

William W. Cox Mohawk Rubber Company Collection
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ACQUISITION: Donated by Betty J. Cox on June 14, 2007.

ACCESS: Restricted access: materials fragile; access by request at Main Library Special Collections only; material does not circulate.

VOLUME: 3 boxes, 2 LF

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: William W. Cox served as Office Manager of Mohawk Rubber Company for many years. He was born and raised in Akron, Ohio and attended East High School. He served as a Staff Sgt for the US Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Cox died on March 28, 2007.

The Mohawk Rubber Company was incorporated in Akron, Ohio in 1913. In 1969, Mohawk acquired Beebe Rubber Company in Nashua, NH, Webster Rubber Company in Sabathus, ME, and SAS Rubber Inc. in Painesville, Ohio. In 1971, common stock for Mohawk was listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol of MWK. The company moved its headquarters from Akron to Hudson, Ohio in 1973.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection contains 3 boxes of materials pertaining to the Mohawk Rubber Company collected by former employee, William W. Cox. Included are artifacts containing the corporate logo, corporate communications, both inter office memos and press releases, annual reports and meeting notices as well as bound copies of the employee newsletter and some employee lists. There are no financial records.

ARRANGEMENT: The collection contains 3 series. Series 1 contains artifacts, Series 2 a small number of corporate records and communication, Series 3 contains some personal information collected by William Cox.

INVENTORY:

BOX 1:

SERIES 1: Artifacts

- Metal Lighter with a tire and the corporate logo
- 5 year and 10 year pins with the corporate logo
- Gold-toned pocket knife with the corporate logo
- White plastic key chain with the corporate logo in the shape of a tire
- Chrome cuff links in the shaper of the corporate logo
- Outstanding Achievement Award (not inscribed), gold toned
- White coffee cup with the corporate logo
- Rubber tire, 6 inches in diameter
- 2 sets of playing cards with the green corporate logo on the back, in a plastic case
- 2 sets of playing cards with black backs and company name in a blue velvet case

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5 patches containing variations of the corporate logo
Chenille patch, 1958, from the Akron City Champions softball team
Business Cards and holder for Office Manager, William W. Cox

Other artifacts loose on Shelf:

Ceramic bust of corporate figurine, 1977, commissioned by Company President, Paul E. Nicholson and displayed in the atrium of the company's office. For more information, see Mohawk Journal, May/June/July, 17 inches x 8 inches
Blue Plastic 3-Ring Binder with Mohawk Tire Ad on the front
Black & White Poster of a Mohawk Tire Ad with a note on the back "Put in Wall Street Jr. Spring 1976."
Black & White Poster of management team of Mohawk Rubber Co.
Chrome standing Indian statue (corporate logo), 13 inches tall

BOX 2:

Series 2: Corporate Information

Folders 1-28: Annual Reports: 1945, 1956-1982

Folder 29: Shareholder Meeting Notices:

Notice of 1971 Annual Meeting of Shareholders
Notice of 1973 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Proxy Statement
Notice of 1974 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Proxy Statement
Notice of 1975 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Proxy Statement
Notice of 1976 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Proxy Statement
Notice of 1977 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Proxy Statement
Notice of 1978 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Proxy Statement
Notice of 1979 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Proxy Statement
Notice of 1980 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Proxy Statement
Notice of 1981 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Proxy Statement
Notice of 1982 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Proxy Statement
Notice of 1983 Invitation to a Special Meeting of Shareholders to consider an Agreement to Merger (Equity Group Holdings)

Folder 30: Application for Initial Public Stock Offering, Listing Application to New York Stock Exchange, Inc. B526, August 23, 1971

BOX 3:

Series 2: Corporate Information (continued)

Folder 1: Clippings

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Folder 2: Communications: Inter office, 1983-1992

Folder 3: Communications: Press Releases, 1978-1992

Folder 4: Corporate Histories

Folder 5: Employee lists relating to 1986 McAdams vs. Mohawk case

Folder 6: Other miscellaneous employee lists

Folder 7: Employee Newsletters

The Smoke Signal, Published for the employees of Mohawk Rubber Company ... Akron, Hudson, Salem and Columbus; February 14, 1979

The Mohawk Journal, A Corporate Newsletter, 2nd Quarter 1986
Inside Report, The Yokohama Rubber Co., LTD. March 1991

Four bound volumes of the monthly employee newsletter *Mohawk Messenger*, published in Akron, 1925, 1926, 1927, and 1928.

Folder 8: Miscellaneous Marketing Material

Series 3: Personal Information

Folder 9: Automatic Data Processing Certificate

Folder 10: Cessna Checklist