

McLean County Museum of History

Beich Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	4 boxes
COLLECTION DATES:	1880-2023
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NOTES:	<p>See also Archival:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- "<i>Sweet Talk</i> Collection"- "Beich Candy Company Employee Records Collection"- Oversize: banana candy box wrapper (3)- Oversize: industry publication with full page Beich ad.- Cemetery Walk biography (PFB) plus other pertinent vertical files <p>See also Library:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Beich's and Related Families</i> by David Warren Beich, 1996.- Plus, several company booklets.

Brief History

Born in Wehlau, East Prussia in 1864, **Paul Frank Beich** received his early education at Culm where his father was headmaster. He was the eldest of three sons born to August and Huldah (Volgelsang) Beich. At the age of 18 he emigrated and on February 21, 1887, became a naturalized citizen of the United States in McLean County. On March 1 of that year he moved to St. Louis, Missouri, to take a place as a travelling salesman for candy maker Peckham & Co.

In 1893 Beich purchased the Chisholm-Gray Company building in Bloomington, first conducting business in the 200 block of East Front Street, and later in the 100 block. In 1899 Beich and Oscar Buffe purchased the Lancaster Caramel Company from M.S. Hershey. By 1908 Beich's candy factory was at the foot of West Grove Street, just west of Union Station. Beich was considered one of the city's leading industries, employing over 200 people. By 1929 the company employed 400 people while the Chicago branch employed 200.

The Paul F. Beich company had purchased an existing plant to manufacture in Chicago in 1912. This expedited delivery to the Chicago market. Later, improved roads and trucks allowed swifter access to this market, and the Chicago manufacturing was incorporated into the Bloomington site in 1939.

In 1953, the company introduced a profit-sharing approach with their Kathryn Beich line. Organizations such as churches and schools ordered special candies to sell as fund-raisers and pay for the merchandise later.

After many plant expansions at the old Bloomington site, the company opened a new plant on Beich Road, south of Bloomington. In 1984 Nestle purchased the company, soon ending all Beich family involvement. Nestle sold the Kathryn Beich fund-raising company to a New York-based investment firm in 2002 and sold the Bloomington factory to Ferrero in 2018.

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Paul Frank Beich (PFB:1864-1937) married **Catherine "Kittie" Mary Gerken** (1867-1944) in 1888 in Bloomington. Her parents, **William A. & Mary Amelia Stemm Gerken**, were prominent and affluent Bloomington residents. Paul and Kittie reared two sons, Otto Gerken Beich and Albert Charles Beich, each of whom were eventually appointed chairmen of the board of their father's company.

**Otto Gerken Beich** (OGB:1892-1964) wed **Harriet Kiser** (1893-1958) and had two children, Paul M. and William A. Beich. Otto (OGB) served as Paul F. Beich Company president from 1929-1945. Harriet remained in Bloomington a while after their 1948 or 1949 divorce and then moved to California. OGB wed a second time to **Lucile "Cele" Heiple** (1917-2021), and OGB adopted her young son **Stephen** (1946-1990).

**Paul Marion Beich** (1916-1968), Otto G. Beich's elder son, became president of the company; in 1939 he wed Katherine McNulta (1916-1954) and fathered four children: Paul M. Jr.(1939-2106); Karen (Crowe); Otto "Tony"(1946-2005); and Herbert "Hobby". After Katherine's death he married Ruth Baldwin, with whom he had daughter Mary Lee Beich Gendron.

**William August "Bill" Beich**, second son of Otto G. Beich, earned an engineering degree and joined the family business. After his brother Paul's death in 1968, he became president of the company. He continued in this role until his retirement in 1985, one year after the Nestle buyout. He married

**Patricia Spahr** (1921-2005) of Chicago. They raised three children in Bloomington: **Diane Beich McCall** (b.1945), **Fritz Patrick Beich** (b. 1947), and **David Warren Beich** (b.1950).

**Albert Charles Beich** (1895-1948), younger son of the company founder, married **Hulda Burke** (1896-1972) and had three children: Betty, Mary, and Albert C. Jr. Betty married Dr. Raymond White of Chicago and they had one son by 1949; Mary was a Hollywood actress, under the name Mary Bovard, and married Rudolph Myers of Santa Monica, Calif. She was known as Mary Beich McCarthy in 1996 and was an internationally known painter, living in Paradise Valley, Ariz.; Albert C. Jr. (1919-1996) was a Hollywood screenwriter. Albert C. Sr., and Hulda divorced; Hulda and her three children moved to Los Angeles in the early 1930s. Albert C. Beich Sr. and his second wife, Julia Bell of Boston, Mass., had three children: Albert William, Julia, and Frank. Julia married James Bay of Evanston. Albert C. Sr. died in September of 1948.

## Scope

Materials include a wide array of correspondence, photos, newspaper and journal articles, legal documents, business advertising and promotional items, price lists, union history, and more.

### Family & Personal (Box 1)

- Folders A Genealogy Research for various family lines
  - Folders B Paul Frank Beich including Catherine "Kittie" Gerken Beich and her birth family, and PFB & Kittie's son Albert C. Beich, legal matters beyond PFB Co., etc.
  - Folders C Otto G. Beich including wife Harriet Kiser Beich, son Paul Marion Beich, second wife Lucile.
  - Folders D William August Beich including wife Patricia Spahr Beich and son Fritz Patrick Beich
  - Folders E David Warren Beich
  - Folders F Miscellaneous
- Box 3 also contains some loose books related to family & personal as well as business items.

### Candy-making Businesses (Boxes 2 & 3)

- Folders G General History includes newspapers and magazine articles, company history publications, and images.
- Folders H Organizational for PFB Co. including incorporation documents, bylaws, & board meeting minutes.
- Folders I Early History Thru 1929 including documents for predecessor companies such as Bloomington Caramel, Beich-Buffe, purchase of Milton Hershey's Bloomington properties, sales of surplus equipment to Peoria Creamery Co, successor selection musings, internal correspondence, proposed five-company merger, involvement in other companies such as Midwest Sugar Refining and Guth Chocolates, American Candy Co, etc.
- Folders J 1930-1989, including internal and external correspondence, Chicago plant consolidation assessment, product development, 1986 opening of new plant, and more.
- Folders K Equipment & Recipes including patents for equipment and processes, candy making awards.
- Folders L Promotional Materials such as newspaper ads, pamphlets and brochures, Peter Quill radio shows, and more.

- Folders M Price Lists such as wholesale, jobber, retail, holiday, etc.
- Folders N Employees & Benefits including lists of employees, job applications, work roster, employee newsletters, employee recognitions, pension plan and other benefits,
- Folders O Unions, primarily Candy Workers Union Local No. 342 including 1937 strike & development of agreement, local bylaws and history, etc.
- Folders P Business Associations including confectioners associations along with candy makers exhibit at 1933 Chicago World's Fair, Illinois Manufacturers Association, Chamber of Commerce.

**Box 3 also includes loose books, videos, etc. from both family and business matters.**

## Folder Inventory

### A Genealogy Research

#### Folder A1 Beich Family Trees

- A1.1 Four oversize sheets of family trees, presumably prepared by DWB, nd.

