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## **Inventory of the Bruce I. Siegal Papers, 1952-2008**

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Bruce I. Siegal papers
<b>Date(s)</b>	1952-2008
<b>Creator:</b>	Siegal, Bruce I.
<b>Abstract:</b>	Contains genealogical and business records of Bruce I. Siegal, president of Supreme Lighting Corporation in Mullins, S.C. Materials include a manuscript of genealogical information and transcribed family interviews titled "Six Generations in Search of a Deli," photograph reproductions, correspondence regarding genealogical research, two Marvel Manufacturing Company stock ledgers, and two clippings scrapbooks pertaining to the Siegal family lighting businesses.
<b>Extent:</b>	0.5 linear feet (1 document box)
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<b>Language of Material:</b>	Materials in English

## Biographical and Historical Note

Bruce Irving Siegal (1941- ) was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, to Arthur and Shirley Siegal. His father ran Marvel Manufacturing Company, a business established in 1935 by Bruce's grandfather, Adam Siegal. In the early 1960s, the Siegals relocated from New Jersey to Mullins, South Carolina, and opened the Marvel Lamp Company, with Bruce working alongside his father, in 1963. After selling the company to American Brands in 1974 the family remained in the lighting industry, establishing the Supreme Lighting Corporation in 1980. Bruce would continue to run the company with his cousin Gary Siegal after his fathers death in 1994. In 1992 it was ranked as one of the state's 100 largest private companies, becoming one of the largest lightbulb manufacturers in the country. The company was sold to SLI Inc. in 1999.

## Collection Overview

The collection contains genealogical records and business records of the Siegal family's two lighting businesses. Genealogical materials include reproductions of original photographs of the Siegal family dating from the 1880s through 1984, a compiled guide to the collection of photographs including research and interview transcripts, and a small amount of correspondence regarding genealogical research. Business materials include two stock and transfer ledgers for Marvel Manufacturing Company, and two scrapbooks featuring newspaper clippings, magazine articles, and advertisements for Marvel Lamp Company and Supreme Lighting Corporation.

## Collection Arrangement

Materials are described at the folder level.

## Restrictions

### Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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## Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

### Names

- Siegal, Bruce I. (Bruce Irving), 1941-
- Siegal family
- Supreme Lighting Corporation
- Marvel Manufacturing Company
- Marvel Lamp Company

### Subjects

- Family-owned business enterprises--South Carolina--Mullins
- Jewish businesspeople--South Carolina--Mullins
- Jewish merchants--South Carolina--Mullins

### Places

- Mullins (S.C.)

### Types of Material

- Scrapbooks
- Manuscripts (document genre)
- Photographs
- Correspondence
- Financial records
- Clippings (information artifacts)

## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Bruce I. Siegal papers, College of Charleston Libraries, Charleston, SC, USA.

## **Acquisitions Information**

Materials were donated in 2012 by Bruce I. Siegal

## **Processing Information**

Processed by Amy Lazarus, March 2015.

Encoded by Amy Lazarus, April 2015.

Reviewed and uploaded by Joshua Minor, April 2015.

## Inventory

- Box 1 Folder 1 Siegal family photograph reproductions and "Six Generations in Search of a Deli" manuscript, 1985
- Reproductions of family photographs originally dating from the 1880s through 1984 with a corresponding manuscript written by Peggy Siegal titled "Six Generations in Search of a Deli" which contains captions, research, and transcribed interviews.
- Box 1 Folder 2 Genealogical correspondence, 2008
- Correspondence from Ira M. Klemons to members of the Siegal family regarding genealogical research with attached photocopied census documents.
- Box 1 Folder 3 Marvel Manufacturing Company stock and transfer ledgers, 1952, 1973
- The first contains entries for Adam, Martin, and Arthur Siegal. The second contains cancelled stock certificates for Martin and Arthur Siegal and a 1973 affidavit agreeing to transfer shares from Adam Siegal to Martin and Arthur Siegal upon Adam's death.
- Box 1 Folder 4 Marvel Lighting Co. clipping scrapbook, 1963-1995
- Includes articles on Marvel Lamp Company's opening in Mullins, South Carolina, as well as its growth and impact on the Mullins community and local economy.
- Box 1 Folder 5 Supreme Lighting clipping scrapbook, 1985-1997
- Includes articles on the history and growth of the Supreme Lighting Corporation, advertisements, catalog pages with product specifications, and letters of reference for the company from its distributor.