



## Guide to A. Rensch & Company Financial Records (ID: MSS-286)

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections
<b>Title:</b>	A. Rensch & Company Financial Records
<b>ID:</b>	MSS-286
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1920-2005
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
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<b>Mixed Materials [3 2887 922 570 264] [box]:</b>	5
<b>Mixed Materials [3 2887 922 570 272] [box]:</b>	6

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Brown, Priscilla. (1864, October 23). [Letter to William Brown]. William and Priscilla Brown Letters. (Box 1, Folder 2. MSS-256). The Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections, the University of Toledo Libraries. Toledo, OH.

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## Biographical / Historical

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The A. Rensch and Company was founded in 1882 by Anton and Benedict Rensch, who were Swiss immigrants. The company began in downtown Toledo on Washington Street, where they sold their native Swiss cheese. Soon after, the business expanded, and the store moved to Monroe Street in 1888, to an area now considered to be Toledo's historic Warehouse District. During the 20th century, A. Rensch and company began importing specialized foods and gift boxes which later became the company's main product. It was the company's tradition for family members to greet customers, who shopped for different canned foods, rare teas and coffees, as well as imported meats and cheeses. The company continued to operate out of its Monroe Street location until its closure in 2016. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

References: Advertising Brochure for A. Rensch & Company, "A Heritage of Fine Foods," 1988. The Henry Ford. (n.d.). <https://www.thehenryford.org/collections-and-research/digital-collections/artifact/374943#slide=gs-290610>. Ligibel, P. A Heritage of Fine Foods, A. Rensch & Co., 1988.

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection A. Rensch and Company Financial records consists of ledgers, correspondence, catalogs, brochures, census of business, price lists, tax documents, licenses, and other printed materials. They date from the 1920s to the early 2000s. Overall, the collection is in fair condition. The ledgers vary in size, with both loose pages as well as fully-intact ledger books. Some books that have been stored in folded or curled position over time were unable to be flattened by the processor and are still folded or curled, so caution should be used when handling.

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## Administrative Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Business and Commerce
- Labor
- Manuscripts

## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence from and to the Rensch and Company , (1940-1949) <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Linear Feet <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	box 1	folder 1
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Correspondence from and to the Rensch and Company , 1960 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Linear Feet <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	box 1	folder 7
Correspondence from and to the Rensch and Company , 1961	box 1	folder 8

Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet

Language of the Material: English.

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Correspondence from and to the Rensch and Company,  
(1972-1979 )

box 1

folder 9

Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet

Language of the Material: English.

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Correspondence from and to the Rensch and Company ,  
(1990-1991)

box 1

folder 10

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Language of the Material: English.

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Correspondence and other company documents for the  
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Language of the Material: English.

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Catalogs and Brochures , (1949-1979)

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Language of the Material: English.

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Catalogs and Brochures , (1976-1985)

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Language of the Material: English.

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Catalogs and Price lists , (1962-1969)

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Language of the Material: English.

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Census of business and Price lists, (1958 -1979)

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folder 15

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Language of the Material: English.

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box 1

folder 16

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Language of the Material: English.

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Catalogs and Price Lists , (1948-1983)

box 1

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Language of the Material: English.

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Tax Documents and Licenses , (1927-2003)

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Miscellaneous , (1947-2015)

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Language of the Material: English.

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Ledgers for Rensch and Company , (1971-1984)

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Ledgers for Rensch and Company , (1972-1988)

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Ledgers for Rensch and Company , (1941-1952)

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Ledgers for Rensch and Company , (1953-1971 )

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Ledgers for Rensch and Company , (1920-1930)

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Language of the Material: English.

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Ledgers for Rensch and Company , (1946-1984)

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Language of the Material: English.

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Language of the Material: English.

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Ledgers for Rensch and Company , 1939-1947

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Ledgers for Rensch and Company , (1989-1992)

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