#### Folder A2 Beich & Gerken Research

*Items 1-5 in stapled packet plus a second packet that is photocopies of same:*

- A2.1 Letter from Albert J. Beich of Philadelphia, PA, to PFB in Chgo, May 1821 and PFB's Jun 1921 reply trying to determine if they are related.
- A2.2 Two letters from Adjutant Generals in IL and WI to OGB about Civil War service records of Charles Stemm and Charles Frederick Stemm, Dec 1937. 4 sheets & 2 envelopes.
- A2.3 OGB's rendition of Gerken family history, 2pp MS, April 1952.
- A2.4 List of Gerken kin, 3 pp TS nd.
- A2.5 Family trees, handwritten, 4 pp, nd.
- A2.6 OGB's summary of family, April 1952.
- A2.7 Typed carbon copy of inscriptions on the gravestone of Kittie's grandparents on her father's side – Albert Gerken & wife Catharine Floter Gerken, nd.
- A2.8 DWB summary of correspondence by PFB trying to identify the US entry of his deceased brother Reinhold Beich to support the naturalization application of Reinhold's son Walter Beich of Chicago, 2 pp TS, Nov 1993. Attached are carbon copies, etc. of correspondence by PFB and the Immigration Service from Jun-Sep 1936. Plus photocopies of the entire packet.
- A2.9 DWB notes on family members, 4pp typescript, nd.
- A2.10 Info on 2 infants of PFB/Kitty Beich who died in 1890 and 1891.

#### Folder A3 Beich Miscellaneous Genealogy Research

- A3.1 Correspondence between WAB & Hans Schenk of Wohlsberg, Germany, about Kulm (Culm), Germany, and with Petzholdt, apparently a German candy maker, Jan-Mar 1971. Plus photocopies of same.
- A3.2 Two sets of handwritten notes from DWB, nd.
- A3.3 Obituaries for Gertrude Peters, John Edward Peters, Dr O.K. Peters, *Galveston Daily News*, Jan 1972, Sep 1958, and May 1928.

#### Folder A4 Beichs Since the Civil War

- A4.1 "Beichs since the Civil War" prepared by Family Name Center for DWB. Includes info from birth, marriage, death, and residence records plus phone directory info, 1992.

#### **Folder A5 Kiser**

- A5.1 Kiser genealogy info with cover sheet "Dear Joan," March 1962. 2 sheets.  
A5.2 Envelope with genealogy research for Marion Kiser & Lida Jane Wilson, incl copies of photos, as given to DWB. Envelope from Soper Accounting in Blm (Tony Soper).  
A5.3 "Children and Grandchildren of Lida Jane and Marion S. Kiser" 1p TS, nd. (i.e., starting from Harriet Kiser Beich's parents).

#### **Folder A6 Bemis - Spahr**

- A6.1 Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) application for Ruth Bemis Van Bergen, Nov 1924. Ruth was Claribell Bemis Spahr's sister. Plus related research on the family, some as recent as 1980.  
A6.2 Spahr Family Tree, 11p TS, nd. 2 copies, including one with DWB notes.  
A6.3 Photocopies of marriages & deaths listings for Bemis family, 2pp.

### **B Paul Frank Beich & Kittie Gerken Beich**

#### **Folder B1 General, Vital Records, etc.**

- K2.1 "Paul F. Beich, Leader in Civic Affairs, Dies," *Pantagraph*, Sep 10, 1937  
K2.2 "Rise of Paul F. Beich, Once German Immigrant, Told in Magazine Story," *Pantagraph*, March 11, 1928.  
K2.3 "An Elegant Wedding," perhaps *Bulletin*? Sep 1888 coverage of Beich-Gerkan wedding.  
K2.4 "Men Who Have Made Bloomington No. 5," *Pantagraph* May 8, 1911.  
K2.5 Untitled, *Pantagraph*, Feb 22, 1887, on PFB becoming naturalized and starting job as traveling salesman for Peckham & Co.  
K2.6 Biography of Paul Beich in *The Biographical Record*, 1899, by S J Clarke Publishing Co., pp130-131.  
K2.7 Brief biography of Paul F. Beich in *Bloomington's German Population in Word & Picture*, translation of 1893 book by Julius Dietrich, 1p.  
K2.8 Birth and baptismal certificate from Insterburg, Germany for April 17, 1878, birth of PFB with English language translation.  
K2.9 Photocopy of portion of court naturalization record for PFB, Feb 21, 1887.  
K2.10 Photocopy of marriage record for PFB and Catherine M. Gerken, Sep 4, 1888

#### **Folder B2 PFB Employment**

- B2.1 Letter of recommendation from A. Grzesinski in Culm, Germany plus English language translation, Nov 1, 1881.  
B2.2 Envelope with Bruce & Brown (Bloomington confectioners) return address.  
B2.3 Letter from W.C. Parlter (sp?) advising PFB of sales job opening at O.H. Peckham Co due to Parltter's promotion, Feb 4, 1887.  
B2.4 Letter from O.H. Peckham & Co to PFB at Whitehall, IL, about PFB's initial sales, March 5, 1887.  
B2.5 Letter from O.H. Peckham & Co to PFB at Winchester, IL, about PFB's recent successful sales, March 7, 1887.  
B2.6 Letter from O.H. Peckham & Co to PFB at Lincoln, IL, about request for samples, etc.

March 11, 1887.

- B2.7 Letter from R. M. Bates of National Candy Co, Inc, in St. Louis about enclosed page from memo book of O.H. Peckham & Co regarding PFB's employment in 1888, June 16, 1932.
- B2.8 Portion of page regarding PFB's salary arrangements, Dec 1888 and Dec 1889.

**Folder B3 PFB Personal Legal Matters**

- B3.1 Two letters from PFB to OGB, et al about access to his safety deposit box, Jun 1, 1931.
- B3.2 PFB granting personal Power of Attorney to OGB, Jun 1, 1931. 3 pp.
- B3.3 Invoice from attorneys Charles F.J. Agle and Egbert B. Hawk of Bloomington, Sep 1, 1902.

**Folder B4 Illinois Tractor Case**

*In the wake of the failure of Illinois Tractor Co, 160 shareholders sued PFB and Wm V. Dye for misrepresenting the value of the company's stock. Fourteen years later (in 1935), the suit was dismissed stating that the two defendants were simply citizens interested in the welfare of their community and received no benefit.*

- B4.1 "Tractor Case is Dismissed," *Pantagraph*, Mar 24, 1935.
- B4.2 Correspondence, invoices, receipts, etc. from Bloomington lawyers Homer English and John Morrissey and Chicago lawyer Sigmund Livingston, 1923-1935.

**Folder B5 PFB Medical Matters**

- B5.1 Letter to PFB attaching Health Audit Report, Sep 29, 1924, from Dr. M. Voorhees Gunn of Blm. 12pp including lab result, scripts.
- B5.2 Three letters from Dr. Otto K. Peters of Galveston to PFB or his Bloomington physician regarding PFB's heart condition, Mar-Oct 1927. Peters exhorts PFB to slow down. Per DWB in 1922, Dr. Peters was a nephew of Kittie Beich.
- B5.3 "The Miami-Battle Creek" 21pp booklet on Battle Creek Sanitarium in Miami Springs, FL plus 2 pp summary on cost of wintering in Florida, nd.
- B5.4 Four picture postcards of Miami-Battle Creek, nd. Per DWB, PFB did go here to improve his health in the early 1930s.
- B5.5 Urinalysis report and cover letter, Mar 1932.
- B5.6 Correspondence and claim statement with Travelers Protective Association of American, May 1936, regarding PFB's fall and injury in Palm Springs, CA, in Feb 1936.

