

## Gleaner Combine Collection

### Descriptive Summary

Creator: Gleaner Manufacturing Company

Dates: 1925-2000

Identification: MGC1213

Extent: 2 boxes

Language: Materials in the collection are in English.

Repository: Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence, Missouri

### Biographical History or Administrative 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. Some of the photos in the collection are digital. Several of the photos have been enlarged and mounted onto foam board for displays. There are many photographs of different combines, as well as a series of photographs entitled "Ground Work for the First S.P. Combine, 1944-1950". The collection also contains photographs related to the Independence plant when the company was known as Allis Chalmers and as Deutz Allis. The collection also contains materials related to the history of the plant, with first-hand recollections, as well as a model tractor and a model combine.

### Restrictions

Access: This collection is open for research.

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### **Administrative Information**

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### **Container List**

#### **Series 1: Models**

##### Box 1

Item 1: 1948 Allis-Chalmers Tractor

Item 2: Deutz-Allis Gleaner Combine

#### **Series 2: History**

##### Box 2

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

Folder 4: Curt Baldwin, 1976

Folder 5: Production, c. 1975

Folder 6: History Records, 1953-1972

#### **Series 3: Photographs**

##### Box 2

Item 1: Employees in front of Gleaner Baldwin plant

Item 2: Gleaner Baldwin Combines plant in Independence, MO

Item 3: Aerial 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

Box 3

Folder 1: Combine Photographs

Folder 2: Ground Work for First S.P. Combine, 1944-1950

Folder 3: Deutz Allis Plant, Independence

Folder 4: Allis Chalmers, c. 1975

**Series 4: Promotional Publications, c, 1960s**

**Series 5: Digital Photographs (22 images)**