



Finding Aid for

NEW ENGLAND PIE COMPANY RECORDS, 1923-1924 (bulk 1923)

Accession 75.121

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OVERVIEW

REPOSITORY: Benson Ford Research Center
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 75.121

CREATOR: New England Pie Company

TITLE: New England Pie Company records

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1923-1924

BULK DATES: 1923

QUANTITY: 0.16 linear ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: The New England Pie Company of Detroit, Michigan operated from 1902 until about 1927. The records are comprised of sample letterhead, a newspaper article, and a photograph album containing images of baking facilities and equipment, delivery vehicles, and employees.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The records are open for research.
- COPYRIGHT:** Copyright has been transferred to the Henry Ford by the donor. Copyright for some items in the collection may still be held by their respective creator(s).
- ACQUISITION:** The records were donated to The Henry Ford in 1975.
- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material held by The Henry Ford:
- See the General Photographs Collection, Photoprints group, Restaurants, Lunchrooms, Etc., for photographs of Boerth restaurants.
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 75.121, New England Pie Company records, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
- PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Collection processed by staff of the Benson Ford Research Center, circa 1975.
- DESCRIPTION INFORMATION:** Original collection inventory list prepared by staff of the Benson Ford Research Center. Finding aid converted to electronic form, reformatted, revised to include Administrative and Overview information, and republished by staff in June 2011.
- Finding aid prepared using Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACs) and local guidelines.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

The New England Pie Company of Detroit, Michigan, was incorporated April 30, 1902, with capitalized stock of \$50,000. Officers of the company were William Van Sickle, President; H.J. Boerth, Secretary-Treasurer; and Harry H. Jones, Manager. Boerth had previous experience in the baking business, having operated a pie company in the 1890's on the same site, 403 Sixteenth Street.

In 1910 the company moved to a facility at Fourth and Beech Street. Expanding the building in 1924, the company also added "Wholesale Bakers" to its name. The company continued to operate under the name of the New England Pie Company until about 1927, although a baking establishment continued to operate at the facility for many years afterward.

In addition to the bakery business, Henry J. Boerth and his family owned and operated Boerth's restaurants in Detroit. The first restaurant opened on Woodward Avenue in 1894. By 1919 Boerth's Lunch Company operated at four locations in Detroit, but they were out of business by 1923.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records are comprised of sample letterhead, a newspaper article, and a photograph album, which contains images of baking facilities and equipment, delivery vehicles, and employees.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate
New England Pie Company.

Subjects
Bakeries--Michigan--Detroit
Business enterprises--Michigan--Detroit

Geographic
Detroit (Mich.)

Genre and Form
Photograph albums
Photographs
Photographic prints

CONTAINER LIST

Box no.	Description
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Box 1

Letterhead, circa 1923

Newspaper Article, 1924

Photograph Album, circa 1923 (Image subjects include baking facilities and equipment, delivery vehicles, employees, building interiors and exteriors)