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Identity Statement:

Title: Arthur Hanna Auction Records
 Extent of the unit of description: 8 boxes; 4 linear ft.

Scope & Content / Abstract:

This collection includes 8 boxes containing 29 loose leaf binders of auction records of Arthur Hanna, Auctioneers of Milford, NJ and later Bloomsbury, NJ.

Each loose leaf binder is listed as a folder in the container list, and each binder contains the records of 50 (+ -) auctions.

Each auction is documented with a page of as many as 6 classified advertisements listing the consigner(s), date and location of the sale, and a fairly detailed listing of the items to be sold. Each auction also had a settlement page giving the name and address of the consignor, gross sale proceeds, auctioneer's commission (10%), cost of help, cost of advertising, other costs such as port-a-john rental, and the net proceeds paid to the consignor.

In 1998, Arthur was joined by his daughter-in-law, Tammy (Mrs. Dale Hanna) to form Hanna Auction Services. Sale records after that date consist only of a single line handwritten entry, listing the date, the seller, gross proceeds, and total fees charged to seller, i.e. commission plus other sale expenses.

Hunterdon County seems to have been an exceptionally active venue for auction sales. During the era of this collection there were about a half dozen active auctioneers regularly advertising in the many weekly local papers. A few, such as Elwood Heller, had physical auction halls, but on premises auctions were much more prevalent. Judging from the number of sales that Arthur Hanna conducted well removed from his base of operations, it would seem that auctioneers were not nearly as prevalent in neighboring counties.

It is interesting to note that each newspaper had its own format and typography for sale listings. For a specific sale the listing of items would be of considerably lengths in different papers. The listings were not a catalog, but many were quite detailed.

The collection would be of interest to anyone researching a specific seller or a particular community. It would also be of interest to social scientists studying household wealth and possessions.

Sale locations listed may be the post office, the municipality, the unincorporated crossroads community, or some other kind of information derived from the auction notice.

Context:

Name of Creator: Arthur Hanna

Structure:

System of Arrangement: Sale records are arranged chronologically in loose leaf books, with the book number being synonymous with folder number.

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