**Folder B6 Gerken Family**

- B6.1 Sample of hair, likely from Kittie Gerken Beich
- B6.2 Photograph of young woman, possibly Kittie Gerkin Beich per DWB.
- B6.3 Photo print of W.A. Gerken Bakery and Lunch Room, (manufacturer and dealer in selected foodstuffs at 118 E. Front St. Bloomington), nd.
- B6.4 Photo of interior of sales area of Gerken Bakery, nd.
- B6.5 Postcard to Mrs. D. F. Beich about overdue children's book at Withers Public Library, Apr 1905.
- B6.6 Birthday postcard from Kittie Beich to son Otto, Dec 1923.
- B6.7 Obituary and funeral coverage for Albert Frederick Gerken, age 16 victim of scarlet fever, Nov 1881. 2 sheets.
- B6.8 News brief in *Pantagraph*, Apr 1879, about Gerken's plans to construct building on north side of Front Street, Blm.
- B6.9 "A Letter on the War Situation," *Bulletin*, Dec 31, 1914. Publishes letter from B. Heine

- Peters in Germany to his cousin Kittie Beich in Blm. Peters declares that many falsehoods have been published about the war in US and British newspapers.
- B6.10 Invitation to Mrs. Minnie Gerken for Easter Ball from Ladies Auxiliary of Turn-Verein, Apr 24, 1905.
- B6.11 Photograph of five children sitting on car bumper, each named. DWB suspects these are B.H Peters great grandchildren.
- B6.12 .Publicity materials to Mrs. W. A. Gerken in Bloomington from Chicago's A. Bishop & Company on fur storage.
- B6.13 Envelopes to Mrs. W. A. Gerken, 1905, and Mrs. Mary Gerken, 1920, both in Bloomington.

**Folder B7    Miscellaneous**

- B7.1 "How Time Flies" in *Pantagraph* citing Dec 18, 1926, newspaper coverage of surprise dinner for PFB in Chicago.
- B7.2 IOOF (International Order of Red Men) certificate of withdrawal from Bloomington tribe.
- B7.3 Postcard to PFB in Blm notifying of Chicago bankruptcy filing of Joseph Stout, April 1904.
- B7.4 Business card for salesman Paul Beich, 1132 Farwell Ave, Chicago.
- B7.5 Printed photos of headshot of PFB and of house at 209 E. Grove. Found among OGB's belongings. 2 copies.
- B7.6 Membership certificate for New Illinois Athletic Club of Chicago for PFB, Nov 16, 1910.
- B7.7 Picture Postcard of Chatterton Opera House from "Pearl" in Bloomington to Mrs. Bonnie Horton in Charleston, Ills, Jul 1911.
- B7.8 Program for special dinner in honor of Heinrich Shipsted, Mrs. H. McKenzie and Miss Helen McKenzie given by M/M PFB on board S.S America, Jun 15, 1931.
- B7.9 Passport for PFB of Bloomington, Jun 1929.
- B7.10 Three Christian religious cards, nd.
- B7.11 Published photo of Jesse Spalding, nd. Per DWB in 2021-22, he was a friend of PFB based on another photo of them together.
- B7.12 Two "How Times Flies" entries in *Pantagraph* citing original articles published in Apr & Aug 1922: PFB involvements in patented slot machines and in Pocahontas and Sewanee Coal and Iron.
- B7.13 Envelope with PFB return address, nd.
- B7.14 Black pebble grain leather folio lettered "Paul F. Beich."

**Folder B8    Albert C. Beich (1894-1948) & Family**

*Albert C. Beich was the second son of Paul F. & Kittie Beich. He wed Hulda Burke and one of their children was Albert C. Beich (1919-1996).*

- B8.1 Postcard to Mr. A.L. Beich in Blm asking him to come to Racine, Jan 1914.
- B8.2 Hulda Beich letter to PFB a year after divorce seeking PFB's monetary assistance, Feb 3, 1928. Photocopies of 7 pp incl envelope.
- B8.3 Hulda Beich letter to PFB Feb 3, 1928. Photocopies of 4 pp incl envelope. Plus second letter from Hulda to PFB, no date, declining offer of money and cutting off relations, nd photocopies 3 sheets. 2 copies of each.
- B8.4 Handwritten notes about Hulda Beich recorded based on DWB commentary, nd.
- B8.5 Typed letter from Albert Beich (1919-1996) to OGB, Dec 23, 1933, thanking him for gift of shirt albeit it was the incorrect size. Includes hand drawn illustration by ACB.

- B8.6 "Beich Hand in Movie at Drive-In," *Pantagraph*, Jun 27, 1967. Albert C. Beich wrote the screenplay for movie *The Perils of Pauline*.
- B8.7 "Hollywood writer Albert Beich had roots in the Twin Cities," *Pantagraph* April 19, 1996.

**Folder B9 United Realization Company** *A PFB business involvement.*

- B9.1 Letter from Co to PFB acknowledging his check for \$850 for subscription to company, May 18, 1912.
- B9.2 Membership certificate for PFB as a member of Advisory Board, resident agent, and shareholder, nd.
- B9.3 Handwritten letter from president of United Realization itemizing financials involving PFB and discussing ongoing Kankakee County farm deal, "Sep 29," plus 3 notes payable – two to PFB and one to Francis W. Robinson, 1914.
- B9.4 Handwritten letter to PFB from president of United Realization about farm deal, etc., Jun 7, 1915. Second handwritten letter about farm deal, nd.
- B9.5 Copy of letter from to "Dear Sir" from president of United Realization about farm land in Kaskaske County and also \$350 note, Jun 18, 1915.
- B9.6 Letter to PFB from president of United Realization about farm land deal in Calcasca County, MI, Jun 21, 1915.
- B9.7 Note about United Realization in Investors' Guide column of *Chicago Tribune*, Sep 15, 1914. Added by staff.

**Folder B10 Photos**

**C Otto Gerken Beich (1892-1964) & Family**

*OGB was first son of PFB and Kittie Gerken Beich. He wed Harriet Kiser in 1915 and they reared sons Paul Marion Beich and William August Beich.*

**Folder C1 Family History**

- C1.1 OGB's rendition of family history, Dec 29, 1955. 11pp TS.
- C1.2 Two photos of baptismal font details at Midlum, Friesland, Germany, presumably taken July 1952 when OGB visited. W.A. Gerken's father was organist & schoolmaster there per WAB.
- C1.3 "The Tear" original poem in German Jan 1878 with English translation in Dec 1952.
- C1.4 "Yule Party Features Styles," *Pantagraph*, Dec 11, 1955. OGB shows old photo of himself & brother Albert at Turnverein costume party.
- C1.5 "Bronze Columbus Bell Still Tolls," in *The Scoville Standard*, Jun 1930, pp7-8. About St. Michael's Church bell in Luneburg, Germany – perhaps an ancestor's locale?

**Folder C2 OGB School Days**

- C2.1 Letters, invoices, receipts, and Grammar School of Racine College grade reports on OGB addressed to PFB, Sep 1907-Jun 1908. Approx 22 items plus envelopes.
- C2.2 Handwritten note from OGB at Racine College in WI to Father, Nov 10, 1907. He reports improved grasp of arithmetic with help of teacher and wishes father continued business success.
- C2.3 Handwritten note from OGB at Racine College to PFB, April 23, 1908. 3pp.
- C2.4 Handwritten birthday wishes from OGB at Racine to PFB, May 1908.

- C2.5 "Declaration on independence" schoolwork of OGB, nd.
- C2.6 Schoolwork of OGB in form of arguments, nd but high school, 4pp.

**Folder C3 Barbershoppers**

- C3.1 Decal for charter member of SPEBSQSA, Inc., nd.
- C3.2 Membership card, 1943.
- C3.3 Certificate for OGB as member of SPEBSQSA, Bloomington chapter, nd.
- C3.4 "Close Harmony" captioned photo including OGB listening to attendees of state barbershoppers gathering in Peoria, *Peoria Journal-Transcript*, May 4, 1942.
- C3.5 Four photos of barbershoppers "Whiz Candy Makers" in full costumes, nd.

