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Joseph J. Gusmerotti Collection

Collection Number	MS 222
Title	The Joseph J. Gusmerotti Collection
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
Dates	1919-1968
Collection Size	1 linear foot
Creator	Unknown
Scope and Content	A collection of documents, letters, and photos regarding Joseph J. Gusmerotti and the Chrysler automobile corporation.
Access Restrictions	This collection is open for access. Researchers must use the collection in accordance with the policies of the Special Collections & University Archives, Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University
Languages	English
Biographical Note	Joseph J. Gusmerotti was born to Joseph John and Margarita Malacarne Gusmerotti Sr. in Chicopee, Kansas on April 23, 1907. After graduating from Crawford Community High School in 1926, he moved to Detroit, Michigan and was first employed by the Chrysler Corporation as a typist. Gusmerotti was promoted into many areas of packaging, shipping, and exporting at Chrysler during his career. He also studied at the Chrysler Institute of Engineering from 1939-1941. In 1958, Gusmerotti was promoted to Special Assignments Overseas where he would document the operation of international parts warehouses for Chrysler in multiple countries. After working at the Chrysler Corporation for 42 years, he retired in 1968. Gusmerotti lived with his wife Frances Zibert, whom he married on November 12, 1932, until his death on November 28, 1985.

Processing Note

Collection processed in August 2019

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Content Description

This collection is primary sources and is divided into the following series:

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Box 1

Series 1: Personal Items and Documents

F. 1 Photograph of Joseph John Gusmerotti; 1919 Crawford County Schools Certificate of Promotion; Crawford Community High School Diploma 1926; Certificate of Citizenship to Angelo Malacarne 1934; Stock/Bond purchase; American Exporter Publications newspaper clipping 1953; Blue envelope with newspaper clippings and photo of train car; White envelope with an apology and photo of train car; Management Position Description and Personal History Record 1956, 1959, and 1960; Revision of Personal History Record; Experience Record 1926-1956; Department of Industrial Education Certificate 1956; Exemption of income taxes in India 1959; Letter and fee about anesthesia; Note about Joseph and retirement party; Personnel Portfolio folder with news clipping "For Whom the Whistles Blow"; Thanatopsis Literary certificate of payment; Crystal Cave postcard; Picture of soldier

F. 2 Blueprint assignments from Cass Technical High Mechanical Drawing Department; Methods of Pictorial Representation by Gabe Dell

Series 2: Documentation and Reports

F. 3 Excerpt from Buenos Aires 1930; Report of Functions of Export Weights Division 1936; Photo of Gusmerotti with crate of car parts 1939; Letter about defects and damages of parts 1943; Photos of boxes and parts stowed for shipment 1944; Photos of hubs and drums for Mexico 1947; Meeting report 1949; Photos of boxes by Kennelly and Sisman Co. 1950; Photos

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of machinery by C. R. Kreger; Trip report of Studebaker Export Packaging Plant, Indiana; Index report on Auto-Mex Factory; Report on unloading and checking parts at Havana, Cuba; Photo of parts and boxes labelled Fiat 1958; Photos and notes from S.A.C. Antwerp 1959; Photos of parts and boxes in Bombay, India 1959; Preliminary report of material handling and storage in Bombay; Report on visit to Simca Factory in France

F. 4 Report on visit to Kew Gardens Plant 1960; Photo of parts from Wyoming Plant for Argentina 1962; Photo of parts labelled Buenos Aires, Argentina; Photo of parts in boxes and being packaged 1963-1965; Photo of workers next to palettes; Kodaks and copies of crates, railcars, parts, and workers; Photos of Chrysler; Photos of crates and boxes; Export Special Inquiry report and photos from Argentina 1961

Series 3: Work Correspondence

F. 5 Gusmerotti and Chrysler letters about typists; Appointment opportunity in Civil Service for cars and packaging 1942; Position opportunity in packaging from U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Forest Service 1944; Letter of packing and shipping; Letter about work in Pittsburgh 1945; FSA eligibility for Gusmerotti 1946; Letter awarding contract 1947; Letter on Miami shipment in Venezuela 1956; Letter between Finley and Kinglsey 1957; Envelope from Havana, Cuba containing; Letters about a management position 1959; Letter to Mr. Posdol about truck parts for Indian Army; Inter Company Correspondence 1960; Correspondence about extending work time 1961; Photos of Windsor Castle; Letter about entering Canada for work 1966

Box 2

Series 4: Work Party and Meeting Photos

F. 6 Photos and copies of Spigarelli's party and other work parties and meetings; Havana Riviera Club photo; Spigarelli's Party scrapbook of photos; Rolled photo of people at a meeting

Series 5: Miscellaneous Chrysler and Business

F. 7 Photo of Harry Hoffman; Premier Automobiles Ltd. business card; ISA Seventh Anniversary Program; Havana Car Ferry Operating Company, Inc. business card; 1931 planner; Chrysler Export Appointment biographies; War Department Export Manual 1943; Magazine page; Ex Press Publications article 1964; Ex Press Publications (3) 1966; Chrysler Tonic 1944; Overseas DeSoto Graphic 1932; Chrysler Employee Organization Charts 1954, Copy of duties for Export Government Shipments 1943; List of Chrysler employees 1934; Pictures of workers; Chrysler Foreign Trade Class of 1939-1940; Chrysler English Class 1939-1940; Picture of Gusmerotti and Chrysler employees; Personal History Record of Walter J. Koloski 1962; "Mr. Joseph J. Gusmerotti" 1953 Chrysler scrapbook