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## **Finding aid for The Baxter Laundry corporate records collection Collection 459**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
<b>Source - dnr:</b>	VanderVeen, Allen L.
<b>Creator:</b>	Baxter Laundries Company
<b>Creator - cre:</b>	Baxter, Howard F
<b>Creator - cre:</b>	Baxter, Robert T
<b>Title:</b>	The Baxter Laundry corporate records
<b>ID:</b>	Collection 459
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	bulk
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Linear Feet Three boxes
<b>Physical Description:</b>	Good
<b>Abstract:</b>	<p>Baxter Laundries Corporation was founded in 1876 by Alfred Baxter in the basement of the haberdashery firm of Gardner &amp; Baxter on Monroe Ave. in Grand Rapids, Mich. Baxter Laundries, which by 1928 had become the largest corporation of its type in the world, owned 30 cleaning plants in 17 states. The bulk of the business records in this collection originate from the era in which Howard F. Baxter (1886-1969) and Robert T. Baxter (1913-1975) were in charge of the company's operations. Included in the collection are meeting minutes of stockholders and corporate boards, acquisition agreements, deeds and property abstracts, as well as unused stock certificates and checks. Also included are the corporate records for Careful Dan Linens, Inc. of which Robert T. Baxter was President and the Home Research Bureau, Inc.</p>

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## Content Description

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Corporate records including blank checkbooks, stock certificates, articles of incorporation, board and stockholder meeting minutes, receipts, and files regarding property ownership in Grand Rapids, Pontiac, Bay City, and Flint. Also included are the corporate records for Careful Dan Linens, Inc. and for the Home Research Bureau.

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Dry cleaning industry -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- VanderVeen, Allen L.

## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Baxter Laundry Receipts - Bu, 1940 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1940	Box 1	Folder 1
Deeds - All Divisions, 1933-1954 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1933-1954	Box 1	Folder 2
Acquisition Agreements - Bay City, 1943-1951 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1943-1951	Box 1	Folder 3
Abstracts - Bay City Division, 1946-1954 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1946-1954	Box 1	Folder 4
Acquisition Agreements - Flint Division, 1926-1955	Box 1	Folder 5

Date [inclusive]: 1926-1955

Acquisition Agreements - Pontiac Division, 1921-1942 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1921-1942	Box 1	Folder 6
Abstracts - Muskegon, 1942-05-08 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1942-05-08	Box 1	folder 7
Abstracts - Lansing, 1934 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1934	Box 1	Folder 8
Abstracts - Grand Rapids , 1911-1934 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1911-1934	Box 1	Folder 9
Abstracts - Pontiac, 1911-1934 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1911-1934	Box 1	Folder 10
Baxter Laundries Tax Escrow Account Check Book, 1973-07-31-1974-06-14 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1973-07-31-1974-06-14	Box 2	
Baxter Laundries Corporation Preferred Stock Certificates, 1971-12-31-1972-05-09 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1971-12-31-1972-05-09	Box 2	
Baxter Laundries Corporation Common Stock Certificates, 1967-12-19-1970-12-26 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1967-12-19-1970-12-26	Box 2	
Home Research Bureau, Inc. Corporate Records, 1936-06-08-1968-12-11 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1936-06-08-1968-12-11	Box 3	
Careful Dan Linens. Inc. Corporate Records Michigan, 1957-09-12-1968-03-20 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1957-09-12-1968-03-20	Box 3	
Baxter Laundries Corporation - Meeting Minutes, 1936-01-16-1949-08-11 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1936-01-16-1949-08-11	Box 3	