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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1746

CREATOR: Mel Boldt and Associates

TITLE: Mel Boldt records

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1950-1989

QUANTITY: 16.4 cubic ft. and 71 oversize boxes

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: Mel Boldt was a product stylist for household appliances. He opened his own firm in 1947, Mel Boldt and Associates. His records contain drawings and photographs of appliances designed by the firm as well as business records.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL NOTE

Industrial designer Mel Boldt was born in Chicago and attended the Armour Institute (now Illinois Institute of Technology). He left after two years to go to work at Bendix Home Appliances, Inc. in Indiana. During World War II he designed for military needs and then after the war worked as product stylist for major household appliances, including the Bendix post-war washing machine. Returning to Chicago in 1947, he opened his own firm, Mel Boldt and Associates, with Zenith as a key client. For Zenith, the firm designed radios, remote controls, clocks and video recorders. For Amana/Raytheon, he designed microwaves and refrigerators. For National Presto Industries, he designed countless blenders, toasters, irons and specialty products such as egg cookers, butter melters, and a cordless rechargeable toothbrush. His staff generally included about 15 designers. The Boldt firm was one of the most successful design firms in the Midwest from the 1950s into the 1970s.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Mel Boldt and Associates records are divided into the following series: **Televisions, Radios, National Presto Industries products, Washers and Dryers, Stereo Components, Refrigerators, Ranges, Microwaves, Schick products, Miscellaneous Product Drawings, Photographs, and Business records.** With the exception of the Photographs series and the Business records series, all boxes are oversize.

The **Televisions series**, circa 1950-1989, includes drawings of products created for Crosley in the 1950s and Zenith from the 1960s through the 1980s. Televisions represented in the collection include black and white and color televisions of all sizes, portable televisions, projection televisions and combination television/radios and televisions/ video cassette recorders.

The **Radios series**, circa 1950-1981, is also comprised of mainly Zenith product drawings. The series includes table, portable and transistor style radios.

The **National Presto Industries series**, 1967-1984, represents design drawings for small appliances, personal hygiene products and beauty products. Small kitchen appliances such as coffee makers, a hot dog cooker, a hamburger cooker, toasters and broilers are represented in the design drawings. Products such as hair curlers, electric toothbrushes and vanity mirrors are also included. The 3D portion of the collection includes a number of Mel Boldt-designed National Presto Industries products including the Hot Dogger and Prestoburger.

The **Washers and Dryers series**, circa 1950-1988, includes conceptual color renderings and line/technical drawings for Amana, Bendix, Norge and other companies.

Note: The Televisions series, Radios series, National Presto Industries series and the Washers and Dryers series each are comprised of two subseries: Line/technical drawings and Color Renderings.

In appraising this collection, the decision was made to select and arrange all drawings from the original bulk of materials for these product groups. The collection of the complete set of

line/technical drawings and color renderings for these product groups allows for a deep study of the design process and facilitates the comparison of drawing types as well as the features of individual drawings. The color renderings represent the conceptual stage of industrial design in which the artist presents a concept to the client through a pastel, watercolor or even pencil rendering. The color renderings are attractive and visually stimulating and present interesting examples of the iterations and variations of exterior design of a single product in the conceptual stage.

The line/technical drawings are schematic drawings that detail the dimensions, materials and various parts of the product including knobs and switches. There are four sizes of line/technical drawings in the Mel Boldt records, ranging in size from 22" x 34" to 8.5" x 11." The drawings in the Mel Boldt records date from the early 1950s to the late 1980s. It should also be noted that many of these drawings, particularly those for the National Presto Industries products, relate to objects in the 3D portion of this collection.

For the remaining product groups described below, excluding Miscellaneous Product Drawings, approximately one-half of the color renderings have been selected for inclusion in this collection. This sampling of color renderings gives a substantial visual record of the various conceptual iterations of a product design. Line/technical drawings for these products are not included in the collection. Products such as microwaves, refrigerators, ranges, and Schick products like razors and hair styling products are included in this portion of the collection. The series which include only color renderings are the Stereo Components, Refrigerators and Freezers, Ranges, Amana Microwaves, and Schick Products series.

