



Special Collections,
University of Waterloo Library

Finding Aid : **GA 171**
Kaufman Footwear fonds : accrual
2005.

© Special Collections, University of Waterloo Library

GA 171 : Kaufman Footwear

Kaufman Footwear fonds : accrual 2005. - 1922-2000. - .5 m of textual records. - ca 400 photographs : b&w and col., 26 x 21 cm or smaller.

Contents: accrual consists of records retained by members of the Kaufman Family relating to Kaufman Footwear. Most files originated with A.R. Kaufman and include factory orders and memoranda, catalogues, material relating to shoe testing, material relating to the history of the company and photographs. Fonds contains clippings, correspondence, ephemera, publications, mss., newsletters, photographs and videocassettes.

Title from contents of the fonds.

Donated by the Kaufman Family in 2005.

Finding aid available: file level.

Other records relating to Kaufman Footwear can be found in GA 148, Kaufman Footwear Fonds and in GA 170 William H. Kaufman fonds.

Series 1 : Administration

File 1 **A.R. Kaufman's orders.** - 1924-1958.

Contents: ts. (originals and carbons) factory memoranda from A.R. Kaufman to various employees from 1924 to 1958. These are typed on printed internal forms with title: "Kaufman Rubber Co. Ltd. / Memorandum / Manager's Office". Originally in a binder.

File 2 **Test shoes : express drivers.** - 1922-1948.

Contents: File consists of material relating to testing of footwear. Kaufman Footwear tested its shoes by having them worn by people in various occupations. This file contains the summary results of these tests from 1922 to 1948 for footwear worn by express drivers.

File 3 **Test shoes : postmen.** - 1931-1961.

Contents: File consists of material relating to testing of footwear. Kaufman Footwear tested its shoes by having them worn by people in various occupations. This file contains the summary results of these tests from 1931 to 1961 for footwear worn by postmen. Includes receipts issued to individuals from 1942 to 1961.

File 4 **Test shoes : postmen, obsolete.** - 1922-1937.

Contents: File consists of material relating to testing of footwear. Kaufman Footwear tested its shoes by having them worn by people in various occupations. This file contains the summary results of these tests from 1922 to 1937 for footwear worn by postmen.

Series 2 : Administration : Advertising and sales

File 5 **Sorel catalogues.** - 1993.

Contents : three catalogues containing advertising directed at retailers.

File 6 **Sorel catalogues.** - 1999-2000.

Contents : three catalogues containing advertising directed at retailers. Untitled. Loose catalogues.

Series 3 : Administration : Personnel

File 7 **Kaufman Rubber (Ontario) Ltd. : employees' hospital and surgical plan, rev. Jan. 1950.** - 1950.

Contents : one pamphlet, 16. p. Includes ms. changes.

File 8 **Kaufman Rubber Co. Ltd. : employee pension plan.** - 1957.

Contents: one pamphlet outlining the first pension plan for Kaufman employees, Nov. 1957.

Loose publication.

Series 4 : Operations

- File 9 **Factory manager's file.** - 1932-1966.
*Contents: file belonging to I.K. Weber and then I.E. Weber, consisting primarily of factory memoranda issued between 1932 and 1965. Includes three letters containing the reports of an undercover investigator in the factory in 1965-1966.
Restricted: investigator's reports contain information about named individuals.*

Series 5 : Products : Catalogues

- File 10 **Industrial waterproof clothing, Kaufman Rubber Co. Ltd.** - [19--].
Contents : one undated folded flyer.

Series 6 : Products : Catalogues : Other Companies

- File 11 **Rainfair protective work clothing.** - 1966.
*Untitled.
Loose catalogues.*

Series 7 : Ephemera

- File 12 **Kaufman Footwear Mural by Monte Wright : card.** - [199-].
- File 13 **Kaufman Footwear : stationery : blank cardstock.** - [199-].
- File 14 **Kaufman Rubber Co. : advertising blotter.** - [193-?].

