

**Title:** Louis Allis Company

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**Abstract:** Louis Allis (1866-1950) was one of Edward P. Allis' 11 children and worked in his father's firm for a number of years before ill health forced him to retire temporarily in 1901. When his health improved, Louis became interested in the Mechanical Appliance Company, which was working on an electric motor. He became a director in 1901 and was elected president of the company in 1903. The company grew and moved to 427 E. Stewart St. in 1906. Louis Allis was known as an innovator, developing one of the first alternating current motors as well as designing motors for specific industry tasks. The company's name changed to The Louis Allis Company in 1922. By the 1940s, it had more than 1,000 employees and sales of more than \$20 million.

In 1967, Louis Allis was acquired by Litton Industries, a world-wide leader in the production of integrated technology systems, though Louis Allis retained its name as a division of Litton. The economic recessions of the 1970s caused Litton to downsize Louis Allis and then sell it to MagneTek, Inc. in 1984. The company experienced a brief resurgence following a leveraged management buyout from MagneTek in 1994, but by 1998, the company filed for bankruptcy and closed the doors to its Milwaukee plant.

**Scope and Content:** The bulk of the collection is comprised of the Louis Allis *Messenger* publication, the company's bi-monthly and later quarterly entertainment magazine. In addition, the collection includes two other publications specifically for employees, *The Sentry* and *Louis Allis News*. These publications contain information on work-related issues and events. Rounding out the collection are technical manuals and bulletins, annual and quarterly reports, stockholders' reports and material related to the Louis Allis/Litton merger.

**Access and Use:** No Restrictions.

**Language:** English.

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