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Descriptive Summary

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The Joe Miller Collection consists of materials relating to Miller's work on the development and implementation of bar codes for the retail industry. The collection consists mainly of manuals and handbooks relating to the implementation of standardized inventory control systems in the retail industry.

Creator

Miller, Joe, d.2003

Extent

1 Cubic Feet 2 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Joe Miller was most well-known for being a pioneer in implementing the bar code system in retail stores. He was born in Richmond, VA and served in the Navy during the second World War. After the war, he took a job at Thalhimers Department Stores in Richmond where he helped to create a computer system to track inventory. Later, he took a job working for the National Retail Merchants Association (NRMA) as the director of retail standards and technology. There Miller worked on the implementation of bar code systems. Joe Miller died in April of 2003 at the age of 82.

Scope and Content

The Joe Miller Collection consists of materials concerned with the implementation of inventory control systems in the retail industry. These materials include proposals, manuals, and handbooks related to inventory controls systems like the bar code. There are also manuals relating to creation of merchandise classifications and implementation of code systems. Also included with the collection are two obituaries giving information about Miller's life as a bar code pioneer as well as personal information.

Keywords

Science and Technology
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Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Univac Proposal for Thalhimer Brothers

Unit Date c.1960

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Container 1-2 (folder)

Universal Vendor Marketing

Unit Date 1976

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Merchandise Planning and Control

Unit Date 1982-1984

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Emporium Group Holdings, Introduction to Merchandising

Unit Date 1983

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5-6 (folder)

NRMA X-12 Information, Vol. 1

Unit Date 1986

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Krieger, Murray. The Complete Dictionary for Buying and Merchandising, National Retail Merchants Association: New York

Unit Date 1987

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Voluntary Interindustry Communications Standards - Retail Industry Conventions and Implementation Guidelines

Unit Date June 1987

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

EDI Data Segments and Data Elements, Vol. 4

Unit Date 1987

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Standard Color and Size Code Handbook, National Retail Merchants Association: New York

Unit Date 1988

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

EBDI - ANSI ASC 12 Standards - Slide Presentation

Unit Date 1991

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

X12/DISA Information Manual**Unit Date** 1991**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**NRF Reports - After Retirement****Unit Date** 1991, n.d.**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Obituaries****Unit Date** 2003**box-folder** 2 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)