**Folder C4 Chicago Clubs**

- C4.1 Three issues of Bulletin of the German Club of Chicago: Nov 1926, Feb 1928, Mar 1928
- C4.2 *The German Club of Chicago Bulletin*, Mar-Apr 1933. Includes brief on OGB about reproduction of historical Washington & Eagle flask.
- C4.3 Membership card The German Club of Chicago, 1942.
- C4.4 "Chi-Gyro" newsletter of the Gyro Club of Chicago, Nov 9, 1927. Includes paragraph on spotting a Beich candy truck, etc.
- C4.5 Single page from *Tri-Color Magazine*, Oct 1932 about Illinois Athletic Club luncheon with two German princes. Photos & text include PFB & OGB.
- C4.6 "Address by 'Sunshine' Gene Flack" to Central Lions Club of Chicago, Jan 2, 1942. 7pp.

**Folder C5 Bloomington Airport**

- C5.1 Letter from Mayor Wellmerling thanking OGB for his role in dedication ceremony preparations, Oct 1934.
- C5.2 Correspondence (3) from G.J. Mecherle's office about Blm Airport Real Estate Association, including financial statements for 1934 & 1935.

**Folder C6 Normal School Board**

- C6.1 Eleven letters about 1937 appointment as trustee of State Normal Schools and 1943 resignation; 1937 *Vidette* news article on appointment. 1937-1943.

**Folder C7 United Cerebral Palsy**

- C7.1 Minutes of board meeting of UCPA of Illinois, Sep 19, 1954. 4pp TS.
- C7.2 Financial statements, Jun-Sep 1954. 2pp TS.
- C7.3 Estimated budget, Sep-Dec 1954. 2pp TS.
- C7.4 UCPA of Illinois News Bulletin about educational booth at Illinois State Fair in August, no year. 3pp TS with 3 attached black & white photos.

**Folder C8 Political Matters**

- C8.1 Henry Horner campaign contribution solicitation letter, Oct 1932. 2pp.
- C8.2 Letter from Governor Henry Horner thanking OGB for his letter May 1937. Envelope.
- C8.3 Letter from Governor Henry Horner thanking OGB for his letter Apr 1938. Envelope.
- C8.4 New Years greeting card from Governor Henry Horner, Dec 1939. Envelope.
- C8.5 Letter from IL State Representative Maurice O. Kalahar thanking him for his favor and recounting having worked for PFB as a boy, Sep 1936.
- C8.6 Letter from US Representative Scott W. Lucas at Havana thanking OGB for his letter of congratulations upon election, Nov 1938.

- C8.7 from U.S. Senator Scott W. Lucas at Washington, D.C., acknowledging OGB's letter and asking further info, Jan 1942.
- C8.8 Notes in OGB's hand on government & politics, one Apr 1933 & another nd but in prelude to WWII; political cartoon in WWII prelude.
- C8.9 Packet of 3pp of OGB's position on Korean War in his hand, plus newspaper clippings.
- C8.10 *The Weekly Foreign Letter*, from NY, March 27, 1941. 4 pp.
- C8.11 Membership cards: "Citizens Keep American Out of War Committee," 1941, and "Illinois Taxpayers Association" Nov 1941.

**Folder C9 Poems & Witticisms**

- C9.1 Originals and photocopies of various drafts of two poems on object of OGB's affection, nd.
- C9.2 Assorted handwritten poems and poem fragments in OGB's hand, nd.
- C9.3 Writings (typed & handwritten) on dam in Mackinaw basin, trees of his youth, etc.
- C9.4 Poems and witticisms on various topics which OBG collected, nd.

**Folder C10 Personal Correspondence**

- C10.1 Brief handwritten note from Blm child Eugene Scott, nd. Envelope.
- C10.2 Letter from PFB at Chicago to OGB, Dec 20, 1928, with birthday greetings and enclosing a check. Envelope.
- C10.3 Handwritten note from PFB to OGB requesting meeting on personal matters, Sep 16, 1935.
- C10.4 Typed letter from "Bidy" Mancel Talcott, Mayor of Waukegan, IL, Mar 29, 1937. From Racine College friend enclosing news of other alums and possible visit to Blm. Envelope.
- C10.5 Note from Edw. A. Morris of Springfield enclosing item found in old trunk – i.e., wedding invitation for Kittie M. Gerken & PFB in 1888. Sent Oct 1938.
- C10.6 Gerald M "Jerry" Cline letter thanking OGB for surprise check and acknowledging medical treatment rendered OGB for hay fever, etc. Oct 1943. 2pp & envelope.
- C10.7 Handwritten letter to OGB from RWL(sp?) about financial straits and wish to dispose of stock, Sep 1934. 2pp & envelope.
- C10.8 Telegram from Paul to OGB in Nassau, Mar 1935?
- C10.9 John J. Thomassen letter about PFB's illness and wished recovery, Feb 1936. Envelope.
- C10.10 Homer F. Ziegler of Anheuser Busch, Inc in St. Louis, Apr 15, 1938, about trip to Monterey, Mexico.
- C10.11 Rev. Paul Marvin of Chicago letter asking OGB to accompany him on his spring tour of temperance lectures, Mar 1941. Envelope.
- C10.12 Carbon copy of letter from OGB to US Senator Scott W. Lucas in D.C. thanking for what Lucas did for Paul, Feb 11, 1942.
- C10.13 Handwritten poem to Funks in Arizona, May 1943. Presumably OGB's draft.
- C10.14 Letter from "The Funks" in Tucson in poem form, May 1940? 3pp & envelope.
- C10.15 Carbon copy of typed letter to M/M Eugene D. Funk Jr in Tucson, Jun 1943. Mostly in poem form. Plus a handwritten draft & envelope.
- C10.16 Typed letter from Julius P. Klemm of Blm praising son Paul Beich for skill in handling a meeting, Feb 1944. Envelope. Plus carbon copy of OGB response, Feb 1944.

- C10.17 Typed letter from "Uncle Henry" B.H. Peters of Unterschondorf, Germany, with info about relatives and especially ancestor in the Gerken line, Dec 2, 1950. Encloses typed list of packages of gifts sent by OGB in latter half of 1950; five postcards featuring paintings by artists from "the good old times"; and one postcard with holiday greetings.
- C10.18 Typed letter from "Uncle Henry" thanking OGB for special issue of *Pantagraph* featuring OGB's home and more; his letter to Kitty published in 1914 Bloomington newspaper; Christmas celebrations; further Gerken genealogical research efforts; concerns about Korean conflict becoming world war; etc., Jan 11, 1951. Plus envelope.
- C10.19 Letter from William Krebs of St. Louis to OGB, Sep 15, 1955, recounting World War I anti-German accusations, relationship with PFB and wishing to visit OGB. Plus envelope & obituary.
- C10.20 Picture postcards: from Mexico, c 1934; PFB from Mexico, 1929; Berte & Gene, from Germany, 1930; "Nat L." from Palm Beach, FL, 1959.
- C10.21 Letter to Harriet K. Beich from [Osreta?], nd. 2 sheets.

**Folder C11 Donations to Catholic Organizations**

- C11.1 Three (3) letters and one holiday card from Sister M. Victoria at Bayfield, WI, asking & thanking for OGB's gifts of candies for Christmas for Indian children, 1940-1942.
- C11.2 Four (4) letters from/to St. Mary's Church in Blm thanking OGB for his letters and donations to church and related school, 1942-1943.
- C11.3 Letter from Rev. Wm Essex at Peoria thanking OGB for Easter chocolates, Mar 1937.

**Folder C12 Holiday Greetings**

- C12.1 Letter to Otto from Henry Peters in Germany, Dec 16, 1950. 2pp typescript plus inserted list of holiday package Otto sent. Peters comments on changes on Galveston, TX, since he left there, recollections of Papa Schmidt raising grapes for wine in Bloomington, etc.
- C12.2 Copper foil Easter greeting card, from PFB & Kittie to Otto, nd.
- C12.3 1933 Courage card with excerpt from Nicholas Murray Butler in OGB's belongings.
- C12.4 "Greeting 1932-33 Frank A. Perret," volcanic eruption photo presumably from Mt. Pelee in Caribbean.
- C12.5 Holiday card from Geo. H. Williamson in form of "Coming Events Café," 1935.
- C12.6 2 Holiday Greetings from cartoonist Sidney Smith to OGB, 1934 & 1935 New Years.
- C12.7 2 photo Christmas cards from M/M OGB featuring 1608 E. Washington, Grand Island, etc. Plus notes from DWB on photos suggesting 1930s-1940s.

