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Sandra L. Batzli
Collection, 1929-2007

Collection 352

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate Name: Sandra L. Batzli

Inclusive Dates: 1929-2007

Physical Description: 1 box, (0.5 linear ft.)

Language: English

Provenance:

The Sandra L. Batzli collection materials were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives in March, 2020.

Access:

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Historical Note:

The Illinois Glove Company had production plants in both Champaign and Effingham. It was founded in 1919 and currently operates in Northbrook, Illinois. The founder, Sam Shmikler, along with his wife Jennie, hand cut and assembled the first pairs of gloves.

The Company was presented with an "E" Award for excellence by both the Army and the Navy for the production of gloves to be used by the Armed Forces. Joseph Shmikler accepted the awards on behalf of the company at a ceremony held at the University of Illinois Auditorium, November 23, 1943. It was the first glove manufacturer to receive an "E" Award from the Navy.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains information about the history of the glove, research into the origins of Gloversville, New York and a scrapbook that documents a visit to the area. There are also photographs and notes regarding the Illinois Glove company in addition to published material, and maps of the site. Photographs of gloves that were part of the Champaign County Historical Museum collection are also included.

Subject Terms:

Champaign, Ill.
Glove industry
Gloversville (N.Y.)
Gloves
Jewish businesspeople

Name Terms:

Batzli, Sandra L.



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Illinois Glove Co (Champaign, Ill.)
Potter, Riza
Shmikler, Jennie
Shmikler, Joseph
Shmikler, Samuel

Container List

Box 1

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Folder 2: Glove History
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Folder 4: Illinois Glove Co. and Area History,
Folder 5: Maps of Illinois Glove Company Site
Folder 6: New York Research
Folder 7: Newspaper Clippings and Journal Articles, 1929-2007, undated
Folder 8: Photographs and Negatives
Folder 9: Published Materials
Folder 10: Scrapbook from Gloversville Trip
Folder 11: Short Story from Riza Potter's Scrapbook