

Jenkins Music Company Collection (SC157)

Introduction

The Jenkins Music Company Collection consists of items produced by the company for its employees. These include an employee manual, issues of the company newsletter, and two group photographs. The collection was donated on the behalf of the estate of Doris Tharp, a former Jenkins Music employee.

Descriptive Summary

Title: Jenkins Music Company Collection

Date: 1956-1962 and n.d.

Size: 0.04 linear feet, 3 folders

Collection Number: SC157

Donor Information

Gift, 2010, Ginzy Schaefer on behalf of the estate of Doris Tharp.

Citation Note

Jenkins Music Company Collection (SC157), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

Administrative Information

Related Collections: Additional materials and information relating to Jenkins Music Company may be found in Missouri Valley Special Collections local history collections. These include: Vertical File - Jenkins, J. W. and Sons; Vertical File - Buildings-Jenkins Music Co.; Vertical Files Special Collection (SC63); Advertising Cards (SC3); General Photograph Collection (P1); and Local Sheet Music Collection (SC59).

Biographical/Historical Sketch

J. W. Jenkins and Sons Music Company was founded in 1878 by John Woodward Jenkins. The company was headquartered in Kansas City in its flagship store at 1217 Walnut. By the mid 20th century, Jenkins Music had grown to be one of the largest music stores in the county, with locations in five different states, but its success faded in the following decades. It was sold to the Minnesota-based Schmitt Music Company in 1997.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains items produced by Jenkins Music Co. for its employees. Included are an employee manual and eight issues of *The Chimes*, the company newsletter. Also included are two photographs: one of a 1962 Christmas party, and the other of a dinner for the Sheet Music Department from an unknown date.

Collection Inventory

- f. 1 Employee manual, n.d.
- f. 2 *The Chimes*, September 1956 - November 1959
- f. 3 Photographs, 1962 and n.d.

Processed by Special Collections Librarian Kate Hill, November 2012.