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Overview:
The CBI Archives collects, preserves, and provides access to rich archival collections and rare publications documenting the history of technology, from the era of tabulators and electromechanical calculators in the period prior to World War II through the development of the electronic digital computer, mainframes, mini and microcomputers, software, and networking. Oral histories, photographs, journal, serial publications, and a reference library complement the archival and special collections holdings. Over 5,000 cu. ft. of archival collections and print material from 1880–2007, primarily from 1935–1990.

Noteworthy collections:
Contains records of the Burroughs Corporation and its predecessors, the American Arithmometer Co. and Burroughs Adding Machine Co. Materials include corporate records, photographs, films and video tapes, scrapbooks, papers of employees, and records of companies acquired by Burroughs during the company’s tenure in the adding machine and computer industry, such as the System Development Corp., Charles R. Hadley Co., Control Instrument Co., ElectroData and Todd Co.


- Edmund C. Berkeley Papers (1923–1988). 75 cu. ft. Contains correspondence, notes, memoranda, lists, reports, reference material, financial records, publications, posters, advertisements, photographs, and a videotape relating to Edmund Berkeley and Berkeley Enterprises. The earliest records in the collection relate to his insurance work, the applications of symbolic logic and computing machines to business, the formation of the Association for Computing Machinery, and his military service at Dahlgren. Later records focus on the publications and operations of Berkeley Enterprises as well as Berkeley’s social activism.

- Calvin N. Mooers Papers (1930–1992). 37 cu. ft. Contains personal correspondence of Mooers, and records of Zator Co., founded in 1947, and Rockford Research Institute, founded in 1961. Subjects found in the Zator Co. and Rockford Research Institute records include information processing and retrieval, a punched card system known as Zatocoding, library and information science, a programming language that Mooers helped design called TRAC (Text Reckoning and Compiling language), programming languages standards, and reactive typewriters.

102. Target Corporation

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Overview:
Target Corporation, Target Stores, and former operating companies historic paper and digital records including photographs, audio/video, online, books and publications, media clippings, annual reports, awards, house organs, memorabilia, marketing ephemera, and advertising. Over 3,000 cu. ft. from 1860s–present, principally since 1962.

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Overview:
The Minnesota Historical Society preserves the records of Minnesota businesses and works with them to preserve and interpret their history. The society holds one of the largest sets of business records in the nation.
Noteworthy collections:

  Records of St. Paul-based railway, its predecessors, and its subsidiaries and affiliates. The collection documents its operations across the northern tier of western states for more than one hundred years, until its 1970 merger with the Northern Pacific, the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, and the Spokane, Portland and Seattle that formed the Burlington Northern. Records include minutes, reports, correspondence and subject files, financial and accounting records, photographs, engineering drawings, land records, engineering and valuation records, advertising literature, timetables, publications, and many other materials documenting the principal staff and operating departments. Those include the offices of the president, secretary, treasurer, and comptroller; the law and land departments; mechanical and chief engineers; public relations and personnel officers; and managers responsible for rail operations.

  Minnesota-based international manufacturing company that has produced a wide variety of products for industrial and household applications, including abrasive, adhesive, and magnetic tape products; sound, visual, and data recording equipment; nonwoven fiber technologies; and health care products.

  Records of a Minneapolis-based holding company that provided venture capital to small businesses through a small business investment subsidiary, First Midwest Capital Corporation, and its predecessor, First Midwest Small Business Investment Company. The collection includes minutes and corporate record books, subject files, files on and records of certain subsidiary companies, and loan files. There is financial and investment information, correspondence and memoranda, news clippings, and similar material. Correspondents include First Midwest president Alan K. Ruvelson, officials of regulatory agencies, representatives of portfolio companies and of other venture capital firms, investors, and attorneys.

Financial records, photographs, and subject files of a St. Paul-based commercial airline. The collection also includes accounting statements and reports, operating statistics, aircraft purchase agreements, photographic negatives, slides, advertising materials (including video and audio recordings), clippings, training aircraft operation manuals, study reports, historical and background information, records of the company’s meteorology and flight operations departments, some timetables, and correspondence and memoranda. Some manuals from Mesaba Aviation, Inc. Information about routes and service inaugurations, aircraft purchases, airmail service, pilots, aircraft accidents, strikes, hijackings, and the training of flight crews. Newspaper accounts of a 1989 leveraged buyout of parent company NWA, Inc., and of Northwest’s brush with bankruptcy in the 1990s. Information about bomber modification plants operated by Northwest during World War II in both MN and OH, and some records of several other airlines and their predecessors that merged with Northwest. Correspondents include Northwest executives and meteorologists, officials of the Boeing Company and other aircraft manufacturers, and aviator Amelia Earhart.


Accounting records (1858–1953), sales records (1886–1913, 1949–1952), federal liquor tax records (1879–1953), annual financial statements (1934–1953), sample forms and miscellaneous correspondence (1890–1901) documenting a family-owned and managed brewery.

  Correspondence, legal papers, exploration reports, minutes, stock records, and tax and other financial records related to Cuyler Adams, his son Robert M. Adams, and to the family’s mining, land, and development companies in northern MN and elsewhere.

  The main body of corporate records begins in 1899, with the incorporation of the American Beet Sugar Co., and continues through American Crystal’s reorganization as a cooperative in 1973. Minutes (several series), ledgers and journals, stock records, and annual reports are nearly complete for the entire period. Subject files, statistical data, and labor records, as well as a variety of supplementary materials, also span these years, although concentrated in the 1950s and 1960s. Photographs and photo albums depict the company’s facilities and operations throughout its history.