Guide to the Corral, Wodiska y Ca. Cigar Factory records,
1911-1987

Descriptive Summary

Title: Corral, Wodiska y Ca. Cigar Factory records
Creator: Westfall, L. Glenn (1943-)
Dates: 1911-1987
ID Number: C45
Size: 6 boxes
Abstract: During the early and mid-twentieth century, Tampa was known as "Cigar City" due to the numerous cigar factories in both Ybor City and the nearby municipality of West Tampa (now part of Tampa). The Corral, Wodiska y Ca. Factory occupied a notable place along the skyline at 2612 Fourteenth Street. Chris Corral, a grandson of the co-founder of the factory, worked closely with L. Glenn Westfall to preserve the records of this factory. Some of Corral family records were donated to USF St. Petersburg by way of Dr. Westfall during the summer of 2005. This collection contains official documents, stock and shareholders' information, meeting minutes, cigar label art, family photographs, family clippings, and similar records of an important factory in Tampa. This collection comprises a variety of materials that document the history of the Corral family as well as the Corral, Wodiska y Ca's rise in Tampa in the early 1900s. While many clippings and photographs document personal achievements and events in the Corral family, stockholder records and meeting minutes (dating to 1911) paint a picture of business activities that span across much of the twentieth century. Family newspaper clippings focus on the life of Manuel ("Manny") Corral, Jr., offering a portrait of his accomplishments in varsity football, his graduation, and his marriage. A high-quality Cuban cigar box holds a plethora of clippings surrounding Manny's football successes and his varsity letters. He appears in a variety of photographs that include—but are not limited to—varsity football images, family portraits, candid shots, and passport photographs. Corral, Wodiska y Ca. began to manufacture high-quality Havana cigars in 1905. Over time, a sign stood above the entry door to the factory and storage areas that proclaimed, "Only the Finest Shall Enter Here." The family maintained its involvement with this business until the mid-1980s. Overall, this collection will appeal to historians and researchers who have an interest in the cigar industry of Tampa, immigration history along the west coast of Florida, or family histories in the region.

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Biographical Note
Westfall is a scholar of Florida history and the Cuban tobacco industry. His historical interest in Tampa and Key West go back to 1969 and 1971, respectively. His dissertation on Vicente Martinez Ybor (1975) paved the way for future scholarship on Ybor City, as well as his trio of books on the Cuban cigar industry in Florida (Tampa, Key West, and Marti City). He taught at Hillsborough Community College.

Arrangement
This collection consists of 6 boxes, the first box contains; news clippings, photos, lithographs, and meeting and record books. The second box consists of stock certificates. The third box consists of copies of stock certificates. The fourth box contains Board of Directors minutes (1911-1967). The fifth box contains Board of Directors minutes (1967-1986) and miscellaneous Board of Directors items. The sixth box contains Corral family papers (photographs, baptism records, last will and testament, identification records, etc.).
Subject Headings

Geographic Names: West Tampa (Fla.)
                   Ybor City (Tampa, Fla.)—History

Subject Terms: Cigar industry -- Florida -- Tampa
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