The **Stereo Components series**, 1963-1988, includes designs for phonographs, tape players/recorders, speakers, tuners/amplifiers and items such as consoles and cabinets.

The **Refrigerators and Freezers and Ranges series**, circa 1950-1988, series include products designed for Crosley, Norge, Bendix, Moffats, and Amana. The Microwaves series includes design photostats and a limited number of color renderings for microwaves designed in the 1970s and 1980s, including Amana's renowned Radarange models.

The **Schick Products series**, 1968-1971, includes razors for both men and women as well as personal styling products like hair curlers, facial saunas, and electric toothbrushes.

The **Miscellaneous Drawings series**, 1953-1988, is comprised of a wide assortment of products. In this series, approximately 6-10 color renderings have been selected for inclusion. The series includes products such as heart monitors and hearing aids, watches, video cassette recorders and accessories, a golf cart, a power boat and vacuums. Folders in the series are arranged by date and then alphabetically for undated products.

The **Photographs series**, 1955-1988, includes professionally produced photographs of products and product mock-ups. The majority of the photographs are 8" x 10" and the series includes both black and white and color photographs and in many cases, there are both black and white and color versions of the same shot. The Photographs series is arranged by product type and date. A

small number of snapshots are included as well as photographs depicting Mel Boldt and the offices of MBA.

The **Business records series**, 1953-1985, includes paper records related to patent rights, memoranda, meeting minutes, product design timelines and price lists from Zenith Radio Corporation products. The series also includes files containing notes and correspondence to and from other MBA client companies, a file of newspaper clippings and other items related to Mel Boldt or his design firm and product literature for Mel Boldt client companies like National Presto Industries, Zenith, Norge and Rowe/AMI. Also included in this series are product binders that list MBA-assigned project numbers, product names and dates. Of particular interest in this series is a document that outlines the product design process at MBA, giving definition to the various stages and drawing types of the process and a file of newspaper clippings related to Mel Boldt's design career and a photocopy of his obituary and death notice.

Note: In processing this collection, attention was given to the information about the drawings and products found on the packaging of the drawings as they were accessioned. The accessioned drawings were packaged in envelopes, some labeled with product names, a MBA-assigned project number and dates. The majority of the individual color renderings were dated by MBA, but are not labeled with a product name. In order to preserve any labeling that may have appeared on the original folders or packaging paper in which the drawings were originally packaged, product names that appeared on the original folders were maintained in the new folder arrangement of the Collection. In some instances, the original folder with labeling has been inserted into the new folder with the renderings so as to preserve the information contained in the original folder label. In many cases, the color renderings were not dated and dates that appear on the drawings or folders for these undated drawings are approximated from the look of the drawing, or in many cases, the dates on the packaging paper in which the drawings were bundled.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Boldt, Melvin H., 1917-1981

Mel Boldt and Associates

Amana Refrigeration,inc.

Bendix Corporation

National Presto Industries, Inc.

Zenith Electronics Corporation

Zenith Radio Company

Subjects

Cooking--Equipment and supplies

Designers

Household appliances--Design and construction

Household electronics--Design and construction

Industrial designers

Prototypes, Engineering

Radio--Receivers and reception

Sound--Equipment and supplies

Television--Receivers and reception

Genre and Form

Color photographs

Design drawings

Patents

Photographs

Technical drawings

Trade catalogs

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Line/technical drawings

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1960-1962

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RADIOS

Color renderings

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1950s
1965-1971

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1965-1971
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Capital to Crosley, 1952-1955
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Zenith
1968-1969 and undated, circa 1964-1971
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Table radios
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Line/technical drawings
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Clock radios
1952-1971

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1972-1980

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NATIONAL PRESTO INDUSTRIES, INC.

