



Archival Collection Finding Aid

TITLE:	Ben Franklin Store Collection
ACCESSION NUMBER:	2019.3
CREATOR:	Pabst family Butler Brothers (Firm)
INCLUSIVE DATES:	1947-1989
QUANTITY:	3.3 cubic ft. (18 boxes) and 547MB (8 digital image files)
LANGUAGE:	English
ABSTRACT:	In the 1930s, Butler Brothers of New York began a franchising business that included the Ben Franklin chain of retail stores, and in 1938 William and Florence Pabst opened a Ben Franklin store in Crosswell, Michigan. The collection includes materials from the Pabst's store, including labels, pricing and sales signage, a store owner operating manual, and several digital reproductions of vintage photographs.
RELATED MATERIAL:	Related material held by The Henry Ford: - Credit Card Imprinter and other Pabst Ben Franklin store 3D artifacts. Object IDs 2019.3.1 to 2019.3.8 - J.R. Jones General Store. Object ID 27.302.1
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