

Fieldcrest Mill Whistle

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Title:	Fieldcrest Mill Whistle
Accession No.:	05-070
Extent:	
Provenance:	This collection of photographic negatives was donated by Mrs. Bonnie Francis in August of 2005. Her husband was a photographer for <i>The Mill Whistle</i> magazine, which was given to workers at the Fieldcrest Mills.
Inclusive Dates:	1950s
Subject Headings:	Fieldcrest Mills Textile industry – Eden (N. C.)
Items Separated:	
Related Collections:	
Preferred Citation:	<i>Fieldcrest Mill Whistle. 05-072. Rockingham Co. Historical Collections, Gerald B. James Library, Rockingham Community College.</i>
Descriptive Note:	<p>When received, these negatives were in a deteriorated condition. Many of the negatives have been scanned and saved digitally.</p> <p>Fieldcrest Mill was founded by Benjamin Franklin Mebane on 600 acres of land in Spray (now Eden), NC in 1893. The mill was later taken over by Marshall Field, the well-known Chicago retailer, and became a subsidiary of Marshall Field & Co. and was renamed the Thread Mills Company. In 1947, the mill's name was changed again to Fieldcrest Mills.</p>

In 1953, the mill was again sold, this time to an investment company, Amoskeag Co. Through the 1960s and 1970s, the mill produced towels, sheets and blankets, with the Karastan division producing both Karastan and Laurelcrest carpets.

In 1986, Fieldcrest acquired Cannon Mills, becoming Fieldcrest Cannon, however by this time profits had begun to slide. In 1997, Fieldcrest Cannon was sold to Pillowtex. On July 30, 2003, Pillowtex announced its complete bankruptcy.

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Photographic negatives from *The Mill Whistle* magazine, a publication of Fieldcrest Mills.