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## **Sarah Moore Breneman Papers, 1919-1956**

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Scope and Content Note: The Sarah Moore Breneman Papers contain documents from the Steinman Hardware Company, the Kirk Johnson Company, and the Lancaster Broadcasting Service, Inc. The collection includes minutes of stockholders' meetings and board of director meetings, financial reports, the election of officers, letters to stockholders, presidents' reports, company by-laws and minutes of the meetings organizing the companies.

Creators: Breneman, Sarah Moore, 1932-2005; Moore, Adam Zerphy, 1895-1957.

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People:

Atlee, Benjamin Champneys  
Baker, Scott  
Hess, Norman B.  
Manning, Harry H.  
Mease, Lorena Watson  
Miller, Harry E.  
Moore, Adam Zerphy

Moore, Ruth Johnson  
Moore, Sylvester Zerphy  
Pickel, Elwood  
Pickel, Mary  
Worrell, L. Bruce  
Zahm, Edward J.

Subject Headings:

Business records  
Hardware stores  
Minutes (Records)  
Radio stations  
Stockholders

Search Terms:

Brunswick Hotel  
Business records  
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Glen Moore, Manheim Twp.  
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Inventories  
Kendig Bros.  
Kirk Johnson Company  
Korean War  
Lancaster Broadcasting Company  
Lancaster Broadcasting Service, Inc.  
Lancaster Chamber of Commerce  
Lancaster General Hospital  
Lancaster Symphony Orchestra

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Minutes  
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North Pine Street  
Obituaries  
Prince Street  
Radio Corporation of America  
RCA  
Reports  
Robinson-Patman Act  
Specialty Advertising Company  
Sprenger Food Company  
St. George Hotel  
Steinman Hardware Company  
Stevens House  
Stockholders  
WEST (radio station)  
West King Street  
WGAL (radio station)  
WKJC (radio station)



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## Related Materials:

See the Photograph Collection:

Steinman Hardware store (SH-01-01-01)  
Staff of WKJC (SH-01-01-02)  
Steinman Hardware Company truck (SH-01-01-03)  
200 Year Anniversary of Steinman Hardware Co. (SH-01-01-04)  
View of south side of East King Street (SH-01-01-05)  
View of south side of West King Street (SH-01-01-06)  
Interior of Steinman Hardware store (SH-01-02-01)  
Interior of Steinman Hardware store (SH-01-02-02)  
Interior of Steinman Hardware store (SH-01-02-03)  
Interior of Steinman Hardware store (SH-01-02-04)  
Interior of Steinman Hardware store (SH-01-02-05)  
Interior of Steinman Hardware store (SH-01-02-06)  
Framed receipt (SH-01-03-01)  
Image of account book (SH-01-03-02)  
Image of a print of the old courthouse (SH-01-03-03)  
Image of a print of East King Street (SH-01-03-04)  
Image of account book (SH-01-03-05)  
Map of Lancaster (SH-01-03-06)  
Five men in front of Steinman Hardware store (SH-01-03-07)  
Man looking at account book (SH-01-03-08)  
Close-up of Steinman Hardware Co. sign (SH-01-03-09)  
First block of East King Street (SH-01-03-10)  
Man examining shotgun shells (SH-01-03-11)  
Conestoga wagon jacks (SH-01-03-12)  
Steinman Hardware store (SH-01-03-13)  
Steinman Hardware store (SH-01-03-14)  
Archery equipment at Steinman Hardware store (SH-01-03-15)  
Man taking inventory of horseshoes (SH-01-03-16)

See the Curatorial Collection:

Commemorative saw, "Two Hundred Years of Hardware Service 1744-1944, The Steinman Hardware Company Lancaster PA" (2005.006.1)

Eyeglasses and case with label on one side "Steiman Hardware Company Lancaster PA", other side marked with printing "Arundel Tinted, Edw. J. Zahm, Jeweler, Zahm's Corner, Lancaster PA" (2005.006.2)

Processing History: This collection has been documented, preserved, and managed according to professional museum and archives standards. The finding aid was updated using DACS conventions.



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**Folder 1** Steinman Hardware Company and Kirk Johnson Company documents, 1919-1922

Including the 28 April 1919 company by-laws, minutes of stockholder meetings for the years 1919-1922. The 28 April 1919 minutes list the stockholders present at the meeting or in proxy; 9 September 1921 notes the purchase of the Kirk Johnson Company.

**Folder 2** Steinman Hardware Company and Kirk Johnson Company documents, 1923-1925

The president's annual report, board meeting minutes, and 24 December 1924 list of employees receiving Christmas bonuses.

**Folder 3** Steinman Hardware Company and Kirk Johnson Company documents, 1926-1928

Note from B. C. Atlee and obituaries of Sylvester Z. Moore, board meeting minutes, transfer of Kirk Johnson Company operation to the Steinman Hardware Company, company officer elections, warehouse inventories and president's reports.

