

CHARLES MAYER AND COMPANY RECORDS, CA. 1930

Collection #
SC 2429

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 3 items

COLLECTION DATES: circa 1930

PROVENANCE: Robert Russo, date unknown

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: SC 1055, Charles Mayer; BV 230-237, Charles Mayer Co. Ledgers

ACCESSION NUMBER: 94.0618x

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Charles Mayer and Company was founded in 1840 by Charles Mayer, a recent immigrant from Germany. Clocks, musical instruments, china, glassware, toys, and confections were the store's original stock. Until 1903 some of the business was wholesale; from that time on it was a large retail store, specializing in jewelry, silver, china, toys, and fine furniture. The store prospered under three generations of the Mayer family, and then under the guidance of Albert

M. Zoller. It was closed in 1954, but revived in 1993 by a family descendant.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains three items: two short typed histories of Charles Mayer and Company, dating from about 1930; and an eleven-page mimeographed account of reunions of the company's employees. This third item describes how the custom of having reunions began in 1923; gives a history of a number of employees, some going back to the 1880s; and ends with retrospective letters from some of the employees.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Charles Mayer Co.

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Charles Mayer Co.--History

Stores, Retail--Indiana--Indianapolis

Retail trade--Indiana--Indianapolis--Employees

Wholesale trade-Indiana--Indianapolis--Employees

Clerks (Retail trade)--Indiana--Indianapolis

Indianapolis (Ind.)--Business enterprises

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