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Guide to the

Henry Marcus Quackenbush papers

1885-1992 [bulk 1890-1933]

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Summary

Creator: Quackenbush, Henry Marcus, 1847-1933

Title: Henry Marcus Quackenbush papers

Date: 1885-1992 [bulk 1890-1933]

Size: 1.2 linear feet (2 boxes, 4 volumes)

Source: Purchased from Michael Brown Rare Books, 2014.

Abstract: Henry Marcus Quackenbush (1847-1933) was an inventor and industrialist who developed and manufactured guns, nutcrackers, and nut picks, among other items. He founded H.M. Quackenbush Company in 1871. Quackenbush was a native of Herkimer, New York, where he was active in organizations such as the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), the Salvation Army, and the Anti-Saloon League. The Henry Marcus Quackenbush papers date from 1885 to 1992. The majority of the collection consists of correspondence, ephemera, and financial records dating from 1890 to 1933, documenting Quackenbush's involvement with charitable organizations, his family life, household management and expenses, and business operations and sales. Two ledgers contain Quackenbush's monthly financial statements from 1906 to 1922, and two sales books list figures of daily sales for 1893 to 1899 and 1915 to 1935. Materials dating after Quackenbush's death include a report on the Quackenbush company's tax liability; writings about Quackenbush and the guns he manufactured; letters from gun collectors to Bronson A. Quackenbush; and duplicates of a photograph of Quackenbush.

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Account books

Ephemera

Letters (correspondence)

Subjects

Firearms industry and trade -- New York (State)

Geographic Names

Herkimer County (N.Y.)

Names

Quackenbush family