Peterson Leather Company (1914-1937)
Records, 1921-1941, (bulk 1921-1930)

Manuscript Collection, BUS-14

1 linear foot (1 container)

Administrative History: Andrew Peterson was born in Norway in 1860. A cooper by trade, Peterson immigrated to America when he was 29 years old. He worked as a cooper until 1900 when he became a leather worker for the Foucar Leather Company in North Woburn, Massachusetts. Peterson formed a patent leather company in Woburn, Andrew Peterson and Son, in February of 1914. He served as president while the treasurer and superintendent of the company was his son, Herman P. Peterson. The third member of the company, his son Alfred W. Peterson, left the firm in 1918 to establish his own patent leather business. Incorporated in 1920, Andrew Peterson and Son had a plant in North Woburn that by 1922 was employing 75 workers. By 1925 Herman P. Peterson had formed a partnership with Edward H. Merrill, founding a new patent leather company, Peterson and Merrill Inc., where he served as treasurer. That company, while successful, had closed by 1937 due to an increase in competition from the introduction of plastics into the field.

Scope and Contents: 8 volumes. Account books for Andrew Peterson and Son Inc. and Peterson and Merrill Inc. Check register for Herman P. Peterson. Correspondence from Camp Edwards, dated April 2, 1941, signed Junie (folder 1).

Acquisition: The collection was donated in October of 1991 by Max Johnson.

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Box	Volume	
1	1	Account book, Andrew Peterson & Son Inc., 1921
	2	Check register, Herman P. Peterson, 1923
	3	Account book, Peterson, Merrill Co. Inc., 1925
	4	Account book, 1926
	5	Account book, Peterson, Merrill Co. Inc., 1926
	6	Account book, 1929
	7	Account book, 1929
	8	Account book, Peterson, Merrill Co. Inc., 1930
	Folder	
	1	Correspondence, 1941