

Krug Family Fonds

Series 1

KRUG BROS. CO. LTD.

Series and Subseries Descriptions

This document provides a general description of items found within the Krug Bros. Co. Ltd. series of the Krug family fonds, including a listing of the subseries and file categories into which the items have been organized.

An itemized inventory of items falling within each subseries and file category within this series is also available – See “Krug Bros. Co. Ltd., subseries 1, inventory.”

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SERIES DESCRIPTION

Title	Krug Bros. Co. Ltd. (Series 1 of Krug family fonds)
Dates	1886-1988, 1995
Extent	17.18 m of textual records 334 photographs : b&w and col. 24 technical drawings : blueprint ; 78 x 97.5 or smaller

Administrative History/Biographical Sketch

Krug Bros. Co. Ltd. of Chesley, Ontario began in 1886 as a partnership between brothers Christian, Conrad, John and William Krug, and brother-in-law Henry Ankenmann. The company was incorporated on November 26, 1909 as "The Krug Bros. Co." Upon receiving a Dominion Charter, allowing the company to sell furniture in all Canadian provinces, the company changed its name to Krug Bros. Co'y Limited; however, in catalogue and marketing materials, the company primarily used the name "Krug Bros. Co. Ltd." Christian Krug's son Howard Krug joined the company in 1925 and assumed the role of President when his father passed in 1941. Howard's brother Bruce Krug joined him around 1946. They continued to operate the business until they sold it in 1987 to 665205 Ontario Limited, operated by Ray Smith and Associates of Toronto.

Krug Bros. Co. Ltd. manufactured fine quality colonial and traditional furniture, with sales across Canada. Bedroom and dining room furniture formed the primary product lines throughout the company's existence. Springs and mattresses were also part of the product line until about 1914. Church furniture, including pulpits, pedestals, chairs and communion tables, was manufactured until about the 1960s. Lodge furniture was also a significant part of Krug operations when fraternal lodges were growing.

Krug Bros. Co. Ltd. owned and operated a sawmill in Chesley until 1975. It also owned and operated a mill in Sullivan Township from about 1900 to 1918. Around 1900, the company acquired approximately 600 acres of land with good standing hardwood in Sullivan Township, Grey County: lot 27, concessions 4 and 5, and the east half of lot 28, concession 5, near Kinghurst. Over the years, the company continued to acquire tracts of timber in Bentinck, Egremont and Sullivan townships in Grey County, and in Amabel, Arran and Brant townships in Bruce County.

Bruce and Howard Krug were considered pioneers and leaders in reforestation in Bruce and Grey Counties. Their woodlots were only

selectively logged, always leaving about 75% of mature timber standing. In early 1997, Howard Krug made a landmark bequest of 600 acres of Kinghurst Forest to Ontario Nature. Bruce and Howard Krug also personally purchased other properties for forestry purposes, and some of those properties have also been donated to government or organizations for preservation and/or public use.

Krug Bros. operated a maple syrup operation in the Kinghurst area from about 1918 to 1952 and 1958 to 1963.

From 1985 – 1987, Krug Bros. worked with the County in creating a proposal to turn the factory into a Centre for Industrial Furniture, a type of “living museum.” A feasibility study was conducted; ultimately the proposal did not come to fruition.

Following the 1987 sale, the company only continued to operate for a relatively short period of time. In the 1990s, the Chesley Market operated out of the building for a period of time. Unfortunately, the building also suffered deterioration and vandalism. By 2014, the building had been demolished.

Sources:

- (a) Contents of Krug Bros. Co. Ltd. series
- (b) Krug, Howard. *A Century of Excellence: Krug Bros. & Co. furniture manufacturers*, Ed. Ruth Cathcart. Toronto: Natural Heritage/Natural History Inc., 2001.

Custodial History

Items forming part of this subseries were maintained by Krug Bros. Co. Ltd. until the business was sold in 1987. The items attached to accession number A988 were delivered to the Museum in 1988 by a Receiver. Items attached to accession number A2014.003 were held by Howard Krug and Bruce Krug and were donated to the Museum by the Estate of Bruce Krug in 2014 after his passing in 2013.

