Summary

Size: 15 linear feet

Geographic


Inclusive dates: ca. 1915-1972
**Summary:** Records of a marble and granite business, consisting mainly of advertising catalogues, correspondence, plans and renderings, photographs, cost, price, inventory and sales records, purchase agreements, and bank, insurance, payroll and tax records.

**Related Collections:** Weiblen Memorials Collection, Addendum 1 (Mss 288)

**Source:** Gift, 1972

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**Historical Note**

Weiblen Memorials (originally incorporated as Albert Weiblen Marble and Granite Company) was founded at New Orleans in 1887 by Albert Weiblen (Nov. 9, 1857 - May 1, 1957), a native of Mezingen, Germany, who settled in the Crescent City in 1885. Soards’ New Orleans City Directory for 1888 lists Weiblen as foreman of Kursheedt and Bienvenu marble works, a company later absorbed by Albert Weiblen Marble and Granite Company.

The Weiblen firm, which operated its own quarries in Georgia and fabricating plants in New Orleans, was also an importer of foreign marble and granite. In addition to the numerous New Orleans tombs and monuments which it produced, the firm supplied marble and granite for such building as the capitol in Havana; the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and in New Orleans, the Whitney National Bank, the Canal Bank, the Civil Courts (on Royal Street), and the former Post Office (on Lafayette Square).

In 1969 the company was sold to Stewart Enterprises (the holding company of Acme Marble and Granite Company), which maintained the Weiblen Memorials name until 1971. At that time, the company’s offices at 116 City Park Avenue were closed, and all operations were merged with those of Acme Marble and Granite Company. This merger accounts for the Acme records found in the collection. It also accounts for the damaged condition of many of the documents, a condition which resulted when they were disposed of in an outdoor trash container prior to their discovery and retrieval by the donor.
Because of such handling, very little of the original order could be ascertained. The series which follow were chosen as the most practical and useful means of organization. In general, they reflect the activities which produced the records.

This synopsis is based on a *Times-Picayune* article of May 2, 1957; conversations with Henry Gandolfo, an employee of the company since 1915; and evidence in the collection.

**Series Descriptions**

**Series I.** Accounts Receivable (1962-1970)

**Series II.** Acknowledgments (1965-1967)

Acknowledgments from Continental Granite Division of Georgia Marble to Weiblen Memorials.

**Series III.** Advertising and Sales Literature (ca. 1936-1971)

Catalogues, pamphlets, handbills, printed illustrations, photographs, and miscellaneous papers; arranged alphabetically by name of issuing companies.

**Series IV.** Bank Records (1969-1970)

Statements, cancelled checks, deposit slips.

**Series V.** Cash Journal (1962-1970)
Series VI. Correspondence (1929-1971)

Incoming/outgoing, including internal memoranda.

Series VII. Daily Time Analysis Sheets (1965-1966)

Records of project, employees and types of craft, hours, and rates of pay.

Series VIII. Employee Loan Record (1962-1969)

Series IX. Employees' Withholding Exemption Certificates (1943-1968)

Series X. Equipment Use Log (1971)

Series XI. Estimate Sheets/Time and Material Records (ca. 1960-1971)

Details of material and labor costs for individual jobs.

Series XII. Files (1935-1971)

On purchase of foreign marble, including invoices, insurance and bank papers, bills of lading, customs forms, and related miscellany. Arranged chronologically by shipments as originally compiled.
Series XIII. Inscription Purchase Agreements (1960-1972)

Primarily Inscription Purchase Agreements with marble tickets, shop tickets, and lettering layout; also including a few miscellaneous agreements, contracts, and memoranda.

Series XIV. Insurance Records (1961-1971)

Subseries XIV.1: Miscellany (1962-1971)

Includes correspondence, invoices, credit memoranda, and related papers.

Subseries XIV.2: Policies (1960-1968)

Includes automobile and general liability, miscellaneous losses (fire, theft, etc.), and workmen’s compensation and employers’ liability.