**Folder C13 Exploring a Boat Purchase**

- C13.1 Several letters, brochures & pamphlets, lists & photos of boats for sale, etc. 1929-1930. In chronological order.

**Folder C14 Kitty G – 1938**

- C14.1 Numerous letters, telegrams, invoices, blueprints, photos, etc. related to constructing, buying, moving, equipping, maintaining the cruiser "Kitty G" plus selling "The Whiz," Aug 1938-Sep 1940. Primary correspondents include naval architect Edgar G. Van Dyke, Jr of Philadelphia; C.W. Bingham & Sons of Marquette, MI; M.K.Reynolds of Marquette, MI; & Essington (PA) Yacht Yard. In chronological order.

**Folder C15 Kitty G – 1939-1940**

- C14.2 Numerous letters, telegrams, invoices, blueprints, photos, etc. related to constructing, buying, moving, equipping, maintaining the cruiser “Kitty G” plus selling “The Whiz,” Aug1938-Sep 1940. Primary correspondents include naval architect Edgar G. Van Dyke, Jr of Philadelphia; C.W. Bingham & Sons of Marquette, MI; M.K.Reynolds of Marquette, MI; & Essington (PA) Yacht Yard.  
In chronological order.

**Folder C16 Heeren**

- C16.1 Land deed and title opinion for MI land sold by Fred T. Heeren and Julia Heeren of Flanagan to Mary Krom of Bannister, MI. 10pp plus envelope.
- C16.2 Farm Income Tax returns, in pencil, for jointly owned property: Estate of Henry Locker and H.W. L.H. and C.H. Locker and Julia Heeren, 1941. Plus handwritten notes, 1p.; and personal letter, 2pp. 1941.
- C16.3 Form letter to Mrs. Fred Heeren in Flanagan with typed personal notes about harvesting blue grass seed From WLS Prairie Farmer “No-Worry” Tours, Jun 1953. Envelope.
- C16.4 Envelope of travel brochures addressed to Leona Heeren in Springfield, IL, Dec 1954.

**Folder C17 Miscellaneous**

- C17.1 OGB self-portrait sketch, nd.
- C17.2 Log rolling contest announcement, Oconto Ladies Choral Club, Oconto, WI, Aug 1929.
- C17.3 United States Coins and Medals booklet, 1931. 8pp.
- C17.4 Stock brokers’ statements from Mitchell, Hutchins & Co of Chgo. 1929. 8 sheets.
- C17.5 OGB “clippings” about male impotence and male perceptions of women, nd.
- C17.6 Menu from Le Café Rouge at Hotel Statler, St. Louis, for luncheon Nov 17, 1928.
- C17.7 Menu from Original Mexican Restaurant in San Antonio, TX, nd.
- C17.8 Handwritten notes about travels in Chicagoland area, perhaps draft of a letter?, c.1931.
- C17.9 United Photo Shop receipt for negatives & prints, May 1937.
- C17.10 Handwritten recollection about kindly woman in Cassels CO, 1937. 2pp.
- C17.11 Printed card with image of “Fruit”
- C17.12 Check for three cents for Rudolph Karstad, Inc. dividend to OGB, Jul 1, 1939.
- C17.13 “Seeks \$5,000 For Navy Fund,” *Pantagraph* Jun 1942. OGB chair of committee to raise relief for navy families.
- C17.14 *The Living Museum*, Oct 1953 issue from Illinois State Museum. Addressed to OGB.
- C17.15 *Journal of the Illinois State Archaeological Society*, Sep 1953. Final page shows officers including OGB as 3<sup>rd</sup> vice president.
- C17.16 “Socially Speaking” *Pantagraph*, Jan 1956 in which OGB recollects on his first visit to NYC.
- C17.17 Envelope with letter and brochures from Royal Victorian Hotel in Nassau, Bahamas, 1960.
- C17.18 Group of Germany related materials, including some German vocabulary, postcards, etc.
- C17.19 Group of miscellaneous fine art images, nd.
- C17.20 Notes on stationery of O.H. & Fred Swigart, Farmer City breeders of Hereford Cattle, about certain bulls incl one calved Aug 1940. Initialed “FS.”
- C17.21 Carbon copy of typed certification of for stallion “Knob Creek Denmark” with its pedigree. American Saddle Horse Register.
- C17.22 Postcard advertising Horse Drawn Vehicles from Chas Meurisse & Co of Chicago.
- C17.23 Collegiate athletic event tickets, passes, etc., 1941-1943.

- C17.24 Membership cards: Farm Bureau, Illinois Sheriff's Assn, American National Red Cross, American Museum of Natural History (NYC), TWA discount card, etc. c1942-1943.

**Folder C18 Marriage to Harriet Kiser**

- C18.1 Marriage certificate for OGB & Harriet Kiser, 1915.  
C18.2 Marriage license for OGB & Harriet M. Kiser, Aug 1915  
C18.3 "Miss Harriet Kiser to wed Otto G. Beich," *Pantagraph*, Jun 4, 1915.

**Folder C19 Correspondence with Wife Harriet**

- C19.1 Letter from OGB at St. Louis to Harriet at home in Bloomington about his journey to visit his gravely ill father; expresses wish Harriet & Bill were with him; asks that if he (OGB) were to die, that the hold his property in trust until the boys are age 21, etc., Jan 27, 1936  
C19.2 Five (5) letters from OGB to Harriet, 1936, Jan 29, Jan 30, Jan 31, Feb 2, Feb 5: each from southern CA detailing his father's health, OGB's activities there, etc.  
C19.3 OGB handwritten poem mailed to Harriett in Blm about their one-time love that has faded. In envelope postmarked May 31, 1900.

**Folder C20 Divorce**

- C20.1 OGB letter to Harriet from Reno, NV, April 7, 1947, explaining his reasons for pursuing a Nevada divorce. 5pp.  
C20.2 Nevada decree of divorce for OGB and Harriett K. Beich, Sep 23, 1947. 3pp. Awarded on grounds of extreme cruelty. Defendant had failed to demur, answer, or otherwise plead. The court ruled that the existing Dec 30, 1941, written agreement settled the couple's property rights.  
C20.3 Notice of divorce decree from OGB's attorney in Nevada, Sep 25, 1947.  
C20.4 Letter from Harriet's Blm attorney to OGB's attorney subpoenaing OGB & RW Lorenz with pertinent property records, Dec 18, 1947.  
C20.5 Letter from her Bloomington attorney to Harriett opining that OGB is not legally divorced, Lucille King is not divorced, and discussing options for Harriet (separate maintenance vs. divorce), Feb 7, 1948. 3pp.  
C20.6 McLean County divorce decree in Harriett M. Beich vs. Otto G. Beich. This copy is neither signed nor dated. The accompanying envelope from PFB Company is postmarked Sep 30, 1949.

**Folder C21 Wills & Probate**

- C21.1 Handwritten will for OGB, Jun 16, 1923.  
C21.2 Agreement between Lucile Beich and Paul M & William A. Beich and OGB for division of assets upon death of OGB. This copy is not signed but dated "\_\_ Feb 1953." 2pp.  
C21.3 Photocopies of OGB probate papers for Chicago Title & Trust Company Trusts, March 1971. 5pp.

