



Bethlehem Area Public Library
Local History Collections
Finding aid for the Bethlehem Durkee Facility Records

Creator: Durkee Spice Plant, Bethlehem, PA
Title: Bethlehem Durkee Facility Records
Dates: 1965-1995
Extent: 0.75 linear feet
Location: Bethlehem Room
Language: English

Abstract: The materials in this collection were donated by an employee of the Bethlehem Durkee facility and consists of memoranda, company newsletters, promotional brochures, information regarding the bowling league, recipe books, and company history.

Access to materials: The collection is open to research.

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Historical Note: Durkee was founded in 1850 by Eugene R. Durkee, who was selling herbs and spices door to door in Buffalo, NY. In 1957, Durkee moved its location from Long Island City, NY to Bethlehem, PA into the former Roller-Smith plant on Route 378 and 8th Avenue. The Durkee-French spice plant in Bethlehem closed in 1995.

From the donation agreement by Barbara Wiemann: "Material about Durkee Facility in Bethlehem (8th Avenue), 1957-1995. Alfred F. Wiemann worked at Durkee's Plant in Elmhurst (NY) and moved to Bethlehem when production moved to Bethlehem in 1957. Ethel R. Wiemann Anthony worked for Durkee from 1959-1995. Durkee closed its Bethlehem facilities and offices in 1995. Durkee manufactured spices, condiments, coconut, etc."

Scope and Content: The Bethlehem Durkee Facility Records are organized into 5 series. **Series 1: Administrative records** include memoranda, financial and employee information. **Series 2: Employees** contains more informal employee information such as a birthday calendar, prize lists, details about the bowling league, and training certificates. **Series 3: History** details the history of the company and facility in Bethlehem. **Series 4: Publications** contains cookbooks and brochures published and distributed by Durkee. **Series 5: Newsletters, Articles, and Photographs** includes Durkee published newsletters, local newspaper articles, and photographs of employees and the facilities.

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Donated to the Bethlehem Area Public Library by Barbara Wiemann on September 17, 2020.

Container Listing

Description	Date	Box	Folder
Series 1: Administrative Records			
Memoranda	1970	Box 1	Folder 1
Accounting	1987-1988, undated	Box 1	Folder 2
Employee Lists	1965-1977, undated	Box 1	Folder 3
Series 2: Employees			
Office Birthday Calendar	undated	Box 1	Folder 4
Durkee Foods Bowling League	1974-1991	Box 1	Folder 5
Employee Purchasing Catalogs	1969-1970	Box 1	Folder 6
Poem and Prize List	1968, undated	Box 1	Folder 7
Training Certificates	1981-1984	Box 1	Folder 8
Series 3: History			
Company History and Archives	1973-1984	Box 1	Folder 9
Bethlehem Facility History	1982-1992	Box 1	Folder 10
Series 4: Publications			
Recipe booklets	1971-1973, undated	Box 1	Folder 11
Our Own Cookbook	undated	Box 1	Folder 12
Product Brochures	undated	Box 2	Folder 13
Series 5: Newsletters, Photographs, Articles			
Glidden-Durkee Bethlehem	1971-1977	Box 2	Folder 14

News and Views: Glidden-Durkee	1970-1972	Box 2	Folder 15
News and Views: Glidden-Durkee	1973-1974	Box 2	Folder 16
News and Views: Glidden-Durkee	1975-1977	Box 2	Folder 17
Durkee Dimensions	1977-1979	Box 2	Folder 18
FYI Update	1982-1983	Box 2	Folder 19
The Durkee Family Newsletter	1983	Box 2	Folder 20
Inside Durkee-French Foods and Durkee French Foods Headquarter News	1988	Box 2	Folder 21
The Durkee-French Connection	1989	Box 2	Folder 22
Lehigh Facility News, The Marcon News and Notes	1992-1993	Box 2	Folder 23
Inside Reckitt and Colman Inc.	1991-1994	Box 2	Folder 24
Photographs	1980-1984, undated	Box 2	Folder 25
Articles	1995	Box 2	Folder 26
Posters	undated	Box 2	Folder 27
USB drive with digitized objects and metadata sheet	2021	Box 2	Folder 28