

**Title:** J. Kornely Hardware Company Collection

**Call Number:** Mss-1972

**Inclusive Dates:** 1891 – 1975

**Bulk:** 0.4 cu. ft.

**Location:** CV, Sh. L026

**Abstract:** Jacob Kornely started a hardware store on May 1, 1891 at what was then 804 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His youngest son, Raymond C. Kornely, took over the business after the death of his father in 1933 and operated it under the address of 2308 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street until he sold the property to the National Hardware Company for warehouse space in 1975.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of business correspondence, contracts, agreements, invoices, clippings, advertisements, trade magazine, ledger, and personal items. The collection also contains material relating to other Milwaukee companies.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Administrative Note:** The collection was processed on April 7, 1993 by Steve Daily. The finding aid was retyped on September 27, 2011.

<b>Contents</b>	<b>Box #</b>	<b>Folder #</b>
Business Correspondence 1902-1941	1	1
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Business Contracts and Agreements 1894-1910 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Chicago, Milw., and St. Paul Railway Co. (1894)</li><li>– Craig-Reynolds Foundry Co. (1897)</li><li>– Railway Equipment and Publishing Co. (1903)</li><li>– R. G. Dun and Co. (1904)</li><li>– Wisconsin Telephone Co. (1907)</li><li>– National Cash Register Co. (1907)</li><li>– Ogden-Farwell Garage- Auto Purchase (1910)</li></ul>	1	3
Kornely Hardware Co. Invoices 1895-1929	1	4
Kornely Invoices 1892-1903	1	5
Wm. Frankfurth Hardware Co. Invoices 1893-1896	1	6
Wm. Metz and Sons, Co. Invoices 1892-1897	1	7

[Wm. Metz was Jacob Kornely's father-in-law. File also includes a building permit issued in 1895 to a Mr. Lemberg and Mr. Wieser.]		
Canceled Checks 1899-1902	1	Envelope 8
Advertising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 Blotters featuring Kornely's selection of stoves</li> <li>- 1 Business envelope (1907)</li> <li>- list of newspapers Kornely Hardware used for advertising</li> <li>- newspaper clippings of Kornely Hardware Co. ads (1926, 1941)</li> <li>- drawing of Kornely Hardware store front improvement</li> </ul>	1	9
Catalog 1892-American Screw Co. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kornely Hardware ads pasted on inside covers</li> </ul>	1	10
Milwaukee Wood Preserving Co. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Correspondence (1903-1910)</li> <li>- Preservative flyer</li> <li>- one newspaper ad in English and two in German</li> <li>- one mailing envelope (1909)</li> </ul>	1	11
Wisconsin Retail Hardware Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Correspondence (1898-1908)</li> <li>- Retail Hardware Dealers pamphlet (1956)</li> <li>- Hardware trade magazine (1952)</li> <li>- 75 year certificate of hardware dealers membership J. Kornely Hardware Co.</li> </ul>	1	12
Hardware Dealers Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Wis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reports and statements (1905-1908)</li> <li>- Picture of plaque on Hardware Dealers Insurance building in Chicago listing Jacob Kornely as one of its officers and directors</li> </ul>	1	13
Ledgers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ledger of one (Henry?) Buelow 1893-1907</li> <li>- ledger from Jan. 1898 to Dec. 1898</li> </ul>	1	14
Newspaper Clippings 1899, 1909-1975	1	15
Misc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Personal letters and materials associated with Jacob and Raymond C. Kornely (1907-1967)</li> <li>- unidentified handwritten bits of 'wisdom'.</li> </ul>	1	16
<b>PHOTOS: See M-130</b>		