

Title: Harley-Davidson Collection

Call Number: Mss-0495

Inclusive Dates: 1912 – ongoing

Bulk: 0.4 cu. ft.

Location: WHS, Sh. B026

Historical Note: This Milwaukee company was started in 1903 by William A. Davidson, Walter Davidson, Arthur Davidson, and William S. Harley in a shed in the Davidson's backyard. By 1907, the Harley-Davidson Company was incorporated as sales and production continued to grow. Harley-Davidson managed to survive the Depression years and was an active part of the war effort during WWII. After the war, Harley-Davidson expanded its product line and offered stock to the public in 1965. In 1969, Harley-Davidson was merged with AMF, Inc., but by 1981 had "unmerged" when management personnel bought the company back from AMF. Harley-Davidson has survived to become the only American motorcycle manufacturer.

Administrative Note: The collection was processed on April 20, 1993 by Steve Daily. Material was added to the collection on May 2000, Nov. 2000, June 2001 and was processed by Kevin Abing. On March 1, 2002, articles, brochures, clippings, re: 95th Anniversary, 1998 were donated.

See Also: Harley-Davidson Photos

Folder Headings	Box #	Folder #
Catalogs, Publications, Articles <ul style="list-style-type: none">Articles, brochures, clippings, re: 95th Anniversary, 1998<i>The Harley-Davidson Dealer</i>, Photocopies of 3 articles (1912, 1913)"Harley-Davidson Experience Center," <i>Exclusively Yours</i>, Nov. 1999Harley-Davidson Museum brochure, 2024Harley-Davidson Museum programs, 2010Harley-Davidson plant tour guide July 11, 1993"High on the Hog" <i>Chicago Tribune Magazine</i> June 6, 1993"How to Hang on to Your Core Market the Harley-Davidson Way" <i>Financial World</i> Sept. 26, 19951993 Harley-Davidson catalog1992 Harley-Davidson catalog1993 90th Anniversary informational pamphlet2004 Harley-Davidson catalogRiding Tips for the Motorcyclist, 1995	1	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Community Investments Report</i> 1997<i>The Enthusiast</i>, Harley-Davidson publication (January 1952, Sept. 1953, Summer, 1992)Harley-Davidson Bicycle catalog (1917), photocopy	1	2

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hog Tales</i> May/June 1998, vol. 16 no. 3 • Manual, 1919 • Advertisement, Duo Glide, 1960 • 100th Anniversary Celebration Pamphlet, August 28-31, 2003 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIW Local #209 Golden anniversary yearbook 1937-1987 • <i>American Rider</i> "Negative 599: Tracing the Legacy of the 1903 Harley-Davidson Motorcycle" Dec. 1997 • "90 Years of Harley-Davidson" <u>American Iron</u> special edition 	1	3
Binder of Harley-Davidson service bulletins-scattered issues (March, 1917-April, 1924)	1	Loose in box