

## Information Sheet

**R**      **Goodhealth Shoe Company.**  
**727**      **Papers, 1921-1945.**  
            **One folder.**

### MICROFILM

This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri](http://The State Historical Society of Missouri). If you would like more information, please contact us at [shsresearch@umsystem.edu](mailto:shsresearch@umsystem.edu).

These are corporate records, mostly minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors and shareholders, of the Goodhealth Shoe Company of Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri. Its purpose was to manufacture children's footwear and, later, to lease its factory to other manufacturers.

On 14 November 1921 a preliminary meeting of shareholders was held in Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri, to organize the Goodhealth Shoe Company. On 16 November "Articles of Association" were adopted, and the firm was incorporated by the state of Missouri on 21 November. Capitalization was \$50,000 distributed in 500 shares of stock. The first president was C. F. Reith, and the firm located in the former site of the Howard-Hulme-Dittrich Shoe Company.

The new firm contracted with the Juvenile Shoe Corporation of America to "take on the sales work" for a commission of 7¢ per pair for the first 200,000 pairs of shoes, and 5¢ per pair thereafter. However, before operations could get under way, President Reith on 19 January 1922 "urged that some steps be taken in an effort to correct labor conditions which prevailed in the community..." whereupon the Board established a committee of three "to confer with other factories with a view to developing a plan which will obviate the present competition in labor." By late summer that year the plant was still not in operation, although the Board was told on 13 September that it would be up-and-running by 15 October. "Mr. Market," the factory superintendent for Juvenile, would also supervise Goodhealth's operations, and the production of Juvenile's "Boys and Little Gents" footwear would be shifted to Goodhealth's facility. By 18 July 1923 the entire building had been leased to Juvenile, followed by a near three-year gap in the corporate records.

In June 1926 Goodhealth leased its building for \$150 per month to Smith Brothers, a manufacturer of work clothing, and in January 1927 the firm's shoe-making machinery was put into storage. This arrangement lasted about five years, for in September 1931 the lease with Smith Brothers was terminated. At this time, in the depths of the Great Depression, the Carthage Chamber of Commerce assumed the rental payments on Goodhealth's building for a new tenant, the United Wood Heel Company. Also at that time the Chamber of Commerce offered to buy the factory for \$18,000 but the sale was not effected.

In July 1933 Goodhealth began paying occasional dividends to its shareholders, never less than \$1 per share and never more than \$2, until the dissolution of the company. The Carthage Loan and Investment Company (see WHMC-Rolla collection R692), through W. E. Carter, became the single largest shareholder in the firm, owning 70 shares in 1934 and 124 shares when

the company was dissolved eleven years later. Another, minor, shareholder was R. Marlin Perkins of Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo. In October 1934 the factory was leased to the Carmo Shoe Manufacturing Company, and this lease was renewed in March 1938.

A financial statement dated 31 December 1938 indicated that rental income from the factory building was essentially Goodhealth's only commercial enterprise, but by 31 December 1941 the financial statement suggested that the edifice was vacant, because income for that calendar year had been "none." There was also no income in 1942, and only \$370 for 1943, during which year the firm sustained a loss of almost \$1500.

In February 1944 the factory was leased to Fred M. Sears's Carthage Furniture Manufacturing Company, for only \$75 per month, and the treasurer was authorized to execute notes for \$1000 with the Bank of Carthage. Rental income of \$1085 in 1944 constituted the company's profit for the year. Finally, in February 1945, H. W. Putnam, Jr., offered to purchase the company's real estate, essentially its only asset, for \$12,000. The Board recommended to the shareholders that they accept the offer, and, furthermore, that they vote to dissolve the corporation. On 1 March 1945 the shareholders approved both propositions, and the firm was dissolved, paying a final dividend of \$23.03 per share. On 29 June 1945 "Articles of Liquidation" were filed with the Missouri Secretary of State, and the Goodhealth Shoe Company, which had produced few shoes in its nearly of 24 years of corporate life, ceased to exist.

Besides C. F. Reith, other presidents of the firm were Dr. R. W. Webster, F. C. Hodson, and O. E. Proctor, all of Carthage.

r812

27 August 2001

Powers Museum

Loaned for microfilming

### **Shelf List**

These are corporate records, mostly minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors and shareholders, of the Goodhealth Shoe Company of Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri. Its purpose was to manufacture children's footwear and, later, to lease its factory to other manufacturers.