**Folder C22 Paul Marion Beich (1916-1968)**

*Paul Marion Beich was the first son of OGB & Harriet Kiser Beich. Otto G. "Tony" Beich (1946-2005) was a son of Paul Marion & Kathryn McNulta Beich.*

- C22.1 Postcard from Paul in New Orleans to Gramma (Mrs. Gerken in Blm), Jul 1928.  
C22.2 "Young's Yarns" column excerpt on Paul's sports participation at Duke University, nd.  
C22.3 Letter from physician in Chicago to Bloomington attorney Robert L. Sullivan about Otto Beich's condition and diagnosis at Michael Reese Hospital, Nov 18, 1968. 2pp

photocopy.

### **Folder C23 Photos**

Photos of OGB, family, farm, horses, dogs, plus some 1935 photos of ISU and of the PFB Company entrance.

### **D William A. Beich & Family**

*Bill was the second son of OGB & Harriet Kiser Beich. He wed Patricia Spahr in 1944 and they raised children Diane, Fritz, and David.*

#### **Folder D1 Bill**

- D1.1 Photocopy of class photo at Washington School including Bill and many other students identified, nd.
- D1.2 "Bloomington High School Candidates for Graduation," *Pantagraph*, Jun 5, 1940.
- D1.3 Letter from Bill to dad (OGB) regarding bank account, Jan 1942. 2pp & envelope.
- D1.4 Tag: "Dad's Day" at University of Illinois, 1942, for OGB.
- D1.5 Diploma, University of Illinois, BS in Mechanical Engineering, Feb 6, 1944.
- D1.6 Postcard from WAB in Sweden to M/M John Legotte in Munising, MI, Nov 4, 1946. Never mailed.
- D1.7 Christmas gift enclosure from OGB to Bill, nd.
- D1.8 "No Whiz for Bill Beich" captioned photo from *Pantagraph*, Sep 8, 1968. With accompanying note from DWB.
- D1.9 "Silver Owl" from Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, Jun 3, 1941.
- D1.10 Kettle Award invitation, Jun 26, 1980, plus "Candy industry honors Beich" in *Pantagraph*, Jun 24, 1980, and note from DWB.

#### **Folder D2 Bill & Pat**

- D2.1 Letter from WAB "Billy" to Pat about carnival rides, and other local events, school, rebuilding his health, etc., nd.
- D2.2 Invitation to wedding, Jul 5, 1944.
- D2.3 Marriage certificate, Jul 5, 1944.
- D2.4 Photocopy of marriage license, 5 Jul 1944.
- D2.5 "Ensign Beich Weds Glen Ellyn Girl," *Pantagraph*, Jul 7, 1944
- D2.6 "Poemtry" a poem by WAB telling Pat's parents about her latest pregnancy, Sep 1949. 4 copies plus note from DWB (the child in the womb)
- D2.7 "BCC Dinner Party," captioned photo, *Pantagraph*, Mar 11, 1967. Includes WAB & Pat, Lucile Beich, et al.
- D2.8 Settlement on Lot 40 and part of Lot 41 in Town and Country Addition of City of Bloomington, Aug 27, 1954. Elmer Able & Betty June Able sold to Wm & Patricia Beich.
- D2.9 Contract for sale of Lot 40 and part of Lot 41 in Town and Country Addition to City of Bloomington (905 Hastings Drive) by Wm & Patricia Beich to Donald F and Shirley M Hill, Jul 29, 1964.
- D2.10 Copy of offer and acceptance for sale of 905 Hastings Drive, Jul 1964. Plus realtor's commission notice, Aug 1964.
- D2.11 Personal note from "Sonia" thanking WAB & Pat for loaning her a book, nd.
- D2.12 Letter from Vern of Kathryn Beich Candies, Aug 17, 1979.
- D2.13 Letter from Patrick J. Huffman of Paul F. Beich Company thanking for sharing the trip, Feb 13, 1984.

**Folder D3 Patricia Spahr Beich**

- D3.1 Summary of places she has lived, photocopy of 7pp manuscript covering 1921-1991.
- D3.2 "My first train ride" photocopy of 2pp manuscript, nd.
- D3.3 Baptismal certificate for Patricia Ann Beich at St. Matthew's Episcopal in Bloomington, Jun 11, 1949.
- D3.4 Retail order for Cutlass Supreme convertible with trade-in at Joe McCarthy Olds in Peoria for Patricia, April 1, 1970.
- D3.5 Obituary for (father) Warren W. Spahr, *Pantagraph*, Dec 5, 1966. 2 copies.
- D3.6 AAA Auto Club South member card for Patricia A. Beich, 2002.

**Folder D4 Wills, etc.**

- D4.1 Will, WAB, Nov 30, 1989. 7pp typescript photocopy.
- D4.2 Will, Patricia, Nov 30, 1989. 7pp typescript photocopy.
- D4.3 Living Trust Agreement, WAB, Nov 30, 1989. 19pp typescript photocopy.

**Folder D5 Fritz Beich**

- D5.1 "Buttry Repeats as Champi Jaycee Tennis," *Pantagraph*, Jun 24, 1963. With photo of winners including Fritz & Tony Beich.
- D5.2 "A Midsommer Night's Dream" by Fritz Beich, Oct 16, 1967. 2pp typescript about returning home from Europe to find sister Diane in a sanitarium in Springfield. Plus note from writer.
- D5.3 Untitled hand printed poem by Fritz remembering on Betty Jane Spahr, nd but before 1969 when he wed.
- D5.4 "Fritz Beich Takes Bride in Houston" *Pantagraph*, Jun 17, 1969. Fritz weds Barbra Anne Morton.
- D5.5 Email exchange between Fritz and Eve Escalente about Diane, Sep-Oct 2022. With handwritten note from Fritz.

**Folder D6 Trip Correspondence**

Postcards from trips to eastern US and primarily western Europe. Written mostly by Pat Beich, a few by David Beich, and one from Hansels with whom David was staying in Germany. 1963 and a few 1967.

**Folder D7 Photos**

**E David W. Beich (1950-)**

*David Warren Beich, third child of William A. and Patricia Spahr Beich*

**Folder E1 Athletics and Camp**

- E1.1 Five (5) *Pantagraph* articles and photos including DWB swimming and tennis, 1958-1960s.
- E1.2 Camp Mishawaka, Grand Rapids, MN, 1960 memory book.
- E1.3 Camp Mishawaka, Grand Rapids, MN, 1961 memory book.
- E1.4 Five (5) brief letters from David (age 11) at Camp to parents, 1961.

**Folder E2 European Travels, 1963**

*Thirteen-year-old David travelled with his parents in Europe and wrote to his Civils Classes at*

*Bloomington Junior High School.*

- E2.1 Letter from David to teacher Larry Meildizes and his classmates, May 12, 1963. Enclosed are several travel brochures. Plus note to siblings Diane and Fritz.
- E2.2 Five additional letters to Mr. Meildizes plus British tourist brochures, April 1963.
- E2.3 Postcard & brochure from Lancaster, PA, to Mr. Meildizes, Apr 1963.

**Folder E3 Letters to DWB in Europe, Summer 1963**

*June-July 1963: DWB summered in Germany & Switzerland and stayed with the Hansel family. This correspondence comes primarily from his parents and grandparents, along with a few other writers. One or two letters are from DWB homeward.*

**Folder E4 Letters from DWB in Germany, 1967**

*Seven letters to his parents from Germany in August 1967 while attending the American Institute for Foreign Studies.*

**Folder E5 Bloomington High School**

*See also three BHS yearbooks with autographs from friends.*

- E5.1 Blm Junior High certificate of completion, Jun 1965.
- E5.2 Several grade reports, BHS.
- E5.3 Programs for Commencement and Senior Vespers, Jun 1968.

