Harco Drugs records
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## Summary Information

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### Preferred Citation note

Harco Drugs records, University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama
Biographical/Historical note

James Irving "Jim" Harrison, Jr. founded Harco Drug Stores, Inc., an extensive regional company originally based in Northport, Alabama, with 150 full-service pharmacies in Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi. The Harco Drug Stores were sold in 1997 to the RiteAid Corporation of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Harrison attended the University of Alabama and was a 1955 pharmacy honors graduate of Howard College (now Samford University). Prior to becoming involved in store management and expansion, he spent twelve years as an active pharmacist. He has served as a director, president, and chairman of the board of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores. He was named Chain Drug Retailer of the Eighties and the Harco Drug Stores were twice voted the nation's number one drug store chain. The Anti-Defamation League recognized Harrison three times with awards for humanitarianism. In 1998 Harrison received the Distinguished Service Award from the Alabama Pharmacy Association. He was also honored by the National Association of Chain Drug Stores with The Sheldon W. Fantle Achievement Award.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains miscellaneous materials including newsletters, an employee handbook, memoranda, sales, publicity and marketing information, and other items.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama February 2008

Revision Description

May 2013

Conditions Governing Access note

None
Conditions Governing Use note
None

Provenance
Gift of James Harrison

Processed by
unknown, 2008; updated by Martha Bace, 2013

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

• Business records
• Newsletters

Geographic Name(s)

• Northport (Ala.)

Subject(s)

• Advertising
• Alabama
• Business and Labor
• Health, Medicine and Welfare
## Collection Inventory

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