

Title: Milprint, Inc.

Reference Code: Mss-2814

Inclusive Dates: 1904 – 1989

Quantity: 2.6 cu. ft.

Location: ER, Sh. F004

Abstract: Max T. Heller founded the Milwaukee Printing Company on October 2, 1899. Two years later, his younger brother, William, joined the firm. The company grew steadily during its first decade, but starting in 1910, it experienced tremendous growth once it became involved in the packaging of candy using aluminum foil and then cellophane. The company moved to larger quarters on Florida Street in 1910 and gradually expanded its operation to produce a wide variety of flexible packaging materials. In 1936, the company's name was changed to Milprint, Inc., and over the years, it acquired plants across the country to meet its worldwide demand. In 1951, the company erected a huge plant on N. Holton Street in Milwaukee. Philip Morris, Inc., acquired Milprint in 1957, and it continued operating as a subsidiary until the Holt Street plant closed in 1988.

Scope and Content: The records consist of historical/biographical information pertaining to the Heller brothers and the company, product samples, correspondence, meeting minutes and photos.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Notes: The material was donated by William Heller and processed by Kevin Abing in October 2000. The 1950s Trans-Vision samples were donated by Bill Morley and processed by Michael Barera in November 2023.

Arrangement:

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William (Billy) Heller: Packaging Hall of Fame	2	11
Max T. (Popsy) Heller: Biographical Information	2	12
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Milprint Sample Book, 1931	2	17
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Milprint Trans-Vision Samples, 1950-1952, Undated	2	18A
Quarter Century Club, Annual Meeting Minutes, 1948-1965	2	19
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PHOTOS		
Heller Family	3	1
Milprint Plants – Interior/Exterior	3	2
Holton Street Plant (1 of 2)	3	3
Holton Street Plant (2 of 2)	3	4
Milprint Employees	3	5
Quarter Century Club, 1948-1949	3	6
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Foremen's Club, 1948-1952	3	12
Foremen's Club, 1953-1962	3	13
Non-Milwaukee Plants	3	14
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PHOTO ALBUMS		
#1: Company Functions/Plants/Employees, ca. 1905-1965	LOOSE ON SHELF	
#2: Quarter Century Club, 1948-1964	LOOSE ON SHELF	
#3: The M.M.M. Club, 1960-1965	LOOSE ON SHELF	