two of the businesses in their early days, the River Park Theater as well as Playland Park, Springbrook Park. The materials were donated to the Indiana University South Bend Archives in 2009 by IUSB alumnus and Wolfson Press author David Healey. Each distinct business has its own folder, and each folder has descriptive materials included about each respective business, such as copies of contemporary newspaper reports on the businesses. Further, the box contains the donation lists of all items donated by David Healey in 2009.

Administrative Information:

Access Restrictions:

This collection is open for research.
Advanced notice is required.

Usage Restrictions:

Copyright interests for this collection have been transferred to the Trustees of Indiana University. For more information, contact the Indiana University South Bend Archivist.

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Processing Information:

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Box 1 of 1:

Folder:

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| 1 | 1 | South Bend Businesses Collection: South Bend Watch Company Materials.
- Contains: Lapel Pin - Portrays a dress watch suspended in a block of ice.
Circa 1903 to 1929 (the dates of the existence of the company).
Additionally, the folder contains descriptive reference materials on the South Bend Watch Company. |
| 1 | 2 | South Bend Businesses Collection: South Bend Malleable Range Materials.
(Some materials are oversized, and so are outside of the folder, but still contained within the box).
- Contains: Two South Bend Malleable Range Company Cook Books, circa 1910s (Note – these are two separate issues).

- South Bend Malleable Range Company Cookie Cutter, circa 1910s (?). |

- South Bend Malleable Range Company Iron Range Pot Rest, circa 1910s.
- South Bend Malleable Range Company Range end cap for leg of range, circa 1910s.
- Additionally, the folder contains descriptive reference materials on the South Bend Malleable Range Company.

1 3 South Bend Businesses Collection: Engman-Matthews Range Materials.

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- Engman-Matthews Range Company Booklet, “Little Things in Life That Count: The Range Eternal for the Home”, circa 1910s. Descriptive booklet about the company’s Range Eternal. Stamped on back: “Sold by J.H. Benne Hardware and Stoves Crete, Nebr.”
- Engman-Matthews Range Company Booklet, “Book of Tried Recipes”, circa 1910s.
- Engman-Matthews Range Company Pot Scraper, circa 1910s. Metal and imprinted.
- Engman-Matthews Range Company Egg Poachers, circa 1910s. Metal and imprinted. Two in total.
- Engman-Matthews Range Company Puzzle. Interconnected nails with the company logos and information on two different nail heads. Circa 1920. Manufactured by the Parisian Novelty Company of Chicago.
- Engman-Matthews Range Company Toy Top with the company logo. Manufactured by the Parisian Novelty Company of Chicago.
- Additionally, the folder contains descriptive reference materials on the Engman-Matthews Range Company.

1 4 Playland Park/Springbrook Park Materials.

- Photograph, Springbrook Park, South Bend, Indiana, circa late 1910s or early 1920s.
(Springbrook Park was re-named Playland Park in 1925)
Image shows horse racing on the land with stands for the public to watch.

- Token, "Souvenir Dime of Playland Park", circa 1920s to 1960s. Metal.
- Playland Park, South Bend, Indiana. Scanned photographs of the Park.
- Additionally, the folder contains descriptive reference materials on Playland/Springbrook Park and Campus *Vision* Magazine featuring Playland Park..

1 5 River Park Theater Materials.

- River Park Theater, South Bend, Indiana. Photograph of the theater's opening day in 1927.
- Additionally, the folder contains descriptive reference materials on River Park Theater.

1 6 Claey's Candy South Bend, Indiana (Prior name Clays Candy Company).

- Claeys "Licorice Sweeties" Candy Company Box is oversized, and is outside of the folder, but still contained within the Box 1. Stereotyped/offensive African American children portrayed on the cover. Circa 1920s (?). The company was started in 1919 by Adolphus Claeys.