Series 8 : History

- File 15 **Kaufman Footwear Inc : 70th anniversary, 1907-1977 : a profile.** - 1977.
*Contents: 11 p. pamphlet.
Title from cover.
Many copies.*
- File 16 **Kaufman Rubber Co. : history : 50th Anniversary, 1957.** - 1954-1958.
*Contents: file contains historical accounts of the history of the Kaufman Rubber Co. and of the rubber business in Kitchener. Includes correspondence, tss. (originals and carbons), clippings and photocopies relating to the history of the Kaufman Rubber to 1957, its 50th anniversary.
Untitled.
Loose material.*
- File 17 **Kaufman Rubber Co. : history.** - 1989-1992.
*Contents: file contains correspondence, clippings and photocopies relating to proposed publishing projects relating to Kaufman history.
Untitled.
Loose material.*
- File 18 **Management changes, Jan. 1, 1991.** - 1981.
*Contents: one news clipping concerning changes in executive positions.
Untitled.
Loose material.*
- File 19 **Steam engine.** - 1981.
*Contents: one news clipping, Aug. 29, 1981, concerning the history of the steam engine installed in the Kaufman factory in 1907.
Untitled.
Loose material.*

Series 9 : Photographs

- File 20 **Kaufman Rubber Co. : snapshots.** - 1997-1998. - [ca. 200?] photographs : col. ; 11 x 16 cm.
*Contents: one box of packages of snapshots and negatives, mostly unidentified.
Some are identified as snapshots taken for issues of the Footprint.*

Series 10 : Photographs : Employees Working

File 21 **Stager, Art.** - [196-?]. - 1 photograph : col. ; 13 x 9 cm.
Contents: one snapshot of an employee at work.

Series 11 : Photographs : Events

File 22 **Kaufman Rubber Co. : parade float, street signs.** - [192-]. - 2 photographs : b&w ; 9 x 13 cm.
Contents: two snapshots of a truck bed decorated as a parade float advertising "Life Buoy"; two snapshots of a sign erected over King St. near the factory : "Welcome Home". Originally inserted in album

Series 12 : Photographs : Facilities

File 23 **Kaufman Rubber Co. Ltd. : photograph album of construction of factory additions.** - [1921?-1925]. - 120 photographs : b&w ; 9 x 15 cm.
Contents: one photograph album containing images of the construction of one, and possibly two, additions to the Kaufman Rubber Co, factory. Inserted in the album were two ts. logs: "Log of new building addition, 1925," and "Log of 1920-1921 new addition." It is not known whether or not the placement of these items in the album is significant.

File 24 **Kaufman Rubber Co. Ltd. : log of 1920-1921 new addition.** - 1921.
Contents: ts., 14 l. (original), recording week by week the progress of construction on the 1920-1921 addition designed by Albert Kahn. Originally inserted in photograph album.

File 25 **Kaufman Rubber Co. Ltd. : log of new building addition, 1925.** - 1925.
Contents: ts., 14 l. (original), recording week by week the progress of construction on the 1925 addition designed by Albert Kahn. The last leaf is a summary of costs, signed C. Pequenat. Originally inserted in photograph album.

File 26 **Kaufman Rubber Co. Ltd. : construction of factory addition.** - [192-]. - 5 photographs : b&w ; 10 x 12 cm.
Contents: five mounted photographs, one exterior and four interior views taken during construction. Originally inserted in photograph album.

File 27 **Kaufman Rubber Co. Ltd. : construction of factory addition : chimney.** - [192-]. - 2 photographs : b&w ; 10 x 12 cm.
Contents: two mounted photographs, one of the chimney from the roof and one of the roof taken from the top of the chimney. Originally inserted in photograph album.

File 28 **Kaufman Rubber Co. Ltd. : repairs to concrete chimney, July 1920.** - 1920. - 11 photograph : b&w ; 15 x 9 cm. - 12 negatives : b&w ; 15 x 9 cm.
Contents: one envelope of photographs and negatives. Originally inserted in photograph album.

