

Albany Institute of History & Art

Hudson Valley Paper Company

Collection Summary

Collection Title: Hudson Valley Paper Company

Call Number: MG 228

Creator:

Inclusive Dates: 1884-1999

Bulk Dates: 1950-1975

Abstract: The collection contains photographs, correspondence, newspaper clippings, trade publications, press releases, promotional material, price catalogs, receipts, and other ephemera related to the Hudson Valley Paper Company during its time of operation.

Quantity: 4 boxes (3 manuscript boxes, 1 oversize box OV MG 228)

Administrative Information

Custodial History: Sydney T. Jones, III

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Restrictions on Use:

Index Term

Persons:

Bachmeir, Alphonse
Birkmayer, George F.
Groom, John B.
Jones, Andrew B., 1840-1909.
Jones, Robert P.
Jones, Samantha
Jones, Sydney Tucker, 1879-1958.
Jones, Sydney Tucker, Jr., 1916-1971.
Jones, Sydney Tucker, III, b. 1944
Sandes, Arthur
Shelmerdine, Robert
Swietnick, Ed
Van Lear, Richard H.
Walker, John M., 1838-1919.
White, Harvey L. 1888 –1969.

Organizations:

American Paper Magazine
American Paper Merchant
Beckett Paper Company
Greater Albany Chamber of Commerce
Hammermill Paper Company
Hudson Valley Paper Company
Mohawk Paper Mill
Paper & Products
Rochester Institute of Technology
S. D. Warren Company
Troy Paper Corporation
The Webster Paper and Supply Company

Subjects:

Business--History
Hudson Valley Paper Company
New York - Albany
Paper Products
Troy Paper Corporation

Places :

New York – Albany
New York – Binghamton
New York – Troy
Pennsylvania – Erie
Picard's Grove Restaurant, Voorheesville, New York

Document Types:

Business Cards
Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
Letters
Photographs
Press Releases
Promotional Material
Receipts
Sample Books
Trade Publications

Biography of the Hudson Valley Paper Company

In 1875, John M. Walker (1838-1919) of Massachusetts founded the Hudson Valley Paper Company to provide paper distribution to the growing Hudson Valley region. In 1905, the Hudson Valley paper company moved into a five-story building at 520 Broadway that housed their offices, paper storage, and cutting and ruling facility. Walker and his partner Andrew B. Jones (1840-1909) ran the company as partners until the company became incorporated in 1908. By 1910 the company had established business relationships with many of the major area paper mills such as Crane & Company, Hammermill Paper Company, Kimberly-Clark, Mohawk Paper Mill, and S.D. Warren. Business relations with Hammermill, Mohawk, and Warren lasted well into the 1990s. At which point Walker was made president of the company and Jones treasurer. In 1909, Jones passed away and his son, Sydney Tucker Jones (1879-1958) was promoted to treasurer. After Walker's death in 1919, Sydney T. Jones became president of the company.

The company continued to grow. On April 1, 1932, the Hudson Valley Paper Company purchased Troy Paper Corporation of Troy, New York. Five years later, Jones's son Sydney T. Jones Jr. (1916-1971) joined his father at the company. In 1940 a fire broke out destroying much of the company's paper stock and damaging their 520 Broadway building. After the fire, the Argus Company offered to share their office space at 981 Broadway. In August 1958, Jones Sr. died a few days after suffering a heart attack; Jones Jr. took over as president of the company.

The Hudson Valley Paper Company continued to grow, opening a 10,000 square-foot warehouse addition in 1959 and purchasing the Webster Paper and Supply Company in 1964. The Webster Paper and Supply Company primarily sold school papers and supplies and was once headed by Robert P. Jones, brother of Sydney T. Jones Jr. After returning from three years of service in the Navy, Sydney T. Jones Jr.'s son, Sydney T. Jones III (b.1944) joined to company and was elected treasurer in 1970.

A year later, Jones Jr. died suddenly of a heart attack. Jones III became president of the company. In 1975 the company celebrated its hundred-year anniversary with a yearlong promotional campaign, which included contest, and a traveling trade show called "Doctor Tucker's Traveling Graphics Medicine Show – featuring 100 years of graphic remedies". Jones III retired from the company in 2009 and his daughter, Samantha Jones was made president. In 2011, the company ended its 136-year service and was sold to Lindenmeyer Munroe.

Scope and Contents of the Records

The collection contains photographs, correspondence, newspaper clippings, trade publications, press releases, promotional material, price catalogs, receipts, and other ephemera related to the Hudson Valley Paper Company during its time of operation from 1875-2011.

Organization of the Records

Items in each file are organized in chronological order. Items with unknown dates are located at the end the folder.