The papers have been filmed in chronological order. Highlights include:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
14 Nov 1921	Preliminary meeting of shareholders
16 Nov 1921	Articles of Association
21 Nov 1921	Contract between Goodhealth Shoe and Juvenile Shoe
25 Nov 1921	Certificate of Incorporation; bylaws
26 Nov 1921	Fay Thomas distributes 350 shares of stock
13 Sep 1922	Goodhealth to produce "Boys and Little Gents Footwear" of Juvenile.
18 Jul 1923	Goodhealth factory leased to Juvenile
06 Jun 1926	Negotiations with Smith Overall Co. (Smith Bros. Manufacturing Co.)
20 Jan 1927	Discussion of disposition of shoe-making equipment
23 Sep 1931	Carthage Chamber of Commerce to lease factory for United Wood Heel Corp.
19 Jan 1933	List of shareholders
18 Jan 1934	Dividend declared of \$1 per share
05 Oct 1934	Discussion of lease to Carmo Shoe Manufacturing Company
10 Jul 1935	Dividend declared of \$2 per share

29 May 1936	Dividend declared of \$1 per share
10 Dec 1937	Dividend declared of \$2 per share
16 Mar 1938	Extension of lease with Carmo
01 Dec 1938	Dividend declared of \$1.50 per share
31 Dec 1938	Financial statement (first one on file)
29 Nov 1939	Dividend declared of \$1.50 per share
18 Jan 1940	List of shareholders
31 Dec 1940	Financial statement
31 Dec 1941	Financial statement
31 Dec 1942	Financial statement
31 Dec 1943	Financial statement
20 Jan 1944	List of shareholders
04 Feb 1944	Lease agreement with Fred Sears
31 Dec 1944	Financial statement
01 Feb 1945	Letter from H. W. Putnam, Jr., offering to buy Goodhealth's property
01 Mar 1945	List of shareholders; shareholders vote to sell property and dissolve firm
16 Mar 1945	Articles of dissolution
12 Apr 1945	Final dividend of \$23.03 per share
29 Jun 1945	Articles of Liquidation

*r812                      27 August 2001                      Powers Museum                      Loaned for microfilming*

### **Chronology**

These are corporate records, mostly minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors and shareholders of the Goodhealth Shoe Company of Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri. Its purpose was to manufacture children's footwear and, later, to lease its factory to other manufactures.

The papers have been filmed in chronological order. They include:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
14 Nov 1921	Minutes of preliminary meeting of stockholders
16 Nov 1921	Articles of association of the "Good health Shoe Co." \$50,000 capitalization
	C.F. Reith                      50 shares                      Carthage Mo
	R. W. Webster                      50 shares                      Carthage Mo
	W.E. Carter                      20 shares                      Carthage Mo
	O.E. Proctor                      20 shares                      Carthage Mo
	Allen McReynolds                      10 shares                      Carthage Mo
	Fay Thomas                      350 shares                      Carthage Mo
21 Nov 1921	Contract between Goodhealth shoe and Juvenile shoe
25 Nov 1921	Certificate of Incorporation
25 Nov 1921	By-laws
26 Nov 1921	Waiver of notice of meeting
26 Nov 1921	Minutes of meeting
26 Nov 1921	Waiver of notice of meeting
26 Nov 1921	Minutes of meeting
26 Nov 1921	Letter from Fay Thomas dividing her 350 shares of stock
28 Nov 1921	Waiver of notice
28 Nov 1921	Approval of Juvenile shoe contract
Dec 1921	D.H. Irwin, division of stock
Dec 1921	A.A. Ramsay, division of stock
Dec 1921	W.E. Learter, division of stock

