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Guide to the Phyllis J. Patton Container Corporation of America Collection 1937-1978



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.PATTONP
Title	Patton, Phyllis J. Container Corporation of America. Collection
Date	1937-1978
Size	2 linear feet (2 boxes)
Repository	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
Abstract	Print publications, calendars, and coasters produced by the Container Corporation of America between 1936 and 1983.

Information on Use

Access

This collection is open for research.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Phyllis J. Patton. Container Corporation of America. Collection, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note

Phyllis J. Patton is a former employee of the Valley Forge Division of the Container Corporation of America. As secretary to the Public Relations Manager, Patton received books, coasters, and calendars created at the facility. The Container Corporation of America was founded in Chicago in 1926 by Walter Paul Paepcke (1896-1960). The company manufactured cardboard boxes but is best known for its modernist design department and their innovative advertisements beginning in the 1930s.

Scope Note

The Phyllis J. Patton Collection contains print publications, coasters, and calendars produced by the Container Corporation of America between 1936 and 1983. It is organized chronologically where physical condition allows. The print publications are comprised of a 1936 atlas (Box 2 Folder 3), a 1937 book by Alexander Weaver about the history of paper (Box 1 Folder 1), a 1976 book recounting the first fifty years of the corporation's history (Box 2 Folder 1), and a 1976 publication of the 1950-1975 advertisement series entitled Great Ideas of Western Man (Box 2 Folder 2). All of these books were published by the Container Corporation of America.

The collection also includes one publication by the International Paper Company from 1974, the eleventh edition of their Pocket Pal: a Graphic Arts Production Handbook (Box 1 Folder 2). Box 1 also contains three calendars: an accordion calendar from 1974 and a corrugated cardboard folding calendar from 1978, both in Folder 3, and a pop-up calendar from 1983, in Folder 5. Finally, the collection contains two sets of coasters and one measuring tape with the company name printed on it. Several items are related to the 50-year anniversary of the Container Corporation's 1926 founding (Box 1 Folder 4, Box 2 Folders 1-2).

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

Paepcke, Elizabeth H. Papers

Paepcke, Hilken, and Nitze Families. Papers

Paepcke, Walter P. Papers

R.R. Donnelley & Sons Company. Archive

Weil, Roman, Collection of Boris Artzybasheff

Container Corporation of America. Collection

Subject Headings

- Container Corporation of America
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- Paperboard industry
- Paper box industry
- Container industry -- United States
- Art and industry
- Design, Industrial
- Advertising
- Commercial art
- Bauhaus
- Graphic design
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INVENTORY

Box 1

Folder 1

Paper, Wasps, and Packages: The Romantic Story of Paper and Its Influence on the Course of History, 1937

Box 1

Folder 2

Pocket Pal: A Graphic Arts Production Handbook, 1974

Box 1

Folder 3

Calendars and Coasters, 1974-1978

Box 1

Folder 4

Coasters and Measuring Tape, 1976

Box 1

Folder 5

Calendar, 1983

Box 2

Folder 1

The First Fifty Years, 1976

Box 2

Folder 2

Great Ideas, 1976

Box 2

Folder 3

Atlas of the World, 1936