Scope and Content

This series consists of records created and accumulated by Krug Bros. Co. Ltd. over its 100 years of operation in furniture manufacturing. Records reflect various aspects of the company’s governance, administration, finances, legal transactions, furniture costing and production, marketing and sales, human resources, building renovations, history and subsidiary Chesley Rake & Novelty Co.

Types of records include: Partnership agreements, minutes, correspondence, financial statements, journals and ledgers, taxation files, land records, timber agreements, leases, contracts, insurance

policies and assessments, furniture catalogues, brochures and photographs, time sheets, plans and technical drawings, newspaper clippings, photographs and "A Century of Excellence" manuscript. Reference materials include other companies' furniture catalogues and supplier catalogues, as well as woodworking and furniture magazines, journals and books.

Subseries and file list:

Subseries 1: Governance

- File 1: Partnership, incorporation and business registration records
- File 2: Sale, merger and feasibility study documents

Subseries 2: Administration

- File 1: Minutes (Management / Shareholder meetings)
- File 2: General correspondence
- File 3: Suppliers of equipment, lumber and furniture accessories
- File 4: Canadian Furniture Manufacturer's Association
- File 5: General administration

Subseries 3: Financial records

- File 1: Accounts payable
- File 2: Accounts receivable
- File 3: Capital stock
- File 4: Debts
- File 5: Financial statements and auditor's reports
- File 6: General finance and accounting
- File 7: General ledgers and journals
- File 8: Purchase orders
- File 9: Taxation

Subseries 4: Legal affairs and records

- File 1: Land records
- File 2: Timber agreements and leases
- File 3: Contracts
- File 4: Contracts with Woefle Chair Co. and Chesley Chair Co.
- File 5: Legal correspondence
- File 6: Insurance policies
- File 7: Permits

Subseries 5: Forest Management

- File 1: Tree health
- File 2: Woodlots

Subseries 6: Reference and Professional Development materials

- File 1: Government publications and legislation
- File 2: Management
- File 3: Woodworking and Furniture reference magazines, journals and books
- File 4: Dun & Bradstreet reference books, Canadian Trade Index books, and directories
- File 5: Reference files
- File 6: American and International furniture catalogues
- File 7: Canadian furniture catalogues
- File 8: Bruce County and Grey County furniture catalogues

Subseries 7: Production

- File 1: Sawmill and lumberyard records
- File 2: Furniture production and cost records
- File 3: [This file does not exist]
- File 4: Miscellaneous records
- File 5: Technical drawings and designs

Subseries 8: Marketing and public relations

- File 1: Furniture catalogues and brochures
- File 2: Photos, negatives and layouts
- File 3: Graphics and insignia

Subseries 9: Sales

- File 1: General sales correspondence
- File 2: Salesmen correspondence and reports
- File 3: Order correspondence
- File 4: Order books and records

Subseries 10: Human resources

- File 1: Employment and apprenticeship contracts
- File 2: Employee registers, production records and time sheets
- File 3: Payroll records
- File 4: Labour relations records
- File 5: Employee records
- File 6: Health & Safety records

Subseries 11: Building construction and renovation

- File 1: Construction agreements
- File 2: This file does not exist
- File 3: Plans and technical drawings

Subseries 12: Historic documents

- File 1: Photographs
- File 2: Events and anniversaries
- File 3: Articles, clippings & narratives
- File 4: A Century of Excellence

Subseries 13: Chesley Rake & Novelty Co. Limited

- File 1: Governance records
- File 2: Financial and legal records

Finding Aids

An inventory of items within each file in this subseries is available. See "Krug Bros. Co. Ltd., subseries 1, inventory."

Arrangement

At the time of donation, there was no clear systematic order to many of the documents. Original order was maintained when it was clear; otherwise, archival staff imposed an order according to created subseries and files.

