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Summary information

Repository:	Guelph Public Library Archives
Title:	Matthew-Wells Company fonds
Reference code:	F56
Date:	[193-?] - [196-?] (creation)
Physical description:	ca 5 cm of textual records 15 photographs : b&w and col prints 9 photographs : b&w negatives

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Matthews Wells Company was established in 1931. The founders of the company included James Matthews, Arthur Wells, Jim Dunlop and Howard Matthews. The company produced jams and was well known for their Rose Brand of pickles. The Company occupied the former Dominion Linens plant on Victorian Road, but expanded to a Twelve acres site by the 1960s. The floor area of the plant also increased during this time to about 80, 000 square feet. The company started with 12 employees, and by 1962, it employed about 160 people. In 1959 the company became a part of the Nabisco Food Division of Nabisco Ltd and was later purchased by Robin Hood Flour Mills Ltd in July 1968. In October of that year the plant was closed.

Custodial history

Prior to their transfer to Guelph Public Library Archives, Stephen Lewis had unbroken custody of these records.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of photographs and textual records created and or received by the Matthew Wells Company in Guelph, Ontario during the course of their business activities. The photographs include aerial shots of the plant in Guelph and of one based in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. There is also a photograph of the plant's employees, a woman's sport team and of the company's products such as bottles of jams and jellies likely used for promotional or advertisement purposes. The textual components consist of the company's stationary, examples of labels for use on their products, payment vouchers and a booklet entitled, NPPA Sponsored Fundamental Research Unraveling the Mysteries of Pickling, 70 Years of Progress: The Pickle Fair. There is no further arrangement to these records

Notes

Physical condition

Some photographs in this fonds are in poor condition and require care in their handling and use.

Alternative form available

The majority of photographs in this fonds are available electronically.

Restrictions on access

Access to these records is restricted for conservation reasons. Please contact the Guelph Public Library archivist to gain access to these records.

Conditions governing use

Donor-held copyright in these records has been transferred to the Guelph Public Library. Permission of the Guelph Public Library is required for publication.

Finding aids

To access these records, consult file list F56, identify specific files for viewing. Order box 1, Matthews-Wells Company fonds, from the Guelph Public Library Archivist. A listing is available for photographs in this fonds.

Accruals

No further accruals of records are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status**: published

Collection holdings

Item: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-1 - Matthew-Wells Factory

Title: Matthew-Wells Factory

Reference code: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-1

Date: [196-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This picture shows an aerial view of the Matthew Wells Factory in Guelph, Ontario.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w

Arrangement: E-5-62

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
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Item: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-2 - Charlottetown P.E.I. Plant

Title: Charlottetown P.E.I. Plant

Reference code: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-2

Date: [196-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This picture shows a plant in Charlottetown P.E.I. likely a sister plant to the one based in Guelph.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w

Arrangement: E-5-63

Publication status:

published

Item: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-3 - Matthew-Wells Factory

Title: Matthew-Wells Factory

Reference code: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-3

Date: [196-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This picture shows several rows of barrels stored in the yard of the Matthew Wells factory.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w

Arrangement: D-8-138

Publication status:

published

Item: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-4 - Matthew Wells Factory

Title: Matthew Wells Factory

Reference code: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-4

Date: [195-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This picture shows the yard and buildings of the Matthew Wells Factory.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w

Arrangement: D-8-139

Publication status:

published

Item: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-5 - Matthew Wells Factory

Title: Matthew Wells Factory

Reference code: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-5

Date: [195-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This picture shows rows of barrels in the yard of the Matthew Wells Company.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w

Arrangement: D-8-140

Publication status:

published

Item: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-6 - Matthew Wells Factory

Title: Matthew Wells Factory

Reference code: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-6

Date: [195-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This picture shows rows of barrels piled in the yard of the Matthew Wells Factory.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w

Arrangement: D-8-141

Publication status:

published

Item: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-7 - Matthew Wells Factory

Title: Matthew Wells Factory

Reference code: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-7

Date: [195-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This picture shows the yard of the Matthew Wells Factory and surrounding buildings.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w

Arrangement: D-8-142

Publication status:

published

Item: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-8 - Matthew Wells Factory

Title: Matthew Wells Factory

Reference code: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-8

Date: [195-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This picture shows the yard and surrounding buildings of the Matthew Wells Factory.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w

Arrangement: D-8-143

Publication status:

published

Item: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-9 - Matthew Wells Factory

Title: Matthew Wells Factory

Reference code: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-9

Date: [195-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This picture shows the buildings of the Matthew Wells Factory.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w

Arrangement: D-8-144

Publication status:

published

Item: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-10 - Matthew Wells Factory

Title: Matthew Wells Factory

Reference code: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-10

Date: [195-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This picture shows the yard and buildings of the Matthew Wells Factory.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w

Arrangement: D-8-145

Publication status:

published

Item: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-11 - Matthew Wells Factory

Title: Matthew Wells Factory

Reference code: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-11

Date: [195-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This picture shows the yard of the Matthew Wells factory.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w

Arrangement: D-8-146

Publication status:

published

Item: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-12 - Bottled Pickles

Title: Bottled Pickles

Reference code: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-12

Date: [195-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This picture shows four bottled jars of pickles produced by the Matthew Wells Company.

Physical description: 1 photograph : col

Arrangement: E-5-123

Publication status:

published

Item: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-19 - Matthew Wells Guelph, Ladies League Champions, 1943

Title: Matthew Wells Guelph, Ladies League Champions, 1943

Reference code: F56-F56-0-0-0-0-19

Date: 1943 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This picture shows the Matthew Wells Ladies League Champions of 1943.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w

Publication status:

published