Color renderings

Air circulator, 1980
Appliance cart, undated
Baby serviette, undated
Bathroom heater
Beauty center, undated
Broilers
 Broiler oven, undated
 Vertical broiler, circa 1967, 1970
 Burger and soup cooker
 Vertical broiler
"Buff and Buddy"
Buttering device, 1983-1984
"Candy Man", 1981
Can openers (electric, stand-alone and under counter), 1967, 1970, 1983
Carmel corn makers, 1980-1981
Casserole maker, 1970
Clothes steamer, undated

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Coffee makers, circa 1974-1983

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Control master, 1970
Convection ovens, 1979-1980
Cooker, 1952
Cooker/fryer, 1953
Deep fat fryer (small), 1975
Egg cooker, 1977
Electric kitchen slicing knife, 1981
Electric outdoor grill, 1972
Electric skillets, circa 1970s
Executive manicure, circa 1970s
Food strainer, 1984

Fry pan, LoCost brand, circa 1970s

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Griddle/warmer, 1981-1982
Hair curlers, circa 1969
Hair dryer, hand held, 1967
Hair styler, 1972
Hamburger cookers, 1971, 1976
Heaters, 1979-1984

Box 45

Hot doggers
Humidifiers, 1970, 1972
Irons, circa 1970s
Kitchen power center, 1980
Lady manicure set
Massager treadmill, 1969
Mechanical timer
Mini greenhouse concepts, 1983
Mixers (hand)
Popcorn maker and fondue, 1972
Popcorn poppers, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1982
Portable range with single and double burner, 1971, 1980

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Pressure cooker, 1983
Pressure cooker and canner
Presto Industries' logos
Purse alarm
Roaster/Dutch oven, 1981
Room air freshener, 1981
Scrub and mix, 1983
Security system, 1971
Shoe shiner, 1983-1984
Soup kettle, 1982
Toasters and toaster ovens, 1971 and 1977-1979, 1983-1984
Toothbrushes and cases, 1967 and undated, circa 1970s
Under the counter appliances, 1983
Vanities, deluxe, undated
Vibrator shampooer

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Line / technical drawings

Coffeemakers
1952-1966
1968-1984

Electric rotisserie, tea kettle, toaster, hot dogger, prestoburger, portable range,
griddle, Egg cooker, control master, power master, 1954-80
Cookers, circa 1953-1976

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Irons 1953-1970
Ovens/broilers/roasters, circa 1953-1984
Hot tray, butter dispenser, knife sharpener, shoe polisher, scrub brusher, security
alarms, timers, circa 1960-1984
Hair stylers/dryers and manicure sets, 1962-1974
Kitchen kettle, portable mixer, can opener/knife sharpener, electric knife, 1962-
1982
Humidifiers, 1968-1972
Hand mixers, undated

Box 49

Skillets and pans, 1953-1983
Pressure cookers/canners, air coolers, heaters, electric toothbrushes, 1962-1982
Popcorn/caramel corn makers, 1965-1982

Box 50

WASHERS/DRYERS

Color renderings

Amana

1981 washers and dryers, 1980-1982

Washer/dryer, 1981

Backguards, 1984-1987

Washer/dryer control panels, circa 1980s

Bendix

Economat, circa 1950s

Washer, circa 1950s (2 folders)

Washer, 1955

Laundry center

Borg-Warner dry cleaning signs

Easy Corporacion Industrial Mexicana washer

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Norge

Dispensomatic

Industrial

Laundry Village

Washer backguards, 1958-1969

Washer, 1960

Speed Queen

Laundromat interiors

Circa 1980-1981
Circa 1983-1984
Circa 1985-1986
Miscellaneous

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Line/technical drawings

1951-1953
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1958
1959

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1960
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January-April 1963
May-September 1963
October-December 1963
January-July 1964
August-December 1964

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1965
January-April 1966
May-December 1966
January-February 1967
March-September 1967
October-December 1967
1968
1980-1982
1983-October 1985
November 1985-August 1986
September 1986-June 1987
July 1987-1988 and undated