Restrictions on Access

There are some donor-imposed restrictions on access to certain human resources records, such as employee applications and termination letters. These records are open to the public if they are at least 100 years old. (Subseries-file 10-5)

Access to two items is currently restricted due to poor condition and mould issues: (1) Cash book, June 1902 - October 1906; (2) General ledger, 1898-1901. (Subseries-file 3-7)

SUBSERIES DESCRIPTIONS and FILE LISTS

Subseries 1 Governance records

Dates 1886-1987

Extent 22 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This subseries consists of records created or used by Krug Bros. Co. Ltd. in the formal creation and continuation of the business, including partnership agreements, certificates of registration and records related to letters patent. It also includes documents related to proposals or offers of merger and/or sale, including an attempt to organize the Consolidated Furniture Manufacturing Co. Ltd. / British American Furniture Co. Ltd / Canada Furniture Manufacturers Limited (1899-1900), and the final 1987 agreement selling the company. Documents, related to a proposed Centre for Industrial Furniture, including a feasibility study, are also included (1985-1987).

This subseries consists of the following archival file categories:

- File 1 Partnership, incorporation and business registration records
- File 2 Sale, merger and feasibility study documents

Related material (within the archives)

For more documents related to the Centre for Industrial Furniture proposal, also see Krug Bros. Ltd. Directors' meeting minutes May 2, 1985 (Subseries 2-1), which include a discussion of Bruce County Museum' proposal of turning the factory into the Industrial Furniture Interpretation Centre.

Also see articles and newspaper clippings concerning the Industrial Furniture Interpretation Centre proposal in Subseries 12-3 (Historical documents – articles, clippings)

Finding aids

An inventory of items within each file in this subseries is available. See "Krug Bros. Co. Ltd., subseries 1, inventory."

Subseries 2 Administrative records

Dates 1887-1987

Extent 2.6 m of textual records

Scope and Content

This subseries consists of records reflecting the administration Krug Bros. Co. Ltd. and the company's involvement in the Canadian Furniture Manufacturers' Association.

It includes minutes of directors' and shareholder meetings (1910-1931, 1964, 1967, 1982-1987), contacts' business cards, furniture show guest books, and general correspondence, primarily between the company president and suppliers, former and current customers, shareholders, and government representatives. Personal correspondence is also included, primarily concerning personal investments and the Estate of Christian Krug, as well as correspondence concerning community issues (1898-1987, primarily 1960s-1980s).

These administrative records also include catalogues, equipment operation manuals, correspondence and promotional material from North American suppliers of equipment, tools, vehicles and materials including lumber and timber (1887 to 1970s). Local supplier records include a catalogue from Bruce County company, Larsen & Shaw Ltd., Walkerton, and a pamphlet from A. Schonstrom Co. Ltd., Walkerton.

Finally, this series includes records created by the Canadian Furniture Manufacturers' Association (1933-1981), including minutes, reports, submissions and correspondence of the Lumber & Veneer Committee, of which Howard Krug was a member (1969-1976).

This subseries consists of the following archival file categories:

- File 1: Minutes
- File 2: General correspondence
- File 3: Suppliers of equipment, lumber and material
- File 4: Canadian Furniture Manufacturer's Association
- File 5: General administration

Related material (within the archives)

For contracts or leases with suppliers, see Subseries 4 – Legal affairs and records.

For invoices or accounts payable owing to suppliers, see Subseries 3 – Financial records.

Journals or magazines published by suppliers may also be part of Subseries 6-3 (Reference and professional development – Woodworking journals etc.)

Finding aids

An inventory of items within each file in this subseries is available. See "Krug Bros. Co. Ltd., subseries 1, inventory."

Condition Note

2-3 – Supplier Catalogues: At least 25% of the catalogues have suffered some water damage. A smaller portion have pages stuck together.

Subseries 3 Financial records

Dates 1886-1988

Extent 4 m of textual records

Scope and Content

This subseries consists of financial records created or used by Krug Bros. Co. Ltd. in the course of operations. Types of records include: cash books, general ledgers, general journals and purchase journals, for various time periods from 1886 to 1987.