Related Material

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

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Box #	Folder #	Item #.	Title / Description
1	1		Press Releases from Hudson Valley Paper Company c. 1958-1975
1	2		Newspaper clippings regarding the Hudson Valley Company, Sydney T. Jones Sr., Sydney T. Jones Jr., Troy Paper Corporation, Mohawk Paper mill, Arthur Sanders, John B. Groom, Richard Shelmerdine, or Richard Van Lear, c. 1940 – 1972
1	3		Clippings and copies of <i>American Paper Merchant</i> and <i>Paper & Paper Products</i> related to the Hudson Valley Paper Company 1959-1961, 1966
1	4		Articles related to Hudson Valley Paper Company c.1954-1972
1	4	1-3	<i>Hammermill News</i> , Newsletter for Salesmen of Hammermill Agents 1967, 1970, 1972
1	4	4-8	Five copies of <i>Albany Commerce</i> a publication of the Albany Chamber of Commerce with article related to their “Open House” event and expansion c. 1959-1960

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1	4	9-17	Other articles related to Hudson Valley Paper Company c. 1954 -1972
1	5		<i>NPTA Management News</i> November 1993 featuring Sydney T. Jones, III, Photograph of Sydney T. Jones III shown on cover of 1993 <i>NPT Management News</i> , and various copies of the cover image with different ink and paper types
1	6		Letters, talks, and presentations
1	6	1-4, 7, 9-11, 13, 15	Letters
1	6	5, 6, 12, 14	Talks and Presentations
1	7		Articles on the history of Albany, the Troy Paper Corporation, Hudson Valley Paper Company, and Sydney T. Jones
1	8		Ephemera: receipts, employee lists, event programs, invitations, clippings of Hudson Valley Paper advertisements in newspapers, business cards, and a copy of a merchant history survey, 1896-1972
1	9		Price Lists & <i>The Warren Standard</i>
1	9	1	“Samples and Price List of Crane & Co.’s Bond and Parchment Papers”, January 1884
1	9	2	“Hudson Valley Paper Co. Catalogue and Price list PAPER” revised 1912
1	9	3	“Complete Catalogue and Price List” Jan. 1, 1924 Hudson Valley Paper Co.
1	9	4	“The Hudson Valley Catalog and Price List” June 1928 Hudson Valley Paper Co.
1	9	5	“Troy Paper Corporation Descriptive Price List” May 1928
1	9	6	<i>The Warren Standard</i> “Dust and Dirt we have with us always” Feb. and March 1923
1	9	7	<i>The Warren Standard</i> “The Wet and Dry Question” March 1935
1	10		<i>The Warren Salesman’s Bulletin</i> 1935-1950
1	11		Paper samples and advertisements
1	12		Paper samples, stories, letters, drafts, and ephemera related to <i>The Dummy</i> ‘s Christmas Issue 1951-1964

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2	1	1	<i>The Dummy</i> May 1924
2	1	2	<i>The Dummy</i> 1936 Scrapbook
2	2		<i>The Dummy</i> 1939 Scrapbook
2	3		<i>The Dummy</i> 1946 Scrapbook
2	4	1	<i>The Dummy</i> 1947 Scrapbook
2	4	2	<i>The Dummy</i> October 1948
2	5	1	<i>The Dummy</i> March 1953
2	5	2	<i>The Dummy</i> 1954 Scrapbook
2	6	1	<i>The Dummy</i> July 1956
2	6	2	articles for <i>The Dummy</i> 1959
2	6	3	articles of <i>The Dummy</i> January 1960
2	6	4	<i>The Dummy</i> May 1965
2	6	5	<i>The Dummy</i> April 1967
3	1		Photocopies, slide glasses, prints, clippings, drawings, and photographs of Hudson Valley Paper Company buildings
3	2		Large photographs, years unknown Sydney T. Jones Sr., Jr., and III pictured in almost all of the photographs, only two photographs are labeled with years
3	2	1 A & B	Photograph and Newspaper article depicting Mr. & Mrs. Francis McGrattan winners of "Famous Letterhead Contest" sponsored by Hudson Valley Paper Company – 1972
3	3		Small photographs
3	4		Photographs from 1975 "Dr. Tucker Traveling Graphics Medicine Show" and a photocopy of an article from 1976 about the event with an copy of a photograph found in this folder

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| 3 | 5 | Set of photographs from an unknown event c. early 1990's, negatives included in Mylar sleeve |
| 3 | 6 | Set of photographs from an unknown even c.1990-2000 negatives included in Mylar sleeve |
| 3 | 7 | Panoramic photographs from Hudson Valley Paper Company events (staff parties, retirements, reunions, etc.), 1967, 1979, 1986, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1998, 1999 (<i>possibly taken at Picard's Grove</i>) |
| 4 | | Oversize Photographs & Ephemera |
| 4 | 1 | panoramic company photographs 1946 –1948, 1950, 1962 taken at Picard's Grove |
| 4 | 2 | panoramic company photographs <i>years unknown</i> |
| 4 | 3 | oversized ephemera & photographs of Hudson Valley Paper Company warehouse under construction |