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McNally Collection

Collection Number	MS 276
Title	The McNally Pittsburg Collection
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
Dates	1952 – 2013
Collection Size	5 linear feet
Donor	Jerry Jobses, Mechanical Engineer for McNally Pittsburg
Scope and Content	A collection of records, guides and booklets, and photographs related to the McNally Company of Pittsburg, Kansas.
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	Thomas McNally Sr. and his wife, immigrants from Ireland and boilermakers in Wisconsin, accepted the Pittsburg Board of Trade's offer to build a 40' by 80' wooden boiler shop for the McNally's. Local coal mines needed his trade because they ran on steam engines and were growing in size and number. McNally expanded business to general repairs and machinery. Following his father's death in 1906 Thomas McNally Jr. took over the business at the age of 23 and studied and worked under other boilermakers in surrounding states. Business expanded with the rise of engines and steel manufacturing. Following World War I, McNally began doing business with an iron foundry, leading to heavy machinery manufacturing, and coal processing equipment development. McNally began building coal mining tipples which expanded to building machinery for all facets of coal mining and processing. In 1932, McNally incorporated the mechanical coal washing process used in England to his own business, allowing it to thrive during the Great Depression. McNally built machinery and plants all over the United States and abroad. By 1955, McNally had plants in every continent but Antarctica. The presidency of the company transferred to Thomas McNally Jr.'s son Edward in 1955, when coal production began decreasing. He expanded the company to produce tire molds, coke plant machinery, dredging equipment, oversize water valves for irrigation lines, dam gates and dam gate hoists. In the late 1980s, production began waning once again and the McNally company was sold to Svedala, a Swedish company. One of the Pittsburg plants was sold in 1991 and the company was sold to Metso which shut down the other shop in 2002.

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Processing Note

Collection processed in January 2020

Content Description

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

1. Company Items, Photos, and Safety Guides
2. Photo Albums
3. Framed Photos and McNally Sign

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Company Items, Photos, and Safety Material

Box 1

McNally 100th Anniversary Mug, 1889-1989

McNally/Kennedy Van Saun Corporation Metal Bowl

CDs – McNally Names and Slides from Bunker, 7/6/2013

Color slides – vacation/boating

Photographs:

- UAW AFL Strike and negatives (June 1952)
- Halloween Party (1960s)
- McNally Pittsburg plant and parts (1993-94)
- United Way Dinner (1998)

Preparation Manuals and Safety Guides (1971-92)

Blueprints, Procedures, and Technical Services (1988)

Series 2: Photo Albums

Box 2

Lube Systems:

- TOCDF (Gray album)
- Pine Bluff (Red)
- Umatilla, June '96 (Red)
- Anniston (Blue)

Parts and Plants:

- McNally Plant (Red)
- Parts Manual Instructions McNally – Bunker (Blue)
- McNally Photo – Various parts, plants, and publications (*Material Matters, Allis Mineral Systems, The MacPitt News*) (Black)
- Parts Manual Instructions McNally – Various coal, mineral, and electric McNally plants (Blue)

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People:

- McNally Pitt - Strike, Plant, and Parade
- MacPitt party honoring men with 25 years of service, Besse Hotel, April 9, 1951 (Green)

Series 3: Framed Photos

- Three large framed photos of McNally plants and construction, locations of plants unknown
- Large metal sign for McNally