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**SCHWARZ PHARMA INC. COLLECTION
CA. 1935–1999**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript folder, 1 photograph folder, 1 color photograph folder

COLLECTION DATES: Circa 1935–1999

PROVENANCE: Julia Reyburn

RESTRICTIONS: None

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Central Pharmacal Co. was founded by two Seymour pharmacists, Henry F. Osterman (1882–1955) and Walter Sumner (1874–1956), on September 4, 1904. Before large scale pharmaceuticals, physicians were required to compound their own medicines. Both men sought to relieve local doctors of this burden by forming their own pharmaceutical company. In 1914 the company had plans to construct a two story manufacturing plant on South Broadway. However, these plans were not realized due to World War I. By 1919 the business was thriving and quickly outgrew its original headquarters on West Second Street. A new building was acquired located at 120 E. Third Street. In 1929 the company purchased adjacent properties to expand their operations. In 1981, to comply with Indiana law and modernize the name, the Central Pharmacal Co. became known as Central Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

The company broke ground on a new facility at Freeman Field Industrial Park in Seymour in 1987. In 1996 a 100,000 square-foot warehouse was built for further expansion, located at 1101 C Ave West in Freeman Field. In June 1995, the German firm Schwarz-Pharma AG purchased the company for \$177.5 million. Under the new acquisition, company shares and management were turned over to Schwarz-Pharma USA Inc. Another 60,000 square-foot addition was made in 1999. Belgian drug maker UCB acquired the parent company, German based Schwarz-Pharma AG in 2006. UCB sold its generic drug subsidiaries, of which Schwarz Pharma Inc. belonged, to Kremers Urban Pharmaceuticals in 2014. As of 2016, the Kremers Urban Pharmaceuticals manufacturing plant continues operations at 1101 C Ave West in Freeman Field Industrial Park.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains materials related to Schwarz Pharma Inc. (previously Central Pharmacal Co. and Central Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and now Kremers Urban Pharmaceuticals) located in Seymour, Indiana. There is a circa 1935 drug advertisement, newspaper clippings, a 1986 company newsletter, and a company history from 1946 and 1989, and two photographs of the Central Pharmacal Co., one dated circa 1951 and the other dated July 1979. Also in the collection are memos entitled "Central Twenty Year Club" with membership lists of employees names, date of employment, and years of service for the years 1973, 1975, and 1985–1988. Photocopies of photographs with annotations from a 1972 Christmas party are also included in the collection.

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Central Pharmacal Co., building, Seymour, Ind., July
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