

M.P. MÖLLER COLLECTION
MS 1
1898-1992

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SUMMARY INFORMATION

Repository	Organ Historical Society Library and Archives
Creator	M.P. Möller Organ Company
Title	M.P. Möller Collection
Date	1898-1992
Extent	900 linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	The collection consists of contract ledgers, factory ledgers, business ledgers, personnel records, photographs, and organ correspondence/contract files of the M.P. Möller Organ Company. The collection also contains records of the Kinetic Engineering Company.

Provenance

The Möller collection was purchased in auction by the Allen Organ Company, Macungie, Pennsylvania. In the early part of 1995, the Allen Co. donated the collection to the Organ Historical Society Library and Archives.

HISTORY

M.P. Möller Organ Company was established by Mathias Peter Möller in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1881. In 1921, the company was incorporated as M.P. Möller, Inc. Over a period of more than a hundred years, the company built almost 12,000 pipe organs installed throughout the United States. Organs were also sent to Denmark, England, Japan, Mexico, Panama, South Africa, and Uruguay. The company was forced into bankruptcy in 1992. After failed attempts to revive the company, its assets were liquidated in 1995.

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ARRANGEMENT

The collection is arranged into the following series. Series 1: Contract ledgers. Series 2: Contract/correspondence files. Series 3: Photos, Series 4: Accounts receivable ledgers. Series 5: Accounts payable ledgers. Series 6: Disbursement ledgers. Series 7: Organ sales accounts receivable ledgers. Series 8: Sales ledgers. Series 9: Payroll ledgers. Series 10: Sales commissions ledgers. Series 11: Organs terms of sale ledgers. Series 12: Factory inventory ledgers. Series 13: Organ installers' ledgers. Series 14: Lumber orders ledgers. Series 15: Miscellaneous ledgers. Series 16: Job cost accounting ledgers. Series 17: Shipping ledgers. Series 18: Employee time sheet ledgers. Series 19: Pipe-makers' ledgers. Series 20: Adjusting and closing ledgers. Series 21: General/miscellaneous ledgers. Series 22: Kinetic Engineering Company ledgers. Series 23: Music store payroll ledgers; Series 24: Music store trial balance ledgers. Series 25: Music store instruments sales ledgers. Series

26: Music store accounting ledgers. Series 27: Music store cash ledgers. Series 28: Music store accounts ledgers. Series 29: Music store accounts receivable ledgers.

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CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS

Genre(s)

- Account books
- Archival resources
- Business records
- Drawings
- Photographs

Personal Name(s)

- Möller, Mathias Peter, 1854-1937
- Möller, Mathias Peter, Jr., 1902-1961

Subject(s)

- Allen Organ Company—Archives
- Kinetic Engineering Company—Archives
- Kinetic Engineering Company—Business records
- Kinetic Engineering Company—Records and correspondence
- M.P. Möller, Inc.—Archives
- M.P. Möller, Inc.—Business records
- M.P. Möller, Inc.—History
- M.P. Möller, Inc.—Records and correspondence
- Organ builders—Maryland—Hagerstown
- Organ (Musical instrument)—Construction
- Organ (Musical instrument)—History

- Organ blowers—catalogs

COLLECTION INVENTORY

Series 1: Contract ledgers	Box
Ledger: Opus 256-437 (1899-1902)	1
Ledger: Opus 442-583 (1903-1905)	1
Ledger: Opus 575-699 (1905-1906)	1
Ledger: Opus 700-977 (1906-1909)	2
Ledger: Opus 978-1239 (1909-1911)	2
Ledger: Opus 1240-1524 (1911-1912)	3
Ledger: Opus 1526-1792 (1913-1914)	3
Ledger: Opus 2013-2239 (1915-1916)	4
Ledger: Opus 2240-2462 (1916-1917)	4
Ledger: Opus 2463-2789 (1917-1919)	5
Ledger: Opus 2996-6167 (1920-1933)	5

Series 2: Contract/correspondence files

Files are arranged sequentially by opus numbers. Early numbers through Opus 5308 are on site in vertical files. All others are located off site. Allow five days to retrieve off site files.

Series 3: Photos

Photos are located off site and have not been processed.

Series 4: Accounts receivable ledgers	Box
Ledger: 1904-1919	66
Ledger: October 25, 1920-August 30, 1921	11
Ledger: January 2, 1922-October 18, 1922	12
Ledger: October 25-May 26, 1923	12
Ledger: May 31, 1923-March 17, 1924	13

Ledger: March 19, 1924-September 27, 1924	14
Ledger: April 10, 1925-May 12, 1926	15
Ledger: May 13, 1926-May 24, 1927	16
Ledger: May 1, 1927-June 16, 1928	17
Ledger: June 19, 1928-December 31, 1928	18
Ledger: January 1, 1928-December 31, 1929	19
Ledger: January 1, 1930-January 2, 1931	20
Ledger: January 5, 1931-December 31, 1931	21
Ledger: January 1, 1932-January 10, 1933	22
Ledger: January 12, 1933-September 20, 1933	23

