

# NEW HAVEN COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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### Manuscripts

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Date processed: April 1985

- I. Title Monarch Laundry (New Haven). Records, 1924-1961.
- II. The papers of Monarch Laundry deposited in the Library on 1981, by In converted the deposit to a gift.
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 4  
Approximate number of items: 2470 *l*
- IV. Restrictions: none
- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.
- VI. Press release was issued on
- VII. Biographical note: Monarch Laundry is believed to have been started by the Grautenstein Family about 1898. The first location was at 153-155-57 Derby Ave., New Haven. In 1937, Charles M. Dobbs was pres. and gen. manager, and located at 149-157 Derby Ave. Monarch built a new building for fur storage about 1944 on Park between Chapel and Crown Sts. The building had a storage capacity of about 40,000 garments and was owned and operated by Monarch Laundry. Monarch employed about 100 people in the 60's, 50 people in the 70's. In 1973, Monarch had employees that had been with them in excess of 40 yrs. The Laundry was still in business in 1985.
- VIII. Analysis: The collection consists of 3 boxes and 3 oversize items from 1924-1961. Ledgers are arranged by type of ledger, then chronologically. Where possible, ledger pages have been removed from the heavy boards and so filed in the folders. There seem to be no records for the first 30 years of operation of the laundry.

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of items

## Box 1

Folder A - General ledger, 1928-44	(39)
Folder B - General ledger, 1929-54	(100)
Folder C - General ledger, 1929-54 con't.	(100)
Folder D - General ledger, 1929-54 con't.	(100)
Folder E - General ledger, 1929-42, account names in alphabetical order; logo for laundry on letter (1932) (Walter J. Brophy)	(95)
Folder F - General ledger, 1929-57, First National Bank and Trust Co.; item giving value of common stock on latest audit report; Monarch Fur logo on back.	(78)
Folder G - General ledger, 12-4-1948 to 7-21-1951.	(103)
Folder H - General ledger, 7-21-1951 to 1-29-1955.	(100)
Folder I - General ledger, 2-26-1955 to 3-1-1958.	(100)
Folder J - General ledger, 3-1-1958 to 3-28-1959.	(44)

## BOX 2

Folder A - Old Corporation, general ledger - income and expense, supply analysis, 1928-29.	(62)
Folder B - Income and expense ledger, 1929-32	(106)
Folder C - Cash payments ledger, 1-1-1949 to 4-28-1957.	(100)
Folder D - Cash payments ledger, 4-28-1951 to 9-12-1953.	(100)
Folder E - Cash payments ledger, 9-12-1953 to 9-10-1955.	(100)
Folder F - Cash payments ledger, 9-10-1955 to 6-22-1957.	(100)
Folder G - Cash payments ledger, 6-22-1957 to 3-28-1959.	(103)
Folder H - Payroll and supply analysis, 12-31-1932 to 3-28-1942	(113)
Folder I - Payroll ledger, 1-6-1940 to 8-31-1940.	(106)

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## BOX 3

Folder A - Payroll ledger, 9-7-1940 to 4-19-1941.	(100)
Folder B - Payroll ledger, 4-19-1941 to 12-6-1941.	(100)
Folder C - Payroll ledger, 12-6-1941 to 8-29-1942.	(118)
Folder D - Laundry analysis of sales and expenses, 8-27-1938 to 3-31-1942.	(96)
Folder E - Storage analysis of sales and expenses, 8-27-1938 to 3-31-1942.	(48)
Folder F - Dry cleaning operating profit, 1-5-1957 to 3-31-1961; one item of dry cleaning % on labor.	(61)
Folder G - Laundry operating profit, 1-5-1957 to 1-28-1961.	(55)
Folder H - Rugs operating profit, 1-5-1957 to 3-31-1961.	(60)
Folder I - Storage operating profit, 1-5-1957 to 3-31-1961.	(59)
Folder J - Distribution of premiums, 1930-39; prepaid supply goods, 1931-43; accrued interest schedule, 1931.	(17)
Folder K - Piece of laundry wrapping (N.D.)	(1)
Folder L- Window Sign	(1)
WRAPPED OVERSIZED ITEMS	
Item 1 - 2 general ledgers - 4-1946 to 6-1950. - 7-1950 to 3-1951	(2v)
Item 2 - Payroll summary ledger, 1-7-1956 to 12-27-1958. Laundry logo on back of payroll analysis.	(1v)
Item 3 - General ledgers, 1-1924 to 9-1926 1-1928 to 3-1931 12-1938 to 4-1942	(3v)