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Harrison Browning Collection
1962 - 1987

DESCRIPTION

This collection consists of photographs, company history, a catalogue, and newspaper clippings associated with the life of Harrison Browning and the Arizona Gear and Manufacturing Company of Tucson. One folder contains clippings that highlight Browning's life and work with Arizona Gear and Manufacturing Co. along with another folder containing a company catalogue. Photographs depict the company building from two exterior points, and a company display of products. A short history of the company provides background information on its past and Browning's leadership.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Harrison Browning was the founder and president of Arizona Gear and Manufacturing Co. of Tucson, AZ. He was born in 1903 in Cleveland, OH and earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1925. He came to Tucson in 1948 and in 1951 started Arizona Gear Works. From 1963 to 1965 he was vice chairman of Towmotor Corp. in Cleveland, OH and had a key role in the company's purchase of Caterpillar Tractor Co. Browning was a supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, Tucson Country Club, and Tucson Rotary Club. He died in 1986.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Tom Browning in 1998.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in September 2006.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Folder 1	Clippings and Life of Harrison Browning	1969 – 1987
f.2	Arizona Gear & Manufacturing Company History	1967
f.3	“The Saguaro” – Newsletter of American Society of Tool & Manufacturing Engineers	Nov/Dec 1967
f.4	Arizona Gear & Manufacturing Company Catalogue	1962
f.5	Photographs	