File 29 **Kaufman Rubber Co. Ltd. : repairs to chimney, July 1938.** - 1938. - 13 photographs : b&w ; 15 x 9 cm.
Contents: one envelope of photographs. Note on envelope: "Cost \$900.00 including \$125.00 for lightning rods". Originally inserted in photograph album.

File 30 **Kaufman Rubber Co. Ltd. : lowering of cement chimney, Feb. 1948.** - 1948. - 11 photograph : b&w ; 15 x 9 cm. - 11 negatives : b&w ; 15 x 9 cm.
Contents: one envelope of photographs and negatives, developed for "Mr. Pequenat." Originally inserted in photograph album.

File 31 **Kaufman Rubber Co. Ltd. : machinery : factory interior.** - [19--]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 20 x 25 cm.
Contents: one modern print of unidentified machinery: steam engine? Originally inserted in album.

Series 13 : Photographs : Products

- File 32a **Kaufman Rubber Co. : the first pair of boots manufactured in 1907, worn by Jacob Kaufman** - [19--]. - 1 transparency : col. ; 9 cm.
*Contents: one image (transparency) of a pair of rubber boots photographed with an explanatory sign.
Untitled.
Loose material.*
- File 32b **Kaufman Rubber Co. : Lester Pearson putting on a pair of Foamtread slippers at Kaufman Rubber Co. / [by] Kitchener-Waterloo Record.** - [19--]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 26 x 21 cm.
*Contents: one image of Lester B. Pearson and A.R. Kaufman.
Untitled.
Loose material.*
- File 33 **Kaufman Rubber Co. : snapshots of Sorel Ski equipment.** - [199-?]. - 39 photographs : col. ; 11 x 16 cm.
Contents: package of snapshots and negatives.

Series 14a : Publications : Newsletters

- File 34 **The Footprint.** - 1980-1999.
Contents: 56 issues of the Kaufman Footwear in-house newsletter, _The Footprint_ distributed between 1980 (vol. 1, no. 1) to 1999, accompanied by a list and synopsis of each issue to 1996.
- File 35 **Newsletters.** - [197-].
Contents: four single-sheet newsletters and bulletins, issued in-house at Kaufman Footwear.

Series 14b : Publications : Newsletter Working Files

- File 36 **Current.** - 1998-1999.
Contents: File consists of material relating to content of _The Footprint_. Includes correspondence, ephemera and snapshots.
- File 37 **Filler.** - 1996.
Contents: File consists of material relating to content of _The Footprint_. Includes memoranda, clippings and ephemera.
- File 38 **Footprint file.** - 1994-1998.
Contents: File consists of material relating to content of _The Footprint_, including unsolicited testimonial letters. Includes correspondence, ephemera, clippings and snapshots. Untitled folder.
- File 39 **Footprints.** - 1997-1998.
Contents: File consists of material relating to content of _The Footprint_. Includes correspondence, memoranda, clippings, ephemera and snapshots.
- File 40 **Letters.** - 1995-1996.
Contents: File consists of unsolicited testimonial letters about Sorel boots, intended for possible use in _The Footprint_. Includes snapshots.
- File 41 **Next.** - 1995-1997.
Contents: File consists of material relating to content of _The Footprint_. Includes correspondence, memoranda, clippings and ephemera.
- File 42 **Winter.** - 1996-1997.
Contents: File consists of material relating to content of _The Footprint_. Includes correspondence and ephemera.

Series 15 : Video Recordings

- File 43 **Cambridge Santa Claus parade, 1997.** - 1997. - 1 videocassette (ca. 120 minutes?) : col. VHS; 13 mm.
*Contents: one videocassette.
Title from cassette.*

- File 44 **Kaufman Footwear : Milestone night, Nov. 17, 1997.** - 1997. - 1 videocassette (1 hr. 39 minutes) : col. VHS; 13 mm.
Contents: master tape.
Title from cassette.
- File 45 **Kaufman Footwear : rubber footwear division, May 1993.** - 1993. - 1 videocassette (ca. 120 minutes?) : col. VHS; 13 mm.
Contents: one videocassette containing: "Mill rooms, take off (cutting), shoe lines, raincoat/truck flap".
Title from cassette.