Also included are accounts payable records, such as paid invoices and receipts, and accounts receivable records, such as invoice copy books (1888-1903, 1932-1934), invoices, bills receivable ledger (1910-1912), promissory notes (1907-1918), collection letters, and statements of accounts receivable (1986-1987). Capital stock-related documents include certificates and correspondence related to capital stock of The Chesley Chair Co. and The Victory Telephone Co. (owned by Krug Bros. Co. Ltd.), as well as transfers of Krug Bros. stock.

Other records within this subseries include promissory notes and correspondence reflecting debts owing by the company, financial statements and auditor's reports (1923-1986), insurance appraisal reports, with factory lay-out plans (1920, 1951, 1963, 1977), bank account books (1906-1914), cancelled cheques (1963, 1970-1977), correspondence with accountants and banks (1970s - 1980s), and purchase orders concerning the procurement of goods (1975-1985).

Finally, this subseries includes taxation records and other government forms, including assessment notices and records concerning various properties owned by Krug Bros., as well as census of industry forms, employers' payroll statements under the Workers' Compensation Act, and various government forms required from companies during the First World War and the Second World War (1917-1944).

This series consists of the following archival file categories:

- File 1: Accounts payable
- File 2: Accounts receivable
- File 3: Capital stock
- File 4: Debts

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- File 5: Financial statements and auditor's reports
- File 6: General finance & accounting records
- File 7: General ledgers and journals
- File 8: Purchase orders
- File 9: Taxation and government forms

Related material (within the archives)

There may be other correspondence concerning debts in subseries 2, file 2 - Administrative records - General correspondence.

For reference material concerning taxation issues see subseries 6 - Professional development and reference materials.

Finding aids

An inventory of items within each file in this subseries is available. See "Krug Bros. Co. Ltd., subseries 1, inventory."

Access and condition notes

Access to two items is currently restricted due to poor condition and mould issues: (1) Cash book, June 1902 - October 1906; (2) General ledger, 1898-1901.

Arrangement note

Purchase Journals are listed in File 7 instead of File 1 because they are sometimes included in the same book as the General Journals.

Subseries 4 Legal affairs and records

Dates 1852-1988

Extent 85 cm

Scope and Content

This subseries consists of records reflecting legal transactions engaged in by Krug Bros. Co. Ltd. Land records, such as deeds, mortgages, timber agreements and leases, reflect the factory land, town land, farm lands and woodlots owned by the company in Bruce County, Grey County, British Columbia and Alberta as well as lands from which they harvested timber. The land records often include instruments related to previous owners, including some patents. Krug Bros. Co. Ltd. contracts concern supplies and machinery, utilities, patents, and sales agreements, as well as agreements with Chesley Chair Co. and Woefle Chair Co. Insurance policies, inspection certificates, permits and licenses are also included.

Legal correspondence includes correspondence with lawyers and government agencies, primarily concerning stock, shareholders and tax issues.

This subseries consists of the following archival file categories:

File 1: Land records

File 2: Timber agreements and leases

File 3: Contracts

File 4: Contracts with Chesley Chair Co. and Woefle Chair Co.

File 5: Legal correspondence

File 6: Insurance policies

File 7: Permits

Finding aids

An inventory of items within each file in this subseries is available. See "Krug Bros. Co. Ltd., subseries 1, inventory."

Subseries 5 Forest management records

Dates 1938-1995

Extent 15 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This subseries consists of records related to the management of Krug Bros. Co. Ltd.'s woodlot and timber resources. It includes 1970s correspondence and reference materials related to hardwood production, Dutch Elm Disease (including an article about the 300-year old Krug Elm tree of Sullivan Township), European pine sawfly, and tent caterpillars. A maple syrup timekeeping notebook (1938-1947) and a 1942 "production and marketing of maple products" form reflect the company's maple syrup production efforts.

