

Pure Foods Manufacturing Company Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center
Title	Pure Foods Manufacturing Company Collection
Date	1920-1946
Extent	6.0 Flat box(s)
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Pure Foods Manufacturing Company manufactured imitation jams and jellies in Denver, Colorado. The company brands included Delicious and Family Favorite. The company, located at 2420 17th Street, was family owned and operated by the Fishback Family from 1916 to sometime after 1960. The company sold jams and jellies to numerous retail outlets, including the Colorado Supply Company, the Morey Mercantile Company, J.S. Brown Mercantile Company, and Safeway. The collection includes certificates and a credit card for Harmes C. Fishback, the company's president from 1925 to sometime prior to his death in 1970. Also included are accounting ledgers (1920-1946) that provide a comprehensive look at business operations and food labels for Delicious and Family Favorite jams.</p>

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Historical note

The Pure Foods Manufacturing Company was established by Emma E. Schmidt Fishback (1860-1940). Emma was born in Pennsylvania and married Charles P. Fishback in 1882. The couple had seven children. Their youngest child, Harmes C. Fishback (1891-1970), was the only child born in Colorado. From 1911-1915, Emma and Charles manufactured mincemeat. In 1916, Emma became the proprietor of the Pure Foods Manufacturing Company. Two years later, she was named president, a position she held until 1925.

Emma and Charles' youngest son Harmes served as president of the company from 1925 to sometime prior to his death in 1970. Prior to becoming president, he served as a driver and manager for the company. Harmes Fishback and his wife, Pearl, had no children. Harmes and Pearl lived with Emma and Charles in a house located on 16th Street. After Charles' death, Emma moved to Illinois to live with her daughter, Sally.

Scope and Contents note

This collection contains certificates and a credit card for the Pure Foods Manufacturing Company's president Harmes C. Fishback, the youngest child of Emma E. Fishback. Also included are accounting ledgers detailing company operations from 1920-1946 and labels for Delicious and Family Favorite jams.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Provenance

Donated in 2013 by Don Bellio, who purchased the manufacturing plant of Pure Foods Manufacturing Company in Evergreen, Colorado.

Processing Information note

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Related Materials

Related Materials note

This collection is part of a larger donation containing artifacts. See research center staff for access.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Pure Foods Manufacturing Company.

Genre(s)

- Certificates
- Labels
- Ledgers
- Ledgers (Accounting)

Geographic Name(s)

- Denver (Colo.)

Personal Name(s)

- Bellio, Don, 1952-
- Fishback, Harmes, 1891-1970

Subject(s)

- Fruit--Preservation.
- Jam.

Accession number

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Collection Inventory

Harmes C. Fishback 1933-[1968]

FF1 The Bald Eagle Mining Company Certificate July 18, 1933

FF2 Stationary Engineer's License 1949-1952

FF3 Humble Oil & Refining Company Credit Card [1968]

Ledgers 1920-1946

Arrangement note

Ledgers are organized by date.

FF4 Sales 1920-1924

FF5 Check Register 1920-1923

FF6 Trial Balances, E.E. Fishback 1921-1924

FF7 Check Register 1921-1923

FF8 Sales 1922-1924

Ledgers

FF9 Accounts Receivable 1924

FF10 Sales 1924-1927

FF11 Accounts Receivable 1924-1928

FF12 Accounts Receivable 1924-1930

FF13 Sales 1927-1930

FF14 Check Register 1928-1930

FF15 Deposit Record June 1, 1929-Sept. 19, 1932

FF16 Sales 1930-1932

FF17 Check Register 1931-1934

FF18 Sales 1932-1935

FF19 Check Register 1935-1938

FF20 Sales 1937-1938

FF21 Expenses 1938-1940

FF22 Check Register 1943-1946

Labels

Labels [1940], Undated

FF23 Delicious Brand, Pure Concord Raspberry Jam [1940]

FF24 New 28 oz. Freezer Jar Undated

FF25 Delicious Brand, Pure Concord Grape Preserves Undated

FF26 Family Favorite Imitation Apricot Jam Undated

FF27 Family Favorite Imitation Blackberry Jam Undated

FF28 Family Favorite Imitation Boysenberry Jam Undated

FF29 Family Favorite Imitation Grape Jam Undated

FF30 Family Favorite Imitation Peach Jam Undated

FF31 Family Favorite Imitation Plum Jam Undated

FF32 Family Favorite Imitation Strawberry Jam Undated