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GRAHAM GLASS COMPANY LETTER AND FLIER, 1915

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

In 1913 the Graham brothers extended their Loogootee, Indiana based glass company to Evansville, Indiana. They bought and moved into what was once the Evansville Glass Company manufactory, and became the Graham Glass Company. The brothers, Joseph B., Robert C., and Robert A. had successfully eliminated the weak point of blown glass bottles between the neck and shoulder by blowing the glass upside down, allowing the glass to flow toward the weak point. Because of their success, the Graham Glass Company provided glass bottles for multiple companies, including Coca-Cola's "Gibson Girl" (Hobbleskirt) bottles. In 1927, the original wood-framed building was rebuilt with new steel and concrete under the presidency of J.M. Lents.

The company also has a manufacturing factory in Okmulgee, Oklahoma from 1907 to 1929 and another in Chekotah, Oklahoma until 1923. After 1916 the Graham Glass Company was owned by the Owens Bottle Company, and all the plants became part of the Owens-Illinois Glass Company in 1929.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Within this collection is a TLS from Graham Glass Company's Robert C. Graham to the McRae Coca Cola Bottling Company in Helena, Georgia on September 10, 1915. Graham is making the case that the cola company should start using the Graham bottles because of their new way of creating the bottles, making them more uniform and less likely to break. There is also an advertisement promoting the Graham Glass Company explaining the new way their bottles are blown. There is a hand drawing of the glass distribution comparing Graham bottles to those produced by others.

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