Woodlot property records include correspondence concerning the purchase of bush lot properties, Sullivan reforestation (1951-1972), notes reflecting bush lot timber estimates and tallies (1940s-1950s), Ontario Department of Lands & Forests aerial photographs of various woodlots (1954-1955), woodlot appraisals with aerial photographs (1984) and a Life Science Inventory and Evaluation of Kinghurst Forest Study Area (1981).

Woodlot names include: Murray, Stewart, Wade, Varney, Beattie, Berry, Barry, Fisher, Krause, Maluski, McClevis, Neustadt, Spears, Wiley, Watson, Christie, Milburn, and Twamley. Woodlots are within Bruce and Grey Counties, in Bentinck, Egremont, Sullivan, Amabel, Arran and Brant Townships.

This subseries consists of the following archival file categories:

File 1: Tree health

File 2: Woodlots

Related material (within the archives)

For land records related to the acquisition of woodlots and timber agreements, see subseries 4-1 (Legal affairs - land records) and subseries 4-2 (Legal affairs - leases and timber agreements).

For forest management reference materials, see subseries 6-3 (Professional development and reference materials).

For materials related to the purchase of timber, see subseries 2-3 (Administrative records - suppliers) and subseries 3 (Financial records).

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For documents related to management of Grey County woodlots by Bruce Krug in 2000s, when he was no longer operating Krug Bros., see the Bruce Krug file in the Krug family series - item "Forest Management Plans for Bruce A. Krug in Grey County, 2002-2021" [Documents dated 2002-2006] regarding: Centennial, Hamilton, Milburn, Murray, McClung, Cavelle, Berry Place, Christie, Pleasant Hill, Stuart, Twamley, and Wade properties.

The Museum's collection also holds a glass bottle of "Saugeen - Pure Maple Syrup," "Produced by Krug Bros. Co. Limited. Manufacturers of Saugeen Brand Maple Furniture" (2014.004.070) and an empty tin of "Pure Maple Syrup" manufactured by Krug Bros. Co. Limited (2014.004.071).

Finding aids

An inventory of items within each file in this subseries is available. See "Krug Bros. Co. Ltd., subseries 1, inventory."

Subseries 6 Reference and professional development materials

Dates 1895-1986

Extent 6 m of textual records

Scope and Content

This subseries consists of professional development materials and other resources, likely used as reference materials by Krug Bros. Co. Ltd. managers. Topics include production and financial management, marketing, health & safety, labour and employment issues, furniture design and woodworking.

Types of records include legislation and by-laws, bulletins, business directories and Dun & Bradstreet reference books, correspondence, reports, magazines and journals, furniture catalogues, books, and reference files including notes and clippings.

The collection of Bruce County and Grey County furniture company catalogues includes a fairly extensive collection of catalogues and other materials related to Knechtel Furniture Co., Hanover.

This subseries consists of the following archival file categories:

- File 1: Government publications and legislation
- File 2: Management resources
- File 3: Woodworking and furniture reference magazines, journals and books
- File 4: Dun & Bradstreet reference books, Canadian Trade Index books and directories
- File 5: Reference files
- File 6: American and international furniture catalogues
- File 7: Canadian furniture catalogues
- File 8: Bruce County and Grey County furniture catalogues

Related material (within the archives)

For Chesley Chair Company, Limited and Heirloom of Canada Limited furniture catalogues, see Series 2, Subseries 2, File 3 (Chesley Chair Co. – Marketing and public relations.

Finding aids

An inventory of items within each file in this subseries is available, along with finding aids entitled "American & International Furniture Catalogues" and "Canadian Furniture Catalogues". The "Bruce County and Grey County Furniture Catalogues" finding aid also includes many items listed in File 8.

Subseries 7 Production records

Dates 1920-1987

Extent 25 cm of textual records. – 8 technical drawings ; 29 x 186 cm and smaller

Scope and Content

This subseries consists of Krug Bros. Co. Ltd. records related to the production of furniture, as well as sawmill and lumberyard operations. Types of records include inventory notes, notes and calculations with production measurements and cost, notes and procedures related to finishes, and technical drawings.

