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KIPP BROTHERS COMPANY MINUTE BOOK, 1891-1944

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 box
COLLECTION DATES:	1891–1944
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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Kipp Bros. Company, now doing business as KIPP Brothers, has been a direct importer and wholesaler of novelty items since 1880. First established by Albrecht and Robert Kipp as the Kipp Brothers Partnership, they operated out of warehouses and offices at 37–41 South Meridian Street until April 2001.

The business incorporated on 23 February 1893 as Kipp Bros. Company, with Albrecht Kipp, Robert Kipp, William F. Piel, Jr., Henry W. Piel, Charles F. Piel as the initial shareholders. Robert Kipp, Albrecht Kipp, Henry W. Piel, Charles F. Piel, and Otto Levinson the original directors of the corporation established for “the manufacture and sale of articles of leather goods, furniture, bric a brac and vertu and the manufacture and sale of fire works, toys, novelties, notions, jewelry and druggist’s and stationers sundries and the importation, buying and selling of dry goods, carpets, boots and shoes, millinery goods, fancy goods and jewelry, in connection with the manufacture of such goods and articles into any articles for which they are suitable, and the sale of such articles when they are so manufactured and to buy and sell similar products of other manufacturers and incidental to such manufacture and sale.”

Family control continued into the second generation, with Albrecht R.C. Kipp taking over for his father, Albrecht Sr., after the latter’s death in 1920. The Piel family also remained involved, in spite of the deaths of Henry W. Piel in 1904, and William F. Piel in 1924.

On 10 November 1939, Charles M. Piel, Frieda M. Kipp, Alfred R. Piel, and Albrecht R. C. Kipp resigned from their offices and the board of directors. Leon Levin took over as President and Adelaide K. Levin as Vice President.

In 2005, Bob Glenn is the owner and president of KIPP Brothers. From its new location at 9760 Mayflower Park Drive, KIPP Brothers continues as an importer and wholesaler of toys and novelties.

Sources:

<http://www.kippbro.com>

The Journal Handbook of Indianapolis: an outline history. Indianapolis: Indianapolis Journal Newspaper Co., 1902. General Collection: F534.I55 J6 1902

Materials in the collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains one bound volume, the corporation's minute book for the years 1893–1940, with some earlier and later notes included. Interleaved loose papers, including balance sheets, meeting minutes, and bank paperwork, have been removed from the book and filed in folders according to where they were placed. Pages 26–161 of the book contain records; the rest are blank.

The original Articles of Association and Bylaws, Certificate of Incorporation, and Bylaws are transcribed into the book, with amendments noted in the minutes.

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