KIEFER-STEWART COMPANY RECORDS, 1965-1975

Collection #
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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 small manuscript box

COLLECTION DATES: Inclusive 1965-1975; bulk 1975

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Kiefer-Stewart Company, a wholesale drug firm in Indianapolis, came into being in 1915 with the merger of two seventy-year-old firms, the A. Kiefer Drug Company and the Daniel Stewart Company.
During the next sixty years the company was headed by members of the Stewart and Kiefer families: William Scott (1915-1922); G. Barret Moxley (1922-1955); A. Kiefer Mayer (1955-1960); and B. Scott and David Moxley (1960-1975). For many years the company operated at Capitol and Georgia Streets; about 1965 it moved to 1515 Senate Avenue. It served all of Indiana, about a third of downstate Illinois, and part of Ohio. In addition to its drug business, Kiefer-Stewart also had a separate Liquor and Wine Department.

Though it was doing about $14 million in business yearly, the company stopped paying dividends in 1972, and operated at a loss of almost $500,000 in 1974-1975.

In June-September 1975, Kiefer-Stewart was bought by the Henry B. Gilpin Company of Washington, D. C., a firm with annual sales of about $60 million. It was then merged with Mooney-Mueller-Ward, another Indianapolis firm that Gilpin had bought in 1974.

Source: Materials in collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection, filling one small manuscript box, contains corporate papers and agreements, and clippings, mainly from the last months of 1975. It is arranged chronologically.

The corporate papers document the process by which, in June-September 1975, the Kiefer-Stewart Company and its Illinois subsidiary were acquired by the Henry Gilpin Company, and then merged with Mooney-Mueller-Ward.

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