This subseries consists of the following archival file categories:

File 1: Sawmill and lumberyard records

File 2: Furniture production and cost records

File 3: [This file does not exist]

File 4: Miscellaneous records

File 5: Technical drawings and designs

Related material (within the archives)

For records related to the purchase of lumber, see 1-2-3 "Suppliers of equipment, lumber and material."

Finding aids

An inventory of items within each file in this subseries is available. See "Krug Bros. Co. Ltd., subseries 1, inventory."

Subseries 8 Marketing and public relations records

Dates 1892-1986

Extent 2 metres of textual records. – 2 signs ; 60 x 122 cm and smaller

Scope and Content

This subseries consists of documents related to public relations and the marketing of Krug Bros. Co. Ltd. furniture products. It includes furniture photographs used in catalogues and by salesmen, furniture catalogues, brochures, and graphics and insignia including letterhead, signs, postcards and business cards.

This subseries consists of the following archival file categories:

- File 1: Furniture catalogues and brochures
- File 2: Photos, negatives and layouts
- File 3: Graphics and insignia

Finding aids

An inventory of items within each file in this subseries is available. See "1-1 Krug Bros. Co. Ltd., subseries 1, inventory."

Also see the "Krug Bros. Co. catalogues finding aid."

Note

Krug Bros. Co. catalogues and brochures have been assigned object ID numbers A2014.003.0412-0530.

Subseries 9 Sales records

Dates 1892-1987

Extent 30 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This subseries consists of notes and correspondence, both with customers concerning quotes, potential sales and orders, and with dealers / salesmen concerning sales targets, pricing, product design and competition within the industry. Customers include companies requesting piece-work.

This subseries consists of the following archival file categories:

- File 1: General sales correspondence
- File 2: Salesmen correspondence and reports
- File 3: Order correspondence
- File 4: Order books and records

Related material (within the archives)

For General Ledgers and General Journals, see subseries 3, file 7 (Financial records – General ledgers and journals).

Finding aids

An inventory of items within each file in this subseries is available. See "Krug Bros. Co. Ltd., subseries 1, inventory."

Subseries 10 Human Resources records

Dates 1890-1987

Extent 72 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This subseries consists of human resources records reflecting the working relationship of Krug Bros. Co. Ltd. with its employees. Records include: apprenticeship, employment and contractor agreements, registers and lists of employees, time books and payroll-related records, as well as employee records including applications, resumes, letters of termination and modified work letters. These records also include a small number of memos and general letters to employees and a 1985 speech to foremen concerning the financial state of the company.

This subseries consists of the following archival file categories:

- File 1: Employment and apprenticeship contracts
- File 2: Employee registers, production records and time sheets
- File 3: Payroll records
- File 4: Labour relations records
- File 5: Employee records (including applications, resumes, letters of termination)
- File 6: Health & safety records

Related material (within the archives)

For General Ledgers, which may contain payroll-related information, see subseries 3, file 7 (Financial records – General ledgers and journals).

For Health & safety reference resources, see subseries 6, file 2 (box 1-6-2b) – (Reference and professional development resources – Management resources.)

Finding aids

An inventory of items within each file in this subseries is available. See "Krug Bros. Co. Ltd., subseries 1, inventory."

Access Restrictions

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There are some donor-imposed restrictions to the access of certain employee records, particularly those in File 5, such as employment applications, resumes, termination letters, letters to parole officers or court, letters concerning medical conditions and ability to work. Researchers may need to provide information concerning the employee name, employee's date of death (if applicable), and/or purpose of accessing the records in order for Archives Staff to determine whether the records in question may be made available.

Records contained within the "Workmen's Compensation Board reports" folder in File 6 are restricted pursuant to provisions of the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act*.