Series XV. Inventory Ledger (1969-1970)

Series XVI. Invoices/Statements (1962-1971)

Subseries XVI.1: Issued by Elberton City Quarries to Metairie Cemetery Association and Weiblen Memorials (1962-1965)
Subseries XVI.2: Issued by Weiblen Memorials (1963-1971)

Series XVII. Oddments (ca. 1936-1972)

Primarily notes and jottings but including a scattering of acknowledgments, quotations, statements, invoices, receipts, and other miscellaneous business papers.

Series XVIII. Payroll Records (1959-1971)

Subseries XVIII.1: Metairie Cemetery Association (1964-1971)


Series XIX. Personnel Directories (ca. 1970)


Series XX. Photographs ([n.d.])

Prints and negatives, primarily depicting tombs, monuments, and sculpture; issued by Albert Weiblen Marble and Granite Company and unidentified companies (no arrangement).
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Records of customer payments to Weiblen Memorials.


Series XXIX.  Tax Records (1935-1969)

Subseries XXIX.1:  City of New Orleans

Includes occupational licenses and applications for same, personal property tax bills, and real estate tax bills.

Subseries XXIX.2:  State of Louisiana

Includes inspection receipts, occupational licenses and applications for same, and real estate tax notices and receipts.

Subseries XXIX.3:  Miscellany

Subseries XXIX.4:  Personal Property Reports/Taxpayers’ Reports (1955-1966)
Container List

Series I. Accounts Receivable

Ledger.


With working papers for 1970.

Series II. Acknowledgments

From Continental Granite Division of Georgia Marble to Weiblen Memorials.


Series III. Advertising and Sales Literature, ca. 1936 - 1971

Catalogues, pamphlets, handbills, printed illustrations, photographs, and miscellaneous papers; arranged alphabetically by name of issuing companies. See also attachments in Correspondence . . . (33-5 - 33-10) and Plans and Renderings . . . (33-90 - 33-91).
Acme Marble and Granite. See also Rittaizo Sculptors . . (33-53).

Amerigo di Martino Barsanti.

Fedele Andreani and Fli.

Armando Battelli.

Lodovico Bertoni and Sons.

Catullo Biagioli.

Fratelli Bramanti.

G. Cappeliez-Henaut.

Carthage Marble.

Cincinnati Metalcrafts.

Coggins Granite Industries.
33-36 Cold Spring Granite.

33-37a Giuseppe Cricca.

33-37b Noel Cricca.

33-38a Henri Daffe.

33-38b J. A. Dedouch.

33-39 Vico Dolfi.

33-40a Edwards Memorial Specialist.

33-40b Elberton City Quarries.


33-41a Fonderia Artistics Fiorentina.

33-41b General Bronze.

33-42 Georgia Marble.
33-43a  A. P. Grappone.

33-43b  Heyward Granite.

33-43c  Highpoint Granite.

33-43d  Illyrian Roman Marble and Stone.

33-44  International Granite and Marble.

33-45  Italian Marble.

33-46  Wm. H. Jackson Company.

33-47a  Jacobson & Company.

33-47b  Tompkins Kiel Marble.

33-47c  Kohler.

33-47d  E. G. Ladewich.
Marble Institute of America.

Adolf Martiner.

Matthews Memorial Bronze.

Meierjohan-Wengler.

Metairie Cemetery Association.

Michaels Art Bronze Co.

New Mexico Granite Co.

New Orleans Archdiocese Cemeteries.

Newman Brothers.

Northwest Granite Manufacturers Association.

Giovanni Pellerano.

Marmo Portoro.
33-53a-b Rittaizo Sculptors.

33-54a Giuseppe Runngaldier.

33-54b E. L. Smith.

33-54c [G. M. Taccone].

33-54d W. C. Townsend & Company.

33-54e United Marble & Granite Corp.

33-54f United States Bronze Sign Co.

G. Vignali. See Fonderia Artistica Fiorentina (33-41).

33-55a Gino & Anchise Vanelli.

33-55b Vase Import Co.

33-55c Enzo Viviani.
33-55d Walker & Zanger.

33-55e Ralph Watkins Metalcrafts.

33-56 Albert Weiblen Marble & Granite Co.  See also Photographs . . . (33-79).

