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Ogilvie Hardware Company, Inc.



*The Home of
Thomas-Ogilvie Hardware Company, Inc.
Shreveport, Louisiana*

Description

Ogilvie Hardware was one of the largest jobbers of hardware in the Ark-La-Tex area and had been operating since 1907, when it first came into existence under the corporate name of Thomas-Davidson-Ogilvie Hardware Co. Inc. Ltd. The original incorporators were R.J. Ogilvie, E.A. Thomas and Fred Davidson. They began business at the corner of Travis and Strand streets.

Upon the death of Mr. Davidson in 1912 the name of the company was changed to Thomas-Ogilvie Hardware. In 1915 Mr. Thomas withdrew from the firm and Mr. Ogilvie succeeded him as president of the company, which position he held continuously until 1979. His brother W.B. Ogilvie Jr. took over the business and ran it until 1988. At that point, Burt Ogilvie became president and continued to serve in that capacity.

Ogilvie's distributed tools to lumber yards, feed and seed stores and hardware stores throughout the Ark-La-Tex. At one point the company peaked at 1,200 accounts with more than 40 employees. After 92 years in business this family business closed due to the competition of big box hardware stores such as Lowes, and Home Depot. Local business associates said that services provided by family-owned operations such as Ogilvie's are very hard to find.

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Correspondence	1915, 1941, 1943, 1960, 1970
1	2	Correspondence	1981
1	3	Correspondence	1997
		Re: selling building	
1	4	Photographs:	
		Ogilvie Building :	
		2-8x10s	1960s-1970s
		1-5x7	1980s
		1-4x6	1920s
		Ogilvie truck at Loading dock	
		1-8x10	
		Surrounding area	
		8-8x10	1960
		Ogilvie employees	
		including Russell J. Ogilvie, Jr William Buckner Ogilvie	
		1-8x10	ca. 1960s
		Ogilvie Clinic	
		3-8x10	May 1955
		Ogilvie Salesmen for Bader Tires	
		1-8x10	1920s
		Ogilvie Salesmen	
		sitting on and around Thomas-Ogilvie Hardware truck	
		1-8x10	1924
1	5	Newspaper clippings	1920, 1937, 1955, 1999, 2011, 2017

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1	6	Order forms:	1909, 1915 (2), 1930 (2), 1930, 1931, 1936, 1947 (2), 1945, 1956
1	7	Memorabilia: Signed Norman Rockwell painting (PC)-Winchester Rifle promotion Ink blotter promotion Postcard-receipt Envelope-return address Sale tags (blank)	1916 1910
2		Abstract of Title (3 vols.) Ogilvie Hardware - Jones and Spring Street	1943
3		Minutes: Minutes Index to Stockholders/Board of Directors Proxy Ogilvie Building Inc.	1911-1918 1918-1939 1911-1961. 1948-1991 1927-1949
4		Minutes:	1950-1963 1964-1983 1992-2000
5		Financial Statements prepared by Ernest & Ernest	1918-1953
6		Financial material	
	8	Corporate Excess tax returns	1917-1930
	9	Federal Income Tax for Corporations	1914-1917
	10	Advertising Expenses	1980s-1990s
	11	Allowances & Discounts	1980s-1990s
	12	Bad Accounts	1980s-1990s
	13	Capital Stock	1980s
	14	Commission Catalogue Expense Collections Commercial National Bank	1990s 1980s 1970s 1990s
	15	Discounts Allowed	1990s
	16	Discounts Earned	1990s
	17	Drawing Account	1990s

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6	18	Dues, Deliveries, Donations	1990s
	19	Elevator Expense, Employee Ins.	1980s-1990s
	20	Equipment	1940s-1990s
	21	Freight In	1990s
	22	Freight Out	1990s
	23	House Expense	1990s
	24	IBM Expense, Ice & Water Insurance	1990s
	25	Legal & Professional, Light & Power License Expense	1990s
	26	Liabilities	1980s-1990s
	27	Merchandise Inventory	1940s-1990s
	28	Merchandise Purchases	1990s
	29	Miscellaneous Assets	1950s-1960s
	30	Miscellaneous Expense	1990s
	31	Miscellaneous Income	1970s-1990s
	32	Office Expense	1990s
	33	Payroll	1980s-1990s
	34	Prepaid Expenses	1980s-1990s
	35	Merchandise Sales	1980s-1990s
	36	Profit & Dividends Paid	1970s-1990s
	37	Real Estate	1950s-1990s
	38	Receivables	1980s-1990s
	39	Repairs-house & Employee Ret.	1980s-1990s
	40	Return Sales	1980s-1990s
	41	Sales & promotional expense	1980s-1990s
	42	Taxes	1990s
	43	Travel Expense	1990s
	44	Undivided profits	1970s-1990s
	45	Warehouse expenses	1990s
7		Stock Certificates	
	46	Stock Certificates	1918-1933
	47	Stock Certificates (Cancelled)	1934
	48	Stock Certificates	1934

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7	49	Stock Certificates	1945-1995
8		Gun Ledgers	1913-1917 1918-1919 1916-1917 1920 (2) 1917-1918 (3) 1920-1923 1918
9			1921-1922 1925-1926 1922-1924 1925-1935 1924-1932
10			1934-1940 1950-1953 1938-1939 1954-1956 1946-1947
11		Radio Sales	1936-1937
		Journal Vouchers	1986-1993
		Order Books (blank)	
12		Ogilvie Hardware catalogues: (3)	1922 Two undated
13		Ogilvie House-728 Austin Place-Florentine Club Built for W. B. Ogilvie in the late 1890s and designed by architect L. D. McNabb. In 1907 it was sold to Sam Weiner, and in 1951 it became The Florentine Club	
	50	Photo of Gene Barnette on stairs of The Florentine	
	51	Photos of guests in Florentine Club	
	52	Photos of performers at Florentine Club	
	53	Memorabilia from Florentine Club	
	54	Newspaper clippings	2013-2017; u.d.
	55	One plate from Florentine Club	

On shelf:

8 x 10 framed photograph of Russell Jennings Ogilvie

Stock Certificates 1906-1945

Stamp: "Thomas-Ogilvie Hardware Company"

Chair leg: "Ogilvie Hardware Company"

Baseball bat: "Thomas-Ogilvie HDW Co. Inc. Shreveport LA Model TGS"

Rolled drawings:

Survey of Ogilvie Hardware site, 2000

Architectural drawing: for Thomas-Ogilvie Building. Architect: Clarence W. King 4 sheets. Erected in Jones St. between Spring & Market. 5 stories including basement

Architectural drawing: for Thomas-Ogilvie Building. Architect: Clarence W. King, A1-A5; E1-E4; M1-10 sheets

Plat showing part of Roland Jones subdivision 1902 & block 67 of Jones Subdivision, 1869.

Plat showing from Red River to Marshall St. ca. 1965

Renderings by Clarence W. King of Thomas-Ogilvie Hardware-one of the buildings and others of specific building's parts.

1920s Underwood Standard Typewriter used in Ogilvie Hardware (in first reading room)