Series 5: Accounts payable	Box
Ledger: 1905-1906	56
Ledger: 1905-1909	71
Ledger: 1906-1908	69
Ledger: 1908-1912	73
Ledger: 1914-1915	70
Ledger: 1910-1915	67
Ledger: 1915-1917	65
Ledger: 1917-1918	63
Ledger: 1919-1921	62
Ledger: 1921	64

Series 6: Disbursement ledgers	Box
Ledger: 1907-1909	45
Ledger: 1909-1911	45
Ledger: 1913-1915	45
Ledger: 1918-1919	42
Ledger: 1918-1919	43
Ledger: 1919-1920	43
Ledger: 1920-1922	43

Ledger: 1911-1913	44
Ledger: 1916-1917	44

Series 7: Organ sales accounts receivable ledgers	Box
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Ledger: 1911-1920	57
Ledger: 1916-1921	54
Ledger: 1920-1921	49
Ledger: 1922-1923	74
Ledger: 1924	74
Ledger: 1925	74
Ledger: 1926	74

Series 8: Sales ledgers	Box
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Ledger: Opus 6246-7396 (1934-1946)	24
Ledger: Opus 7397-8149 (1946-1949)	24
Ledger: Opus 7908-8922 (1950-1955)	25
Ledger: Opus 8923-9781 (1955-1962)	25
Ledger: Opus 9782-10618 (1962-1968)	26
Ledger: Opus 10360-11143 (1968-1975)	26
Ledger: Opus 11128-11697 (1976-1984)	27
Ledger: Opus 11479-11869 (1985-1992)	27

Series 9: Payroll ledgers	Box
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Ledger: 1904-1909	60
Ledger: 1910-1915	33
Ledger: 1915-1920	55
Ledger: 1920-1921	59
Ledger: 1933-1934	82
Ledger: 1934-1935	80
Ledger: 1935-1936	81

Series 10: Sales commissions ledgers	Box
Ledger: 1915-1926	34
Series 11: Organs terms of sale ledgers	Box
Ledger: 1921	36
Ledger: 1927	36
Series 12: Factory inventory ledgers	Box
Ledger: 1905-1912	40
Ledger: 1913-1918	40
Ledger: 1919-1928	41
Ledger: 1923-1928	41
Ledger: 1929-1933	66
Series 13: Organ installers' ledgers	Box
Ledger: 1906-1911	51
Ledger: 1911-1913	51
Ledger: 1914-1915	51
Ledger: 1915-1917	51
Series 14: Lumber orders ledgers	Box
Ledger: 1934-1942	52
Series 15: Miscellaneous ledgers	Box
Ledger: 1922-1929	53
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loans to employees	
warranty expenses	
Series 16: Job cost accounting ledgers	Box

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Series 17: Shipping ledgers **Box**

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Series 18: Employee time sheet ledgers **Box**

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Ledger: 1904-1906 28

Ledger: 1907-1911 29

Ledger: 1911-1914 29

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Ledger: 1917-1918	30
Ledger: 1919-1920	30
Ledger: 1920-1924	31
Ledger: 1924-1926	31
Ledger: 1927-1928	31
Ledger: 1929-1930	32
Ledger: 1930-1932	32
Ledger: 1931	32
Ledger: 1932-1933	32

Series 19: Pipe-makers' ledgers	Box
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Ledger: Opus 820-1325 (1908-1912)	6
Ledger: Opus 2328-3069 (1917-1921)	6
Ledger: Opus 3071-3743 (1921-1924)	7
Ledger: Opus 3744-4050 (1924-1925)	7
Ledger: Opus 4051-4499 (1924-1926)	8
Ledger: Opus 4500-5142 (1926-1928)	8
Ledger: Opus 5143-5854 (1928-1930)	9
Ledger: Opus 5855-6379 (1930-1936)	10

Series 20: Adjusting and closing ledgers	Box
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Ledger: 1929-1931	47
Ledger: 1933-1934	47

Series 21: General/miscellaneous ledgers	Box
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Ledger: 1915-1921	72
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Series 22: Kinetic Engineering Company ledgers	Box
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Ledger: Minutes and bylaws 1911-1940	50
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Series 23: Music store payroll	Box
Ledger: 1900-1918	35
Series 24: Music store trial balance ledgers	Box
Ledger: 1917-1921	35
Series 25: Music store instruments sales ledgers	Box
Ledger: 1920-1928	35
Series 26: Music store accounting ledgers	Box
Ledger: 1933-1942	37
Ledger: 1943-1951	37
Ledger: 1951-1956	37
Ledger: 1965-1974	37
Series 27: Music store cash ledgers	Box
Ledger: 1920-1922	38
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Ledger: 1892-1895	46
Series 29: Music store accounts receivable ledgers	Box
Ledger: 1904-1920	48
Ledger: 1907-1924	61
Ledger: 1918-1927	58