

Title: Vilter Manufacturing Corporation Collection

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RC24, Sh. 010-011 (0.8 cu. ft.)

Abstract: The roots of the Vilter Manufacturing Corporation began in 1867 when Peter Weisel established a small machine shop in Milwaukee. In 1879, Ernst Vilter became a partner. By the 1880s, the company broadened its product line to include Corliss engines, refrigerating equipment and brewery equipment. Weisel retired in 1893, and the stockholders changed the business name to the Vilter Manufacturing Company. In the early 20th century, the company produced air conditioning equipment, large pre-cooling plants and more efficient compressors, and during World War II, Vilter produced 105mm howitzers. In 2009, Emerson acquired Vilter, but it remains one of the country's leading producers of compressors for industrial refrigeration and gas compression.

Scope and Content: Some areas of special interest in collection are: New Deal/Depression Era Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan that was taken out by Vilter Mfg.; World War II War Production Dept. certificates of necessity that Vilter Mfg. filed to get the needed equipment to produce war materials; patent documents and blueprints on various Vilter Mfg. products; material related to Vilter Mfg. efforts to form the non-profit Vilter Foundation; material on the formation of Vilter Sales and Construction Co.; and contracts with various businesses and institutions for the installation of Vilter Mfg. equipment or services rendered.

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Language: English

Notes: Collection donated by Vilter Manufacturing Corporation. It was processed by Steve Daily on March 27, 1996.

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Home Brewing & Ice Co., Joplin, Missouri Harry L. Hussmann, El Paso, Texas Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & Co., Milwaukee, Wisc. Pulaski County Courthouse, Little Rock, Arkansas St. Joseph's Convent, Milwaukee, Wisconsin St. Luke's Hospital, Milwaukee, Wisconsin St. Mary's Academy, St. Francis, Wisconsin		
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Saunderson and Wright, New York, New York Sawyer & Austin Lumber Co., Pine Bluff, Arkansas Sioux City Brewing Co., Sioux City, Iowa South Bend Brewing Association, South Bend, Indiana Treasury Department, Washington, D.C. U.S. Engineer Office, Cincinnati, Ohio U.S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Illinois U.S. Steel Corp., Pittsburgh, Penn. U.S. Veterans' Hospital, Waukesha, Wisc.		
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