**Folder 4** Steinman Hardware Company and Kirk Johnson Company documents, 1929-1930

Minutes of stockholders' meetings, the election of officers, letters to stockholders, documents pertaining to the settlement of former president Sylvester Z. Moore's estate, and contemplated sale of radio station WGAL.

**Folder 5** Steinman Hardware Company and Kirk Johnson Company documents, 1931-1933

Minutes of stockholders' meetings, the election of officers, letters to stockholders, president's reports, painters and dealers convention canceled. Lancaster Broadcasting Services, Inc. was chartered in 1931.

**Folder 6** Steinman Hardware Company and Kirk Johnson Company documents, 1934-1936

Minutes of stockholders' meetings, the election of officers, letters to stockholders, president's reports, 1935 fire in Kirk Johnson Building, painters convention held at Brunswick Hotel 1935, mortgage with Lancaster General Hospital, radio station at Easton, radio station WEST. A. Z. Moore as president of Lancaster Chamber of Commerce has article in 30 July 1934 *Lancaster New Era*.



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**Folder 7** Steinman Hardware Company and Kirk Johnson Company documents, 1937-1939

Minutes of stockholders' meetings, the election of officers, letters to stockholders, president's reports, concern about the Robinson-Patman Act, 8 March 1937 president reported the final dissolution of the Lancaster Broadcasting Company, Mr. Deitch in hospital with Typhoid fever 10 October 1938, radio show of school bands and other musical organizations from the Kirk-Johnson building 1939.

**Folder 8** Steinman Hardware Company and Kirk Johnson Company documents, 1940-1941

Minutes of stockholders' meetings, the election of officers, letters to stockholders, president's reports, a copy of the 28 April 1919 By-Laws of the Steinman Hardware Company, "matter of the war draft taking away our young men," record business become so large need two new booths, Lancaster Symphony Orchestra to rehearse at \$5.00 per hour [in Kirk-Johnson building], cost of Santa Claus program on WGAL is \$325.00.

**Folder 9** Steinman Hardware Company and Kirk Johnson Company documents, 1942-1944

Minutes of stockholders' meetings, the election of officers, letters to stockholders, president's reports, sale of 718 N. Pine St. property, losses due to inability to procure merchandise – war shortages, a mortgage for Elwood & Mary Pickel's property on Prince St. in Glen-Moore, a profit & loss statement for 1942 by department, other financial statements for 1942-1944, Norman B. Hess, Harry N. Manning and L. Bruce Worrell obituaries, purchased 20 and 22 West King properties.

**Folder 10** Steinman Hardware Company and Kirk Johnson Company documents, 1945-1947

Minutes of stockholders' meetings, the election of officers, letters to stockholders, president's reports, and yearly balance sheets, company vice president and treasurer Scott Baker retirement documents, May 1947 "meeting of department heads following a dinner at the Stevens House," December 1946 Lorena W. Mease was elected Assistant Treasurer, February 1947 Ruth J. Moore elected Vice President.

**Folder 11** Steinman Hardware Company and Kirk Johnson Company documents, 1948-1950

Minutes of stockholders' meetings, the election of officers, letters to stockholders, president's reports, Lorena W. Mease was elected Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary, 1949 Kirk Johnson & Company to be selling RCA television "instruments...since we are going to have a station in Lancaster", January 1950 comments on effect of minimum wage law at 75 cents an hour, October 1950 minutes discuss the effect of the Korean War on business.



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**Folder 12** Steinman Hardware Company and Kirk Johnson Company documents, 1951-1953

Minutes of stockholders' meetings, the election of officers, letters to stockholders, presidents reports, February 1951 discussion of government's price freeze, May 1951 the company is reorganized by A. Z. Moore and Ruth J. Moore, July 1952 concern about the "steel strike" driving up prices, January 1953 hired Industrial Sales Manager to service the expected growth of industry in Lancaster and York.

**Folder 13** Steinman Hardware Company and Kirk Johnson Company documents, 1954-1956

Minutes of stockholders' meetings, the election of officers, letters to stockholders, president's reports, Directors: A. Z. Moore, Ruth J. Moore, Harry E. Miller, Kirk Johnson & Company business falls off, Industrial Division showing progress, over 1000 power mowers sold, Harry E. Miller dies

**Folder 14** Lancaster Broadcasting Service, Inc. documents, 1931-1935

Organization minutes of the Corporators & Stockholders of Lancaster Broadcasting Service, Inc., minutes of board of directors meetings, financial reports, January 1932 list of accounts: Camp Kaul Tea House, Colonial Golf Course, Fiddler's Convention, First Presbyterian Church, Kendig Bros., Specialty Adv. Co., Sprenger Food Co., St. George Hotel, president's reports, WKJC broadcast rate tables, WGAL granted full time operation 1 June 1934, November 1934 list of information and material/music available to the station, 1935 Lancaster Broadcasting Service, Inc. to be liquidated.