

GILLETTE, LOUIS F. (1857-1930)
 PAPERS, 1871-1967
 1 Box, ca. 180 Items

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

At age 17 Louis F. Gillette moved to Concord, NH. He was the inventor of the metal hot water bottle which he manufactured in Concord for twenty years. He is listed in the Concord City Directory as living at 11 Wall Street from 1906 until 1937. He married Ella M. Stevens of Concord. Their daughter Lillian married Evan Evans of New York. Esther Holmgren worked as bookkeeper for Gillette manufacturing for a number of years. He retired in 1932 and died June 30, 1936.

Gillette Manufacturing Co. appears in the Concord City Directory from 1912 to 1929. Its address is listed as 22 Bridge Street.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The Gillette Manufacturing Company records include the patents for the hot water bottles in the United States and the United Kingdom. The stock certificate book shows the first three certificates issued to family members. Business correspondence includes letters re: a patent infringement suit in Mexico and a highway from Keene to Concord. There is correspondence from Peter Gray who bought the molds in 1917, but gave up the business in 1930. There are sample order forms and letterhead, information for salesmen advertising flyers and the "Hot Water Bottle Philosophy". Separated to oversize is a poem called "Cold Feet".

Family papers include letters from Gillette to his wife, a printed memorial, his article "The Automobile Today" and photocopies of his newspaper articles on improving highways. There are letters from Mrs. Gillette and from Lillian Evans in New York to Esther Holmgren.

GILLETTE MANUFACTURING CO.

- Fld 1 Patents, 1910-1911 (3 items)
- Fld 2 Stock certificate book, 1913 (1 item)
- Fld 3 Business correspondence, 1906-1939, 1967 (14 items)
- Fld 4 Order and business forms, 1911-1937 (14 items)
- Fld 5 Sales information (1 item, 8 leaves)
- Fld 6 Printed advertising materials (6 items)
- Fld 7-8 Advertising fliers (ca. 45 items)

FAMILY PAPERS

- Fld 9 Louis F. Gillette, personal correspondence, 1878-79, 1926 & undated (4 items)
- Fld 10 Louis F. Gillette, "The Automobile Today"

- Fld 11-12 Ella M. (Stevens) Gillette, correspondence
1871-75, 1937-38 & undated (24 items)
- Fld 13 Benjamin F. Stevens, Ella's father,
correspondence, 1877-1930 (13 items)
- Fld 14-17 Esther Holmgren (Concord) & Lillian Evans of New York,
correspondence, 1949-1967 and undated (ca. 45 items)
- Fld 18 Misc. including an account book, 1871-1874 (8 items)

SEPARATED TO OVERSIZE - poem about "Cold Feet"

SEPARATED TO SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - 77 photographs & negatives

SEPARATED TO THE MUSEUM - Bed warming bottles

CARDS MADE FOR THE CATALOG:

Gillette Manufacturing Co.
Occ-manufacturing
Concord, NH
Bed warming pans

Patents
Inventors