

Title: Milwaukee Coke and Gas Company

Reference Code: Mss-2246

Inclusive Dates: 1914 – 1919

Quantity: 000.4 cu. ft.

Location: BV, Sh. 319

Abstract: The Milwaukee Coke and Gas Company was established in 1902 by Charles Ray, Ferdinand Schlesinger, and H.J. Schlesinger. By 1909, it furnished 95 per cent of the foundry coke used in the Midwest as well as the natural gas that heated most Milwaukee homes. Until the mid-1920s, Milwaukee Coke and Gas operated as a subsidiary of the Newport Company, also controlled by the Schlesinger interests. It changed hands several times thereafter, being acquired by the Koppers Company, a Chicago-based coke and manufactured gas conglomerate, in the 1920s, by the Milwaukee Gas Light Company in 1947, by the Pickands, Mather and Company in 1962, and by the Wisconsin Gas Company in the late 1970s. Milwaukee Coke and Gas changed its name to Milwaukee Solvay Coke Company in 1942, which closed in 1983.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of six bound volumes of the company publication *The Conveyor*. The issues contain biographical information on various company employees and documents company activities during World War I.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English