

Inventory of the

DeKalb Wagon Company
DeKalb, Illinois

Records

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INTRODUCTION

Wayne D. Hendrickson of Wayne, Illinois donated the DeKalb Wagon Company records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on April 29, 2002.

Property rights in the collection belong to the Regional History Center; literary rights are dedicated to the public. There are no restrictions on the collection.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records for the DeKalb Wagon Company consist of articles of incorporation and amendments, catalogs, brochures, and a scrapbook. The scrapbook contains catalogs, correspondence, brochures, advertisements, and price lists for the company along with the businesses predecessors and successors. A majority of the catalogs and brochures are not dated. Corporate records such as constitutions, meeting minutes and annual reports for the company are not included in the collection.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

According to an advertisement found in the collection's scrapbook, the Sycamore Wagon Works was the successor to Shipman, Bradt & Co. The Sycamore Wagon Works was established on January 20, 1904 to "to manufacture vehicles and other articles similar thereto." William Smith, Harrison F. Gleason, and George W. Dunton formed the company with capital stock of \$60,000. Frank C. Patten and Harrison F. Gleason each bought 200 stocks and Will Smith and S.E. Bradt each bought 100 stocks. Will Smith, M.D. Shipman, H.F. Gleason, Thos. L. Halloran and Frank C. Patten were elected Board of Directors. The name changed to DeKalb Wagon Company on April 30, 1912 and moved to 229 W. Garden Street in DeKalb, Illinois. On February 26, 1941 the name changed to the DeKalb Commercial Body Corporation. The Company was listed in the 1969 DeKalb City Directory but the property was listed as a vacant lot in the 1971 Directory.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

DeKalb, Industry
 DeKalb Wagon Company
 DeKalb Commercial Body Corporation
 Shipman, Bradt and Company
 Sycamore Wagon Works
 Trucks
 Wagons

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	Articles of Incorporation and Amendments, 1902-1957 DeKalb Wagon Company:
	2	DeKalb Motor Trucks, Catalog No. 5, n.d.
	3	DeKalb Business Wagons Catalog No. 41, n.d.
	4	DeKalb Hand Made Bodies, Catalog, n.d.
	5	DeKalb Auto-Wagon Brochure, n.d.
	6	Crescent Ball-Bearing Axle Brochure, n.d.
	7	Dodge-DeKalb Step-Go Trucks Brochure, n.d.
	8	DeKalb Deluxe Urban Delivery Brochure, n.d.
	9	DeKalb Commercial Body Corporation Questionnaire, n.d.
	10	Correspondence Found in Back of Scrapbook, September 19, 1921
	1 volume	Scrapbook, 1905-1913