**Folder E6 Doane College**

- E6.1 1968 Doane College Freshman Class, booklet with photos of all freshmen.
- E6.2 Letters from DWB at college to parents, Jan 20 & Mar 3, 1970.
- E6.3 Commencement Exercises program, Aug 11, 1972. 2 copies.
- E6.4 Diploma, Aug 11, 1972.
- E6.5 Letter from Doane History Dept Professor Thos. Coulter, Aug 11, 1972, to DWB, accompanying book about Louis XIV for study and instruction in life, 2pp manuscript.
- E6.6 Note from DWB about attending Doane, Aug 7, 2022.

**Folder E7 Cards to Mother, 1970s**

- E7.1 Twelve greeting cards for her birthday and Mother's Day, 1970s.
- E7.2 Note to mother, 1967 or 68.
- E7.3 Note to mother, April 24, 1990 advising that her birthday present will be his reproduction of the Grace Episcopal Church birdhouse shown in photo on verso.

**Folder E8 Miscellaneous, 1980s.**

- E8.1 Notes to parents about their visit to Houston while DWB has first neck surgery, Nov 4, 1984, 4pp manuscript.
- E8.2 Letter to WAB from DWB at graduate school in Virginia, May 14, 1986, about his WAB's medical challenges and possible post-retirement activities, 5pp typescript.
- E8.3 1934 deed in which Lillian M Sampson & husband acquire lots 1 & 2 in Hillcrest Subdivision in Block five of K.H. Fell's Addition to the Town of Normal. *DWB note: "I restored and lived in this house in late 1999, before moving to 9 Harwood Place."*
- E8.4 1987 deed in which Lillian M. Sampson acquires land adjacent to the above from Town of Normal, Nov 13, 1987, plus lawyer's note.

**Folder E9 Miscellaneous**

- E9.1 Note on card from father about recent parental visit to DWB in Baron, VA, Mar 1991.

- E9.2 “Has Solution to End Financial Woes of Congressmen,” DWB letter to editor of Gazette-Journal (VA), nd.
- E9.3 Invoices for maintenance and body repairs to 1995 Buick Roadmaster, 1995.
- E9.4 *Gordon Setter News*, Jul/Aug 2022. No specific mention of any Beich’s setters, though he owned about six in his lifetime.
- E9.5 Notes from DWB, nd but presumably 2020-2022. In a different person’s hand. 2 sheets.
- E9.6 Staff notes from discussions with DWB, 2023-2024. Each was later reviewed for accuracy by DWB. 4 sheets.

**Folder E10 “The Grove” at 1222 E Grove St**

- E10.1 Farnsworth Group boundary survey, Dec 8, 2010. 2 copies with different time stamps on same day.
- E10.2 Two color photos of “The Grove” by Todd Trainor, Jan 2021.
- E10.3 Comments from DWB, April 24, 2024.

**Folder E11 DWB House Restorations**

- E11.1 Colors photos of some of the Bloomington houses DWB restored, nd.
- E11.2 “Magnolia Grove Returning To Original Form,” *Gloucester-Matthew Gazette-Journal*, Aug 3, 1989.
- E11.3 Comments from DWB about “The Grove,” April 24, 2024.

**Folder E12 Other Photos**

**F Miscellaneous Family**

**Folder F1 Miscellaneous**

- F1.1 First page of letter to “Julia” (possibly Julia Stemm?)
- F1.2 Postcard advertising German-American Bank with images of directors (including PFB) and total deposits, etc. c 1912.
- F1.3 Unused checks from American State Bank. (*PFB helped start & was officer*)
- F1.4 Two photo postcards of Captain & crew of U Boat Deutschland, 1916.
- F1.5 Photo print of John Scatterday in sailors uniform, 1944. Plus obit added (hopefully the correct person—unable to confirm.)
- F1.6 Handwritten notes from Mrs. Beich to Mrs. Cisco about repaying borrowed money with Mrs. Cisco’s reply on reserve, nd.
- F1.7 “Reminiscences of Underwriters’ Laboratories, Inc. by Merwin Brandon, April 1964, plus other selected copies regarding Major Rudolph William “Shorty” Schroeder, grandson of Paulina Beich, Paul F. Beich’s aunt. 9 sheets.
- F1.8 David W Beich comments, 7 Oct 2023. 2 pp including Bill & Pat Spahr Beich, Uncle Paul Marion Beich, the beginnings of the Kathryn Beich fund-raising candy business, etc.
- F1.9 Other sundry items.
- F1.10 Copies of gift agreements, 2019-2023.

*See also Box 3 for loose books, etc.*

## **G General Company History**

### **Folder G1 Company-Issued Histories**

- G1.1 "A Century of fine Candymaking" 1854-1954, 24pp booklet, 2 copies.
- G1.2 "History and Souvenir 1854-1964" 14pp booklet,
- G1.3 "About Our Company" 16pp booklet, 1974.
- G1.4 "Brief History of the Paul F Beich Company, 3pp typescript from the company, nd but while OGB was president and PFB was chairman.
- G1.5 "John L. Green Candy Manufacturer" – handwritten chronology 1855-1969 plus list of distinguished employees

### **Folder G2 Magazine & Journal Articles**

- G2.1 "A Bloomington Industry" in *The Pantagraph* issued by Pantagraph Printing & Stationery Company, Nov 1932. 4pp article with major handwritten updates of unknown origin.
- G2.2 "When a Man with a Small Business Began to Think Big" by Forrest Crissey. Feb 18, 1928. 4pp article in an unidentified publication. About PFB.
- G2.3 "They Put The 'Sweet' in Sweet Tooth," in *Staley Journal*, Feb 1961, pp 15-20 with p 16 "Paul Frank Beich: A Close-Up of the Man and the Company Founded 113 Years Ago" by James R Phelan, Editor, 3pp but no publication identified, 1967. Extracted from Joseph E Crawford Jr.'s ISU thesis (available in library.)
- G2.4 "Beich's-A Family Owned Business," in *Pennsylvania Manufacturing Confectioners' Association Newsletter*, March 1982, pp1-3.

### **Folder G3 Newspaper Articles**

- G3.1 "The Beich Candy Manufactory is an Immense Plant," *Pantagraph*, August 21, 1908, p. 8.
- G3.2 "Paul F. Beich Named President," *Daily Bulletin*, May 16, 1919, p. 4.
- G3.3 "Contributes To Sweet Tooth of All Nations," *Pantagraph*, January 13, 1929, p. Eight-C
- G3.4 "Dedicate Beich's New Softball Plant Monday Night," *Pantagraph*, May 14, 1934, p. 8.
- G3.5 "Albert Hale, Beich Director, Dies in Peoria," *Pantagraph*, Feb 19, 1940.
- G3.6 "Beich Family Patriarch Immigrant of 1880s," *Pantagraph*, March 20, 1949.
- G3.7 "Business in Family 61 Years; Had Start Before Civil War," *Pantagraph*, May 30, 1954, p. 18.
- G3.8 "Candy Sales Rise But Higher Costs of Ingredients Cut Maker's Profits," *Wall Street Journal*, Jun 10, 1958. Includes paragraph on Beich's contrarian response: make larger candy bar instead of smaller ones as other makers are doing.
- G3.9 "Sweet Memories," *Pantagraph*, November 24, 2002, sec. F, p. 1, 2. Beich workers recall the history of homegrown candy maker.
- G3.10 "Piece of history gutted," and "Residents mourn loss of landmark," and "Arrest made in old Beich plant blaze," all in *Pantagraph*, May 26, 2005, p. 1. Massive fire at former plant at 101 S. Lumber St. Blm. 2 copies.
- G3.11 "Only smoldering debris is left," *Pantagraph*, May 27, 2005.

