

**Title:** Besasie Family Collection

**Call Number:** Mss-3173

**Inclusive Dates:** 1950 – 1994

**Bulk:** 0.4 cu. ft.

**Location:** CV, Sh. 020

**Historical Note:** This is a collection of materials donated by Raymond Jr. and Joseph Besasie that documents some of their family's involvement in the automobile development and construction business which stemmed from their father, Raymond Sr. The elder Raymond's mechanical abilities started with building his own aircraft but switched to automobiles in the late 1930s. He soon had built experimental autos that he drove around town while working at a day-time business of fixing cars in his repair shop. Sons Raymond Jr. and Joseph followed their father's love of auto work by combining to form the Besasie Automobile Company Incorporated (BACI) in 1991. They hand-built fiberglass-bodied autos in limited quantities for buyers putting to good use the abilities and experience gained from their father, and the automotive and design field in which they had worked.

**Administrative Note:** The collection was processed on Feb. 2009 by Steve Daily.

Contents	Box #	Folder #
Raymond Besasie Sr. info	1	1
BACI images and promotional items, 1991	1	2
Articles and clippings on BACI, 1991-1994	1	3
International advertisements and clippings	1	4
Misc. items	1	5
- Abstract of title for property on Van Buren St. 1950		
- <i>Rob Report</i> magazine Nov 1994		
- article on Duesenberg company in Elroy WI, 1992		
- clipping showing young Raymond Besasie in gymnastics group		