



Johnson-Stephens and Shinkle Shoe Company Collection (R0146)

Collection Number: R0146

Collection Title: Johnson-Stephen and Shinkle Shoe Company Collection

Dates: 1938-1939

Creator: Ralston, Ann

Abstract: The Johnson-Stephen and Shinkle Shoe Company Collection contains photocopies of a scrapbook with newspaper articles from the “Factory Facts” column of the *Rolla New Era*. The news column contains stories of the personnel at the Johnson-Stephens and Shinkle shoe factory in Rolla, Missouri.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Jackson Johnson established the International Shoe Company in Saint Louis in the 1910s. Bradford Shinkle married Jackson's daughter, Florence in 1910. After working for the International Shoe Company for a few years, Bradford joined with Howard V. Stephens and Andrew Johnson, his brother-in-law, to start the Johnson-Stephens and Shinkle Shoe Company in 1916. The company sold their shoes across the United States from 1916 to 1971. The company went defunct in 1971 and merged with Anvan Industries, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois.

The Johnson-Stephens and Shinkle shoe factory set up operations in Rolla, Missouri in December 1933. The building originally housed the Pennington-Gilbert Shoe Company that had closed in 1932 due to the financial strain of the Great Depression. The new shoe company employed upwards of 500 employees at its height and the business expanded in 1938. The company ceased operations in Rolla in 1964.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order in one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains photocopies of a scrapbook with newspaper articles from the "Factory Facts" column of the *Rolla New Era*. The news column contains stories of the personnel at the Johnson-Stephens and Shinkle shoe factory in Rolla, Missouri. Ann Ralston, the wife of Homer Ralston who was superintendent of the factory, wrote the column. Also included in the scrapbook are miscellaneous items concerning the Rolla area.

Container List:

Box 001 f. 1 Scrapbook, 1938-1939

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