

Midwest Steel & Iron Co. collection

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Summary Information

Repository	History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center
Title	Midwest Steel & Iron Co. collection
Date	1894-2015
Extent	2.0 Linear feet
Location note	Manuscripts in this collection are stored in Mss.03096. Photographs in this collection are stored in Ph.00587.
Language	English

Preferred Citation note

Midwest Steel & Iron Co. photographs collection, Mss.03096/Ph.00587, History Colorado, Denver, Colo.

Historical note

Midwest Steel & Iron Company of Denver, Colo. was the largest steel fabricator in the Rocky Mountain states from the 1920s through the 1980s. It was originally called the Jackson-Richter Iron Works, founded in 1893 and located at 19th and Blake Streets in Denver. In 1908, Jackson-Richter was purchased by Albert G. Fish (1860-1947), who had been vice-president of Koken Iron Works and had also started Banner Iron Works, both in St. Louis, Mo. Fish changed the name to Midwest Steel & Iron during wartime because of the perceived fear of the company being associated with a German name. In 1923, the company's headquarters moved to 25 Larimer Street in Denver, where it was located until 1983. It also had fabricating shops at 48th and Fox Streets in Denver and on Northern Avenue in Pueblo, Colo., as well as offices in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Grand Junction, Colo.

Albert G. Fish was active in the Chamber of Commerce of Colorado and Denver and was a member of the State Historical Society of Colorado (now History Colorado), the Denver Art Museum, and Colorado Manufacturers Association. After Albert G. Fish's death, his son Frederick Goodrich Fish (1913-1989) succeeded him as president of Midwest Steel & Iron Company. Frederick established the Midwest Steel & Iron Works Company Foundation, which gave money to support the arts, sciences and education in the Denver area.

Scope and Contents note

This collection contains manuscripts and photographs documenting the history and projects of the Midwest Steel & Iron Co. of Denver, Colo., one of the largest steel fabricators in the Rocky Mountain West during the twentieth century. Manuscripts date from 1894-2015 and include historical reports and notes, facilities reports and blueprints, newspaper articles and clippings about the company, other printed material documenting the June 1965 flood of the South Platte River Basin, reports on the company's fabrication projects, and other ephemera. Photographs in the collection date from circa 1894-1983 and include portraits of owners Albert G. Fish (1860-1947) and Frederick Goodrich Fish (1913-1989) and images of the construction of Frederick Fish's steel residence in Littleton, Colo.; Jackson-Richter Iron Works; Midwest Steel & Iron's buildings, yards, and shops in Denver; the company's construction and fabrication projects, including buildings, bridges, and shipbuilding during World War II; and a photograph album documenting the 1965 South Platte River Basin flood and Midwest Steel & Iron's response to it.

Arrangement note

Arranged into two series: Series I. Manuscripts (Mss.03096) and Series II. Photographs (Ph.00587)

Administrative Information

Publication Information

History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center

Copyright status

History Colorado owns copyright to this collection.

Processing Information note

Manuscripts processed by Keith Schrum and photographs processed by Megan K. Friedel, January 2016.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Jackson-Richter Iron Works Co. (Denver, Colo.).
- Jackson-Richter Iron Works Co. (Denver, Colo.). -- Photographs
- Midwest Steel & Iron Co. (Denver, Colo.).
- Midwest Steel & Iron Co. (Denver, Colo.). -- Photographs

Geographic Name(s)

- South Platte River Watershed (Colo. and Neb.)--Photographs.

Personal Name(s)

- Fish, Albert G., 1860-1947
- Fish, Albert G., 1860-1947 -- Photographs
- Fish, Frederick Goodrich, 1913-1989
- Fish, Frederick Goodrich, 1913-1989 -- Photographs

Subject(s)

- Bridge construction industry--Colorado--Denver
- Bridge construction industry--Colorado--Denver--Photographs
- Flood damage--Colorado--Photographs.
- Floods--Colorado--Denver--Photographs
- Floods--Colorado--Photographs.
- Iron industry and trade--Colorado--Denver
- Iron industry and trade--Colorado--Denver--Photographs
- Shipbuilding--Photographs
- Steel industry and trade--Colorado--Denver
- Steel industry and trade--Colorado--Denver--Photographs