33-57 Worthington Pump and Machinery.

33-58 Württenbergische Metallwarenfabrik.

**Series IV. Bank Records, 1969-1970**

Statements, cancelled checks, deposit slips.


33-2 Journal.

Series VI. Correspondence, 1929-1971

Incoming/outgoing, including internal memoranda. See also Insurance Records, Miscellany... 1962 - 1971 (33-81).

33-5 [n.d.]/uncertain date; February 1 - June 12, 1926; July 4, 1929 - June 30, 1930; December 7, 1932 - June 20, 1941; September 8, 1943 - December 17, 1946.


33-10 August 1, 1969 - October 4, 1972.
Series VII. Daily Time Analysis Sheets (Acme Marble and Granite Construction), 1965-1966

Recording project, employees and types of craft, hours, and rates of pay.


Series VIII. Employee Loan Record


Series IX. Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificates


Series X. Equipment Use Log (Weiblen Memorials)

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Detailing material and labor costs for individual jobs.


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Primarily Inscription Purchase Agreements with marble tickets, shop tickets, and lettering layout; also including a few miscellaneous agreements, contracts, and memoranda.
[n.d.]/uncertain date; unattached lettering layouts.


January 10 - August 8, 1968.

August 9 - December 30, 1968.

January 2 - December 30, 1969.

January 8 - September 30, 1970.


February 8 - April 30, 1971.


Series XIV. Insurance Records

Subseries 1. Miscellany.
Includes correspondence, invoices, credit memoranda, and related papers; arranged chronologically. See also Files . . . 1935 - 1971 (33-24 - 33-26).


**Subseries 2.** Policies.

Automobile and General Liability.


Miscellaneous Losses (fire, theft, and other causes).


Workmen’s Compensation and Employers’ Liability.

33-84 1965 - 1968.

**Series XV. Inventory Ledger**

Series XVI. Invoices/Statements

Subseries XVI.1. Issued by Elberton City Quarries to Metairie Cemetery Association and Weiblen Memorials.


Subseries XVI.2. Issued by Weiblen Memorials.


Series XVII. Oddments

Primarily notes and jottings but including a scattering of acknowledgments, quotations, statements, invoices, receipts, and other miscellaneous business papers.

33-80 ca. 1936 - 1972.

Series XVIII. Payroll Records
Subseries XVIII.1. Metairie Cemetery Association.


Subseries XVIII.2. Weiblen Memorials.

33-75 1965 - 1969 (annual tabulations).


Series XIX. Personnel Directories


33-63 ca. 1970.

Series XX. Photographs

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33-79 [n.d.]

Series XXI. Plaque

33-67 Brass relief: ALBERT·WEIBLEN·MARBLE & GRANITE·CO. | NEW-ORLEANS·LA.
Series XXII. Plans and Renderings

Originals and blueprints, primarily depicting tombs and funereal monuments but including a small miscellany of church and domestic works (no arrangement). See also attachments in Correspondence . . . 1926 (33-5).

33-90,

Series XXIII. Policy Statements and Procedural Guides

Handbooks, sample forms, interest tables, and related miscellany.

33-64 ca. 1970.

Series XXIV. Price and Inventory Records

Including considerable information on sales, construction progress and costs. See also Inventory Ledger, 1969; 1970 (33-3).

Series XXV. Printing Cuts

Illustrating tombs, civic monuments, and letterheads.

33-27 - 33-29 [n.d.]

Series XXVI. Purchase Orders

Issued by Acme Marble and Granite; reciprocal invoices attached.


Series XXVII. Receipt Book

Recording customer payments to Weiblen Memorials.


Series XXVIII. Sales Journals

Working papers, 1969.

Series XXIX. Tax Records

Subseries XXIX.1. City of New Orleans.

Occupational License Applications.


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Inspection Receipts.

33-12 1938; 1939; 1944; 1945.

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**Index Terms**

Acme Marble and Granite Company

Cemeteries—Louisiana—New Orleans

Cemetery monuments

Marbleworking

Weiblen Marble and Granite Company