Subseries 11 Building construction and renovation records

Dates 1893-1977

Extent 1 cm of textual records
24 technical drawings : blueprint ; 78 x 97.5 cm or smaller

Scope and Content

This subseries consists of a contract related to construction and renovation of the mill (1893), financing agreement concerning erection of brick factory (1894), correspondence and plans concerning development of power house and dam (1914), and various blueprints concerning sprinkler systems (1915, 1917, [1919?], 1926), some of which show layout of factory buildings and floor plan.

This subseries consists of the following archival file categories:

File 1: Construction agreements

File 2: [This file does not exist]

File 3: Plans and technical drawings

Related material (within the archives)

Plot plans identifying layout of factory buildings (1920, 1951) may also be found with Insurance Appraisal Reports in Subseries 3, File 6 (Financial records – General accounting).

Finding aids

An inventory of items within each file in this subseries is available. See "Krug Bros. Co. Ltd., subseries 1, inventory."

Subseries 12 Historic documents

Dates 1891-2001

Extent 17 cm of textual records
334 photographs : b&w and col.

Scope and Content

This subseries consists of documents reflecting the history of Krug Bros. Co. Ltd., including photographs, scrapbook, articles, narratives and book. Photographs reflect the interior and exterior of the factory, employees, company founders and anniversary events. Items related to events and anniversaries include picnic programmes, letters of congratulations, newspaper articles, scrapbook and 100th anniversary letterhead and stickers. This subseries also includes photographs used in the book "A Century of Excellence" by Howard Krug, edited by Ruth Cathcart, copyright 2001 Bruce Krug, as well as copies of the draft manuscripts and the published book.

This subseries consists of the following archival file categories:

- File1: Photographs
- File2: Events and anniversaries
- File 3: Articles & narratives
- File 4: Century of Excellence

Finding aids

An inventory of items within each file in this subseries is available. See "Krug Bros. Co. Ltd., subseries 1, inventory."

Subseries 13 Chesley Rake & Novelty Co.

Dates 1899 – 1910

Extent 7.5 cm of textual records

Administrative History

In October 1899, the founding partners of Krug Bros. & Co., William, John, Christian and Conrad Krug and Henry Ankermann, arranged for the incorporation of The Chesley Rake and Novelty Company, Limited. On February 24, 1910, an agreement was signed selling The Chesley Rake and Novelty Company to Krug Bros. Co. Ltd., following that company's incorporation in November 1909.

Chesley Rake & Novelty initially continued the manufacture of wooden rakes in the planing mill / plant established in Chesley by Thomas Moore on the west side of Main St. and just north of the railway tracks. The planing mill consisted of a two-storey brick factory on Main Street, giving Krug Bros. a much needed location close to the local railway line.

Several additions were also made to the buildings there, including the erection of a brick building as a continuation of the wing running east to west in or around 1903; the 1908 erection of a three-story brick building (no. 3 building extending south from the office on Main Street); and the 1910 construction of the building running from Main Street west along King Street. That new structure was designated as buildings nos. 1 and 2 and served as the office, showroom, warehouse and shipping departments. Upon completion of this construction, Krug Bros. moved its main furniture manufacturing operations to this site, and Chesley Rake & Novelty Co. surrendered its charter.

Sources:

Krug, Howard. *A Century of Excellence: Krug Bros. & Co. furniture manufacturers*, Ed. Ruth Cathcart. Toronto: Natural Heritage/Natural History Inc., 2001, p. 77-79

The Chesley Centennial Committee. *Chesley ... Past & Present*, 1980, p. 52.

Contents of subseries, and "Three Quarters of a Century in Canada" paper contained in Krug Bros. 75th Anniversary Scrapbook (A2014.003.1-12-2)

Scope and Content

Subseries 13 of the Krug Bros. Co. Ltd. series (Krug family fonds) consists of documents reflecting the operations of Chesley Rake & Novelty Company, Limited, including construction contracts, banking by-law, financial statements, price list, stock certificates, and deeds of land.

This subseries consists of the following archival file categories:

File 1 Governance records

File 2 Financial and legal records

Finding aids

An inventory of items within each file in this subseries is available. See "Krug Bros. Co. Ltd., subseries 1, inventory.