General note

Accession # 2016.8

Collection Inventory

Series I: Manuscripts, 1894-2015 0.5 Linear feet

Box 1 / FF 1. History of Midwest Steel & Iron Works Co., 1894-1969

Box 1 / FF 2. Additional notes, Midwest Steel & Iron Co., undated

Box 1 / FF 3. Certificate of authority, 1927 January 8

Box 1 / FF 3A. Facilities report, 1943 March 1

Box 2 / FF 4. Newspaper clippings - Frederick G. Fish 1957-1961

Box 1 / FF 5. Newspaper section - Allied Architects Association of Denver, 1927 April 27

Box 1 / FF 6. Newspaper articles - Midwest Steel & Iron Co., 1982-1984, 2015

Box 1 / FF 7. Print materials - Jackson-Richter Iron Works Co., General Catalog #70 undated

Box 1 / FF 8. Print materials - Midwest Steel & Iron Works, 1932

Box 1 / FF 9. Print materials - Itinerary and Souvenir, Denver Civic and Commercial Association, 1919, 1922, 1923

Box 1 / FF 9a. Print materials - South Platte River Basin flood, June 1965

Photographs,

Box 1 / FF 10. Projects - Rocky Mountain Industries descaling, 1977 April

Box 1 / FF 11. Projects - United States Steel Building Report, Office Building 410 17th Street, Denver, Colo., undated

Box 1 / FF 12. Projects - United States Steel Building Report, Thirteen Steel Bridges for I-70, undated

Box 1 / FF 13. Ephemera - Member list of Denver Master Builders Association, undated

Box 1 / FF 14. National Register of Historic Places Inventory Nomination Form for Midwest Steel & Iron Co., undated

Box 1 / FF 15. Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) written historical and descriptive data for Midwest Steel & Iron Co., undated

Box 1 / FF 16. Midwest Steel & Iron Co. projects list, 2015 August 10

Series II: Photographs, circa 1894-1983 2.0 Linear feet

Box 2 / FF 1. Albert G. Fish (1860-1947), 1931-1947

Box 2 / FF 2. Frederick Goodrich Fish (1913-1989), circa 1960-1980

Box 2 / FF 3. Frederick Goodrich Fish (1913-1989) - Construction of Bow Mar House residence, 4646 Bow Mar Drive, Littleton, Colo., 1959

Box 2 / FF 4. Jackson-Richter Iron Works Co., circa 1908-1920

Photographs,

Box 2 / FF 5. Building and yards - 25 Larimer Street, Denver, Co, lo. 1930-circa 1980

Box 2 / FF 6. Bridge plant - 48th and Fox Streets, Denver, Colo., circa 1960-1980 circa 1960-1980

Box 2 / FF 7. Projects - Bridges, circa 1930-1980

Box 2 / FF 8. Projects - Colorado State Fairgrounds (Pueblo, Colo.), 1930

Box 2 / FF 9. Projects - Colorado State Judicial Building, circa 1976-1977

Box 2 / FF 10. Projects - Denver Stockyards (Denver, Colo.), circa 1935-1945

Box 2 / FF 11. Projects - Federal Reserve Bank (Denver, Colo.), 1967

Box 2 / FF 11a. Projects - Ornamental iron furniture, undated

Box 2 / FF 12. Projects - Presbyterian Hospital addition (Denver, Colo.), circa 1965

Box 2 / FF 13. Projects - Red Rocks Ampitheater pedestrian ramp, circa 1941

Box 2 / FF 13a. Projects - Shipbuilding, circa 1942-1944

Box 3. Projects - Shipbuilding - Scrapbook documenting presentation of the Army-Navy "E" Award for Excellence in War Production, 1944

Box 2 / FF 14. Projects - Stapleton Airport (Denver, Colo.), circa 1964

Photographs,

Box 2 / FF 15. Projects - Various Midwest Steel & Iron Co. projects photograph album, circa 1947-1980

Box 2 / FF 16. Projects - Unidentified, circa 1965-1970

Box 2 / FF 17. South Platte River basin flood photograph album, June 1965