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STEREO COMPONENTS/OTHER AUDIO DEVICES (color renderings)

Phonographs
Zenith
1963-1969
1970-1971
1972-1973

1974-1976

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1977-1980
Undated, circa 1967-1979
Tape players/recorders/answering machines
Glenburn, 1972
Zenith
1968-1973
Undated, circa 1967-1973

Box 57

Zenith tuners/amplifiers
1967-1986 and undated, circa 1972-1980
Zenith stereo speakers
1970-1973
Circa 1972-1978
1974-1980
1980-1983 and undated, circa 1972-1980

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Zenith stereo component interfaces/control panels
1970-1972
1973
1974-1980 and undated
Undated
Zenith stereos/consolas/cabinets
1967-1989
Undated, circa 1971-1980

Box 59

REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS, RANGES

Refrigerators

Amana
Circa 1973-1988
1975-1978
1980-1982
1983
1984
1985
1986
1987-1988

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Undated and decals
Bendix 1950s

Crosley 1950s
Norge 1950s

Box 61

Ranges

Amana 1970-1987
Bendix 1950s
Crosley 1960-1961
Moffatt (United Kingdom)
 1950s
 1960s
Norge circa 1960s
Unidentified, circa 1950's

Box 62

Amana Microwaves

1970-1972
1974-1976
1977-1979
1980-1982
1983-1985
Undated

Box 63

SCHICK PRODUCTS (color renderings)

Beauty Mist curlers, 1968-1969
Comfort center
Denture cleaner
Electric comb, 1971
Hair clippers
Hair dryers, 1971
High intensity lamp
Lighted compact mirror, 1969
Lighters
Makeup mirror
Manicure Sets
Rechargeable flash light
Shavers, ladies'
 High end ladies shaver nameplate
 Ladies' cordless shaver
 Lady Kenmore shaver case graphics
 Ladies shaver for Sears, 1970
 Eversharp ladies shaver
 Ladies Schick razor, metal case
Shavers, Mens'
 Magna Power Shaver

- Super Speed electric shaver (2)
- Super Speed packaging
- Men's shaver for Sears, 1970
- Vibro Thrust shaver
- Shavers, other
- Razor packaging, 1970
- Shaver packaging, 1970
- Miscellaneous shavers, circa 1970
 - Lady Bug/Men's Olympic shavers for Sears, 1971
 - Cordless shavers
- Styling products, 1968-1971
- Thermal facial moisturizer, 1970

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MISCELLANEOUS (Color renderings)

- Air purifier, Norge and Union Carbide, 1976 (2 folders)
- Amana
 - Building
 - Air conditioners (2 folders)
 - Showroom designs
 - Trash compactor, 1971 and undated

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- American Kitchens dishwashers, circa 1970s
- American Kitchens showroom designs
- AMI auxiliary wall speaker
- AMI Handiwash, 1953
- AMI washer tub
- Automatic canteen nameplates
- Autopoint-ashtrays, desk sets, magnetic indexes
- Baby Relax multi-purpose baby seat
- Bally home exercise bike, 1980
- Bausch and Lomb sunglasses/glasses/cases, 1970-1986
- Beneke toilet seats
- Boats
 - Lights
 - Lone Star boats
- Borg-Warner seat belts
- CCA thermostat/gas valves

Box 65

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Baby Relax multi-purpose baby seat
Bally home exercise bike, 1980
Bausch and Lomb sunglasses/glasses/cases, 1970-1986
Beneke toilet seats
Boats
 Lights
 Lone Star boats
Borg-Warner seat belts
CCA thermostat/gas valves

Box 66 (MISSING)

Culligan water conditioners
Cushman golf cart, 1969
Demco library furniture, circa 1970s
Dishwasher nameplates, 1980s
Dollar bill changer
Dormeyer hand-held mixer, circa 1950s
Dukane
 Audio recording machine
 Communication center
 Intercom