19 Jan 1922	Proof of publication
19 Jan 1922	Routine minutes
19 Jan 1922	Waiver of notice
19 Jan 1922	Routine minutes
13 Sep 1922	Juvenile shoes to turn several models over to Goodhealth plant
08 Feb 1923	Routine minutes
08 Feb 1923	Waiver of notice
08 Feb 1923	Routine minutes
10 Feb 1923	Proof of publication
18 Jul 1923	Waiver of notice
18 Jul 1923	Rental of Goodhealth facilities by Juvenile shoes
06 Jun 1926	Meeting to discuss negotiations with Smith Overall Co.
17 Jun 1926	Waiver of notice
17 Jun 1926	Meeting to consider Smith Brothers proposal
24 Jun 1926	Call for audit of inventory
20 Jan 1927	Routine minutes
20 Jan 1927	Discussion of how to dispose of shoe machinery on hand
01 Feb 1927	Proof of publication
08 Jan 1928	Proof of publication
19 Jan 1928	Routine minutes
17 Jan 1929	Proof of publication
16 Jan 1930	Proof of publication
16 Jan 1930	Routine minutes
15 Jan 1931	Proof of publication
15 Jan 1931	Routine minutes
16 Jan 1931	Routine minutes
23 Sep 1931	Smith Bros. Lease expires; Chamber of commerce and United Woodheel Corp. lease agreement
20 Jan 1932	Proof of publication
21 Jan 1932	Sale of factory building
21 Jan 1932	Routine minutes
18 Jan 1933	Proof of publication
19 Jan 1933	Routine minutes
19 Jan 1933	List of shareholders
19 Jan 1933	Routine minutes
21 Jul 1933	Dividend of \$1 per share paid
05 Oct 1934	Carmo shoe lease proposal
27 Nov 1934	Carmo shoe deal finalized, \$1 per share paid out
31 Dec 1934	List of shareholders
16 Jan 1935	Proof of publishing
17 Jan 1935	Routine minutes
17 Jan 1935	Routine minutes
10 Jul 1935	Dividend of \$2 per share
16 Jan 1936	Proof of publication
16 Jan 1936	Routine minutes
21 Jan 1936	Routine minutes
29 May 1936	Dividend of \$1 per share
10 Dec 1936	Dividend of \$1 per share
21 Jan 1937	Proof of publication
21 Jan 1937	Routine minutes
21 Jan 1937	Routine minutes
10 Dec 1937	Dividend of \$2 per share
20 Jan 1938	Proof of publication
20 Jan 1938	Routine minutes
20 Jan 1938	Routine minutes
16 Mar 1938	Carmo shoe lease extension

01 Dec 1938	Dividend of \$1.50 per share
31 Dec 1938	Balance sheet
19 Jan 1939	Routine minutes
19 Jan 1939	Proof of publication
19 Jan 1939	List of shareholders
22 Jan 1939	Routine minutes
29 Nov 1939	Dividend of \$1.50 per share
1939	Balance sheet
18 Jan 1940	Routine minutes
18 Jan 1940	Routine minutes
18 Jan 1940	Affidavit of publication
18 Jan 1940	List of shareholders
1940	Balance sheet
16 Jan 1941	Routine minutes
16 Jan 1941	Routine minutes
16 Jan 1941	Proof of publication
31 Dec 1941	Balance sheet (no income)
20 Jan 1943	Proof of publication
21 Jan 1943	Notice of stockholders meeting
21 Jan 1943	Notice of stockholders meeting
21 Jan 1943	Routine minutes
21 Jan 1943	Routine minutes
25 Oct 1943	Letter to "Walter" from Allen McReynolds
31 Dec 1943	Balance sheet
20 Jan 1944	List of shareholders
20 Jan 1944	Routine minutes
20 Jan 1944	Proof of publication
04 Feb 1944	Fred Sears lease agreement
11 Mar 1944	Moving of office
30 Dec 1944	Balance sheet
18 Jan 1945	Routine minutes
18 Jan 1945	Proof of publication
30 Jan 1945	Letter from W.E. Carter to R.L. Platt
01 Feb 1945	Letter to W.E. Carter from H.W. Putnam
01 Feb 1945	Sale of lots 77 and 78
23 Feb 1945	Proof of publication
05 Feb—28 Feb 1945	Miscellaneous proxy statements
01 Mar 1945	Lee S. Durham appointed election inspector
01 Mar 1945	A.H. Moorman appointed election inspector
01 Mar 1945	Vote on company dissolution
01 Mar 1945	Vote on company dissolution
01 Mar 1945	Oaths by Durham and Moorman
01 Mar 1945	Receipt from the "Carthage Evening Press"
01 Mar 1945	List of Shareholders
16 Mar 1945	Articles of dissolution
16 Mar 1945	Articles of dissolution
21 Mar 1945	Letter from the secretary of state
21 Mar 1945	Letter from the state tax commission
12 Apr 1945	Dividend of \$23.03
29 Jun 1945	Certificate of dissolution
29 Jun 1945	Certificate of dissolution
29 Jun 1945	Letter from the secretary of state
06 Jul 1945	Receipt of dissolution fees
n.d.	Stockholders petition for a special meeting
n.d.	Waiver of notice

**Index Cards**

Carmo Shoe Manufacturing Company.  
Carter, W. E.  
Carthage (Mo.).  
Goodhealth Shoe Company—Records and correspondence.  
Hodson, F. C.  
Jasper County (Mo.).  
Juvenile Shoe Corporation of America.  
McReynolds, Allen.  
Proctor, O. E.  
Reith, C. F.  
Shoe industry—Missouri—Jasper County.  
Smith Brothers Manufacturing Company.  
Smith Overall Company.  
Thomas, Fay.  
United Wood Heel Company.  
Webster, R. W.  
Young, Howard I.