



Collection Summary

Title

Gleaner Combine Collection

Date

1925-2000

Extent

2 Archival boxes

Name and Location of Repository

Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence (Mo.)

Reference code: MGC 1213-GCC

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Name of Creator

Gleaner Manufacturing Company

Biographical History

The Gleaner Manufacturing Company opened a plant on South Cottage Street in Independence, Missouri in 1925. It was a major employer in Independence through the 1950s. Gleaner Manufacturing was acquired by Allis-Chalmers in 1955, helping the company expand their farm equipment business and to lead the way in self-propelled machines and combines. The company was sold to Deutz AG or Deutz-Allis in the 1980s. In 1991, the company name changed to AGCO, but the company still continued to produce the Gleaner brand. The plant in Independence was operated until 2000 when operations were moved to a more modern plant in Hesston, Kansas.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of photos, and a history of the Gleaner Manufacturing plant in Independence, Missouri. Many of the photos in the collection are digital. Several of the photos have been enlarged and mounted onto foam board for displays. The collection also contains a model tractor and a model combine.



Collection Inventory

System of Arrangement

These records are arranged in 4 series.

Box 1

Series 1, Models

- Item 1, 1948 Allis-Chalmers Tractor
- Item 2, Deutz-Allis Gleaner Combine

Box 2

Series 2, History

- Folder 1, *Gleaner Combines. Then & Now: The Road Between*
- Folder 2, "The Gleaner and Gleaner-Baldwin Combines: They Cost Less and Save More"
- Folder 3, "The Last Days of AGCO Independence Plant," by Mike Taylor

Series 3, Foam mounted photographs

- Item 1, Employees in front of Gleaner Baldwin plant
- Item 2, Gleaner Baldwin Combines plant in Independence, MO
- Item 3, Arial view of plant in Independence, MO
- Item 4, man on Gleaner combine
- Item 5, Gene Allen next to combine
- Item 6, Gene Allen's work notes (2 foam boards)
- Item 7, L.E. Allen Patents

Series 4, Digital photographs

- Item 1, digital photographs (22)



Rights and Access

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research use by appointment.

Physical Access

Paper records within this collection are housed within file folders. Other items are in acid free boxes. Some photographs are digital only.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Languages and Scripts of the Material

Materials in the collection are entirely in English.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Items in this collection were donated to North Independence Branch of MCPL for displays and transferred to the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected for this collection.

Existence and Location of Originals

Originals owned by the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Notes

The following sources were consulted during the preparation of the biographical history:

- "Allis-Chalmers." *Wikipedia*, Wikimedia Foundation, 16 Oct. 2019, en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allis-Chalmers.
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