Box 67

Electrovoice speakers, soundcaster (2 folders)
Fyrnetics electronic scale, 1983
Glenburn showroom, circa 1972
Greeting card machine
Hygain CB transmitter, 1976
Ice machine
Jukeboxes, circa 1953-1979

Box 68

Kwikway
 Bench model flywheel grinder, 1983
 Nameplates
Lewyt shop vacuums, 1955
Lock blade knife, 1988
Martin Industries
Heaters
 Fish fryer/grill, 1978-1979
 Fireplace doors, 1979-1981
 Ashley heater, wood furnace, 1979
Moen faucets, circa 1970s
Oxygen generator
Parker pens, 1983-1984

Portable electric tools
Raython - Marine communications devices, 1971
Sheraton coffee bar unit
Short-wave scanner radio, 1975
Stranco pool controls, 1984-1985

Box 69

Vacuums
 Kirby Line drawings, 1983
 Lewytt shop vacuum renderings
 Regina sweepers, vacuums, floor and window cleaners
Vending machines
Wincharger portable generator
York
 Furnaces
 Control panels/thermostats
Zenith
 Video
 Video cassette recorders
 Undated
 1970s
 1980s
 Video cassette packaging sleeves, 1983
 Video cameras, 1980s

Box 70

Video disc players, 1980-1981
Video components
 Video component system tuners, 1979-1985 and undated (2 folders)
 Home video organizer electronic switch box, 1981
Television
 Speakers for stereo broadcast color television, 1983-1984
 Surround sound speakers for color television, circa 1982-1987
 Television tuning and cable boxes, circa 1980s
 Decoder boxes, 1984
Remote controls
 Space command 1972-1973 (2 folders)
 1976-1988
 VCR/camcorder/video disc, 1977-1984
Health equipment
 Heart monitor
 Hearing aids, 1967-1973
 Defibrillator
Home controls
 Central electronics

Timers, 1977
Video Sentinel camera switcher box, 1980
Audiometer, 1972 and undated
Portable and table model scanner, 1975
Interior designs for showrooms and offices
Test equipment
OHM meter, 1975
LEAA transceiver Zenith
Miscellaneous/unidentified products
Watches, 1974-1975 and undated

Box 70A

Signed Mel Boldt drawings, 1952-1953
Miscellaneous line drawings, 1952-1982

Amana Hi/Lo range, 1979
Amana control panel, 1979
Bendix washer nameplate, 1952
Cape Hart clock radio, 1952
Fedders name plate, 1952
Fedders control panel, 1952
Modular TV, 1979
National Pressure Cooker Co. remote control, 1952
Presto popcorn popper, 1978
Pressure cooker broiler, no date
Pressure cooker handle, 1952
Safety Interlock, 1982
RayBan sunglasses, 1979
Zenith OHM meter, 1955

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PHOTOGRAPHS

Televisions
Circa 1955-1956
1961-1964
1966-1967
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1969
1970-1971
1972 (2 folders)

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1973 (3 folders)
1974 (2 folders)
1975 (4 folders)
1976 (2 folders)
1977 (3 folders)

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1979 (2 folders)
1979-1980
1980 (2 folders)
1981 (5 folders)
1982 (4 folders)

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1982
1983 (4 folders)
1984 (2 folders)
1985 (2 folders)
1986
1987 (2 folders)
1988
Undated

Box 75

Remote controls
1963-1978
1979-1980
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1982-1987
Television control panels
1980-1982
1982
1983-1984
Cable tuner boxes, circa 1970s and 1980s
Projector, 1982-1987
Portable radios
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1961-1965
1966-1967
1968
1969 (2 folders)

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Portable radios
1970-1971
1972 (3 folders)
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1974
1974
1975-1976
1978-1979

1980-1981
Cassette players/recorders
1963-1973
Cassette AM/FM/ portables
1968-1979
1980-1981

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Clock radios
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1962-1967
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1976-1977
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1979-1980
1981
Undated

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Table radio
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1963-1967
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1975-1981
Special radio designs, 1973

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Schick
Razors
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1968-1972
Denture cleaner, 1966-1967
Heat vibrator/massager, 1967
Facial sauna, 1966-1972

