

Finding aid for the Ryskamp Brothers, Inc. records Collection 031

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Title	Ryskamp Brothers, Inc. records
Date [inclusive]	1890-1957
Extent	13.13 Linear feet Twelve boxes
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Ryskamp Brothers store was a paint and hardware business in Grand Rapids, Mich. from about 1890 until 1974. This collection includes correspondence, account journals, cash books, day books, ledgers and sale books from the business. The correspondence and business records are valuable in providing financial background and detailed information on the store's operations.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

Ryskamp Bros. Inc. was a paint and hardware business in Grand Rapids, 1890-1974. The firm was founded by three brothers, Jacob, Cornelius and William Ryskamp. All three were born in The Netherlands, and had emigrated to Grand Rapids in 1881. They were active in the paint and decorating business until their retirements. Social activities of the men centered on their charter membership of Sherman Street Christian Reformed Church. William was also a member of Eastern Avenue Christian Reformed Church, where he served as organist for several years. The store is last mentioned in the 1974 city directory.

Scope and Contents note

The collection consists of two series, correspondence and business records. The correspondence and business records provide financial background and detail information regarding the store's business. Some of the more interesting letters are to: Ferris Institute (1906), Douma Brothers (1906), Board of Public Works (1907), Denison, Dykema & Co. (1909), Sanitary Plumbing Co. (1909), Pulte Plumbing & Heating Co. (1909) and Automobile Repair & Supply Co. (1911). Business records consist of day books, cash books, sale books, and account journals; containing information regarding accounts, sales, debits and credits, business transactions.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Frank Ryskamp, accession number 1986.553

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Ryskamp Brothers.

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Subject(s)

- Business Enterprises -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids Region

Account Journals

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Correspondence, Oct 1906 - Dec 1915	1	1
Account Journals		
	Box	Volume
Nov 30, 1890-Sep 25, 1901	1	1
Jul 18, 1894-Apr 4, 1896	1	2
Apr 6, 1896-Jun 20, 1898	1	3
jun 21, 1898-Dec 29, 1900	1	72
Apr 8, 1901-Nov 2, 1901	1	73
Nov 4, 1901-Jun 13, 1902	1	4
jun 14, 1902-Apr 17, 1903	1	5
Apr 17 to Nov 7, 1903	2	6
Nov 9, 1903-Jun 24, 1904	2	74

Account Journals

Jun 25, 1904-Mar 17, 1905	2	75
Mar 18-Jul 27, 1905	2	7
Jul 27, 1905-Apr 16, 1906	2	76
Apr 23, 1906-Apr 8, 1907	2	8
Apr 9-Jul 23, 1907	2	9
Jul 23, 1907-Mar 3, 1908	3	10
Mar 3-Jun 22, 1908	3	11
Jun 23, 1908-Feb 5, 1909	3	12
Feb 6, 1909-Jun 14, 1909	3	77
Jun 15, 1909-Jan 19, 1910	3	78
Mar 9-Jul 13, 1911	3	13
Jul 14, 1911-Mar 8, 1912	3	79
Jun 11, 1912-Oct 18, 1912	4	80
Oct 18, 1912-Apr 11, 1913	4	14

Account Journals

Apr 11-Jun 30, 1913	4	15
Jun 30-Nov 18, 1913	4	16
Nov 19, 1913-Apr 20, 1914	4	17
Apr 20-Jun 5, 1914	4	18
Jun 5-Aug 26, 1914	4	19
Aug 26, 1914-Feb 26, 1915	4	20
Feb 26-Jun 16, 1915	5	21
Jul 21, 1921-Mar 2, 1922	5	22
Mar 3-Aug 14, 1922	5	23
Aug 15, 1922-Mar 29, 1923	5	24
Mar 30-Aug 28, 1923	5	25
Nov 12, 1923-Jan 6, 1938	5	26
Nov 8, 1927-Jun 26, 1928	5	27
Jan 13-Sep 22, 1930	5	28

Cash Books

Sep 23, 1930-Oct 19, 1931	6	29
Oct 20, 1931-Oct 4, 1933	6	30
Jun 13, 1935-Nov 12, 1936	6	31
Jan 10, 1938-Jan 5, 1954	6	81
1941-1957	6	32
Apr 22, 1942-Oct 4, 1944	6	33
Oct 5, 1944-Nov 13, 1946	6	34
Nov 14, 1946-Aug 3, 1948	7	35
Aug 4, 1948-Jun 14, 1949	7	36
Jun 15, 1949-Apr 29, 1950	7	37
Jan 15, 1954-Dec 28, 1955	7	82
Cash Books		
	Box	Volume
Mar 10, 1910-Apr 12, 1913	7	38

Day Books

1913-1941	7	39
1913-1947	7	40
Sep 12, 1924-Dec 29, 1926	7	41
Dec 30, 1926-Jul 5, 1930	7	42
Jul 7, 1930-Dec 5, 1935	8	43
May 14, 1938-Apr 27, 1940	8	44
Apr 25, 1940-May 109 1945	8	93
May 10, 1945-Oct 6, 1951	8	45
Oct 9, 1951-Dec 31, 1955	8	46
Day Books		
	Box	Volume
Sep 28, 1893-Jul 17, 1894	8	47
Sep 27, 1897-Mar 25, 1898	8	48
Mar 30, 1898-May 5, 1899	8	49

Ledgers

May 6, 1899-Apr 6, 1900	8	50
Apr 23, 1900-Apr 6, 1901	9	51
Ledgers		
	Box	Volume
Jan 1, 1891-Jan 1896	9	52
1899-1905	9	53
1907-1908	9	90
1909	9	91
1910	9	92
Nov 18, 1899-1903	9	94
Sale Books		
	Box	Volume
Jan 2, 1901-Mar 2, 1903	9	83
Mar 4, 1903-Jan 20, 1905	9	84
Apr 16,-Aug 23, 1906	10	85

Sale Books

Jan 20-Mar 10, 1910	10	86
Mar 10-Jul 19, 1910	10	54
Jul 19, 1910-Mar 9, 1911	10	55
Mar 8-Jun 11, 1912	10	87
Jun 17, 1915-Dec 20, 1915	10	88
Dec 21, 1915-May 25, 1916	10	56
May 25-Nov 6, 1916	11	57
Nov 7, 1916-May 8, 1917	11	58
May 8, 1917-Nov 20, 1917	11	89
Nov 21, 1917-Jul 2, 1918	11	59
Apr 7-Sep 22, 1919	11	60
Jul 2, 1918-Apr 7, 1919	11	61
Sep 22, 1919-May 19, 1920	11	62
May 15, 1925-Jan 11, 1926	11	63

Sale Books

Jan 12, 1926-Jul 27, 1926	12	64
Jul 27, 1926-Apr 21, 1927	12	65
Apr 22-Nov 8, 1927	12	66
Jun 26, 1928-Apr 30, 1929	12	67
Apr 30, 1929-Jan 13, 1930	12	68
Dec 6, 1935-Apr 25, 1940	12	69
Nov 13, 1936-May 13, 1938	12	70
Apr 29, 1940-Apr 21, 1942	12	71