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Finding Aid

➤ James Brower Papers, 1949-1989 and undated ≺

MSS-220

Size: 1 linear ft

Provenance: Mr. James Brower, October 30, 2006.

Access: Open

Collection Summary: This collection consists of catalogs and other images created by Mr. Brower over parts of his long career as a graphic designer. It includes catalogs created for Owens-Illinois and the Libbey Glass Company

Subjects: Glass Industry; Music, Art, Drama, and Theatre

Related Collections: Owens-Illinois, Inc, Company Records, MSS-200

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Biographical Sketch

James Brower, a graphic designer in Toledo and throughout the United States, was born in 1914. Throughout his long career, Mr. Brower designed catalogs and other marketing materials for Owens-Illinois, Inc. for almost 60 years, beginning in the field in 1934 and retiring in 1997. Mr. Brower moved to the Toledo community in 1943 to continue his graphic design work, which he had been doing in West Virginia.

Today, Mr. Brower continues to do artistic work, now focusing on water colors. Mr. Brower has shown his work in the Toledo area and nationally, winning award throughout the United States for his work.

Scope and Content Note

The collection is comprised of catalogs, fliers, and envelope "stuffers" created by James Brower during his career with Owens-Illinois. The items are arranged in alphabetical order by folder, with the contents of each folder arranged chronologically.

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Series Descriptions

S1 Catalogs, 1949-1989 and undated.

Box and Folder Inventory

| Box | Folder | Arrangement |
|-----|--------|--|
| 1 | 1 | Kaylo Insulation Catalogs, 1949-1951 and undated |
| | 2 | Kimble Assurance Magazines, 1950-1953 and undated. |
| | 3 | Kimble/Glasco, 1950-1972 and undated. |
| | 4 | Kimble Glass Block and Insulex, 1948-1958 and undated. |
| | 5 | Libbey Glass Catalogs, 1956-1966 |
| | 6 | Libbey Glass Catalogs, 1967-1982 |
| | 7 | Libbey Glass Catalogs, 1983-1989 and undated |
| | 8 | Libbey Envelope Stuffers, undated |
| | 9 | Libbey Selling Sheets, 1972-1991 and undated |
| | 10 | Owens Illinois Pharmaceutical Catalogs, undated |
| | 11 | Owens Illinois Dividend Stuffer, undated |
| | 12 | Owens Illinois Glass Containers, 1948-1972 and undated |
| | 13 | Owens Illinois Group Insurance, 1966 and undated |
| | 13 | Owens Illinois Homemakers Guild, 1944 and undated |
| | 14 | Owens Illinois Research, 1955 and undated |