Hot towel dispenser, 1972
Moustache trimmer, 1973
Multiple brands - Schick, Presto, National Pressure Cooker
Hair dryers, 1961-1973
Coffee makers
 1958-1960
 1962-1964
 1967
 1968-1982
Toothbrushes, 1962-1967
Hair styling products, 1965-1973
National Presto Industries
Electric skillet, 1954
Electric fry pan, 1956, 1970-1975
Broiler oven, 1959-1961, 1970-1975
Timers, circa 1950s and 1960s
Steam irons, 1950s, 1966, 1968, 1972
Electric rotisserie, 1960s
Humidifier, 1960

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Egg cooker, 1960-1961
Toasters, 1960s, 1979
Sugar/creamers, 1963
Press iron, 1963
Manicure set, 1964
Hand mixer, 1964-1966
Hot tray, 1965
Electric knives/slicers, 1965-1981
Nail dryer, 1967-1968
Heaters, 1967-1983
Can opener/knife sharpener, 1967-1984
Vanity Mirror, 1969
Purse alarm, 1970
Corn popper, 1970-1982
Hot dogger, 1972, 1974, and undated
Portable range, 1972, 1980
Pressure cooker, 1973-1984
French fryer, 1975
Cooker/fryer, 1975 and undated
Prestoburger, 1976
Air circulator, 1981
Mincer, 1983
Shoe polisher, 1983
Power master, undated

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Washers/dryers
1947-1950
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1955 (2 folders)
1956 (2 folders)
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Bendix, undated
Norge, undated

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Phonographs
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1972 (2 folders)
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1974 (3 folders)
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1980
1981

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Tuner/amp with cassette
1968-1971
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1974-1975
1976-1977
1978-1979
1980-1981
Radio/HiFi control panels
1961-1968
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Cassette/HiFi control panels
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Tuner/Amp without cassette
1969-1977
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Speakers
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1975-1978
1979-1987

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Norge, undated
Amana, undated

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Norse range, undated
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Microwave steak/hamburger cooker, 1979

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Amana undated

Microwave egg boiler, 1981
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1985
1986
1988-1989

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Video component systems
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Video disc players
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Video cameras and accessories
1978-1981
1982
1986 (2 folders)
1988

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Jukeboxes
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Miscellaneous
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Phonevision, 1958
Dukane dictating machine, 1958
Hearing aids, 1958, 1971
Transceiver, 1960, 1970
Vending machines, 1961-1962

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Voice data subscriber, 1961

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Audiometer, 1965
Regina vacuums/cleaners, 1965
Pacemaker, 1966
Moen faucets, 1967-1968
Stereos/console cabinets, 1967-1968
Plaques/awards, 1968-1982
Coin and bill changer, 1968
Personal electric tools
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Security alarm, 1970
Heart monitor, 1971
Page unit, 1971
Furnace panels, 1971
Trash compactor, 1971, 1974
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Interior display designs, 1972-1973
Indoor antenna, 1974
Watches, 1957-1976
Watches, 1975
Union carbide air enricher, 1976
Heating unit, 1976
Butter conditioner, 1976
Amana home A/C units, 1977
Logos/decals, 1978-1979
Camera switcher box, 1980
Fireplace, 1980
Video security system, 1980
Martin Industries Heater, 1980
Home video organizer, 1981
Computers and computer monitors, 1981-1985
Bausch and Lomb glasses, 1982
Venture folding table, 1982
Bally exercise bike, 1987
Lewytt Vacuums, undated
Norge water heater, undated
Lone Star boat
Mel Boldt
Mel Boldt and Associates offices, employees
Miscellaneous (2 folders)
Advertisements

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BUSINESS RECORDS

Meetings/production records
Amana, 1978-1979
Bausch and Lomb
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Annual report, 1980
Martin Industries, undated
National Presto Industries, 1956-1979
Zenith
Meeting minutes, 1959 (bound volume)
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