

Title: Kinch, Anthony Collection

Reference Code: Mss-0434

Inclusive Dates: 1942 – 1953

Quantity: 000.03 cu. ft.

Location: Sm Mss

Abstract: Anthony Kinch was born in Yugoslavia in 1884 and came to the United States in 1903. He was a mechanic/machinist and worked at several automobile plants before landing a job with the Falk Corporation in 1929. In 1934, he determined that the company defrauded the U.S. Navy by charging time spent on commercial contracts. He alerted the Justice and Treasury departments, after which Falk fired Kinch in December 1936. Nevertheless, he continued pursuing the fraud case. The Navy investigated the matter, which more-or-less verified Kinch's claims. Falk paid a fine for "tax deficiency" but denied it was a settlement for fraud. The government took no further punitive action against Falk. Kinch received a monetary settlement for his assistance to the government and eventually moved to Florida. He was involved in a real estate venture in Titusville when he passed away in February 1953.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of a book by Kinch entitled *Charge it to the Navy* (1945); a booklet by Frank Zeidler entitled *The Price of Honesty in Big Business* that includes information about Kinch's efforts against Falk; *Milwaukee Journal* memos re Kinch; copies of correspondence re Kinch's monetary settlement for his work with the federal government in the Falk case; and an obituary.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Notes: Collection was donated by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, fall 2019.