### **Folder G4 Images**

- G4.1 Three sheets of photos courtesy of Paul F. Beich Co including four photos of Paul F. Beich at various ages and company positions (1886-1929), and six photos and sketches of Beich Co plants in Bloomington and Chicago.
- G4.2 Ken-Way Photo aerial sketch of Paul F. Beich Company plant in Bloomington, n.d.

- G4.3 3pp of photos and sketch of PFB and various Bloomington company facilities, nd.
- G4.4 Mounted print of PFB Company Front Street factory (after moving from the Chisholm Bldg), nd. Includes horse-drawn company wagon out front.
- G4.5 Photo print of Unity Building in downtown Bloomington with German American Bank and streetcar out front, nd.
- G4.6 Photocopies of United Photo Shop wide-angle photo of PFB Co picnic taken at Miller Park Pavilion, Aug 16, 1919. In 2 sheets. PFB in center; son Albert to his left.
- G4.7 Photo of room filled with seated & standing employees of PFB Co, Aug 28, 1933. By United Photo.
- G4.8 Promotional published photo of “The Beich Candy Makers” May 1938 showing uniformed employees and office staff outside of plant.
- G4.9 Set of 10 photo scan prints including parade float and cars, Whiz advertisements, Chicago plant, group of company salesmen, Lancaster Caramel Company plant, etc.
- G4.10 Color photo slide of B&O train with PFB Company plant in background, nd.
- G4.11 Photo print of American Transfer Co. truck parked on street in front of Tracy Green Chevrolet dealership at 307-309 East Washington, Blm, nd. Early photo print and copy.
- G4.12 Photographic print negative showing progression of local Beich facilities and leadership along with group of employees, n.d. Scan of this has been added to our photo collection.
- G4.13 Photo print of murals and “ghost ads” on side of 311 W. Olive St, Bloomington. One restored “ghost ad” was for Beich candies and was originally on the A.G. Erickson Groceries & Meats store. Circa 2020.

## **H Company Structure & Governance**

### **Folder H1 PFB Co. Incorporation Documents**

- H1.1 Photocopy of Statement of Incorporation for Paul F. Beich Manufacturing Co, 7pp. Dec 1922. OGB, Frank E. Sweeting, Ernest H. Black plus 8 other initial shareholders.
- H1.2 Photocopy of certificate and amendment to the Articles of Incorporation for Paul F. Beich Company, Dec 1943. 6pp.
- H1.3 Photocopy of certificate and amendment to the Articles of Incorporation for Paul F. Beich Company, Nov 1950. 7pp

### **Folder H2 By-Laws**

- H2.1 Photocopy as amended May 10, 1967. 12pp, 2 copies.

### **Folder H3 Board Meeting Minutes**

- H3.1 Sep 1, no year given. 2pp typescript. Focused on sales issues.
- H3.2 Apr 30, 1932, 1p typescript. Focus on expenses. Verso handwritten notes by PFB

## **I 1870 - 1929**

### **Folder I 1 Miscellaneous Through 1909**

- I1.1 Invoice “per express” for Frank Wheelock of McLean, IL, from J.L. Green & Co I Bloomington, Jun 1876.
- I1.2 Envelope from J.L. Green Manufacturing Confectioners in Bloomington, April, no year. to W.S. Gage in Macon, IL.

- I1.3 Weekly pay slip, not used, from 1890s. Verso lists quantities of ingredients.
- I1.4 Invoice, typed, from Beich-Buffe Candy Co, St. Louis, to Shelper Bros in Bloomington, Nov 1892. In 7 pieces.
- I1.5 Receipt for payment by PFB, Nov 1894.
- I1.6 Receipt for payment on Harris note from PFB, Mar 1895.
- I1.7 Small package insert card for Colonial Cream Caramels in Bloomington, n.d.
- I1.8 Card announcing that the business of Paul F. Beich has been incorporated as "Paul F Beich Company," July 7, 1905.
- I1.9 "Our Policy" handwritten note presumably from PFB, 1906.
- I1.10 Announcement of discontinuation of trade name "Bloomington Caramel Works" in favor of "Paul F. Beich Co.," Dec 31, 1907.
- I1.11 Photocopies of the above three items.
- I1.12 Letter from Paul F. Beich Co to Guy Carrollton (presumably Guy Carlton) of Bloomington about visiting Caramel Factory to estimate wiring costs Dec 4, 1906.
- I1.13 Letter from Bloomington Caramel Works (owned & operated by Paul F. Beich Co.) to Guy Carlson of Bloomington enclosing check for balance due, Jan 15, 1907.
- I1.14 Form letter from Paul F. Beich Co. announcing that salesman J.T. Lackey will call on soon for orders, plant addition, improved freight service, etc., Aug 12, 1908.
- I1.15 Invoice from Paul F. Beich Co. to Oscar Mcutalro(sp?) of Havana, Cuba, Aug 25, 1908. Attached is a price list for one small American candy shop in Havana, Cuba.
- I1.16 Unused stock certificate for Beich-Buffe Candy Manufacturing Co, 190\_.
- I1.17 Picture postcard for Littlefield & Steere Co of Knoxville, TN, for saleman's call, nd.

**Folder I 2 Purchase of Hershey's Bloomington Business**

- I2.1 Handwritten copy of January 6, 1899, contract between M.S. Hershey of Lancaster, PA, and Paul F. Beich & O.F. Buffe of Bloomington to manage Bloomington Caramel Company for one year with option for them to buy the business including fixtures and real estate for \$80,000 with amendment for potential third-party purchase at \$120,000 March 1899. 2 pages.
- I2.2 Inventory of fixtures and equipment "invoice" with valuations as of July 1900. 3 sheets.
- I2.3 Bill of sale from Milton S. Hershey of Lancaster, PA to John E. Snyder of Lancaster, PA, Buffe for \$35,000 the entire business, plant, fixtures, etc. for Bloomington Caramel Company, Aug 4, 1900.
- I2.4 Bill of sale from John E. Snyder of Lancaster, PA to Paul F. Beich & O.F. Buffe for \$35,000 the entire business, plant, fixtures, etc. for Bloomington Caramel Company, Oct 20, 1900. Acknowledges receipt of \$20,000 of that purchase price.
- I2.5 Handwritten "Duplicate Agreement" between M.S. Hershey by John E. Snyder his attorney and Paul F. Beich & O.F. Buffe to sell the real estate and bldgs occupied by Bloomington Caramel Company for \$20,000 with \$4,000 immediate cash and \$16,000 note due with interest in 5 years with option of extension, Oct 20, 1900.
- I2.6 Note for \$16,000 plus interest due to M.S. Hershey according to bond for deed from Paul F. Beich and O.F. Buffee, Nov 1, 1900.
- I2.7 Statement of sale of Bloomington Caramel Company assets (owners Paul F. Beich & Otto F. Buffe) to Beich Buffe Candy Manufacturing. Cites January 1902 valuation of \$60,000 and indebtedness to M. Hershey of \$25,500 and newly undertaken debt by Beich and Buffe. 3 pp typescript., nd.
- I2.8 Indenture for sale of Bloomington Caramel Company owned by Beich and Buffe to Beich-Buffe-Candy-Manufacturing-Company. Executed May 27, 1902. 1p typescript.
- I2.9 Packet of photocopies of correspondence between Hershey, PA, parties and Otto and

Paul Beich Jr about Hershey's activities in Bloomington, IL, 1952-1954. Includes copies of 1904 and 1907 correspondence. 17pp.

**Folder I 3 Guth Chocolate Company**

- I3.1 Seven business letters, many to PFB, about Guth Chocolate Co stock, ownership, indebtedness, and attempt to reach agreement on selling PFB's interest in that company, May 1912-Dec 1912. Includes newspaper notice from March 1913 on changing name of Guth 's in Illinois to Princess Candy Stores, Inc. Correspondents include Dale G. Guth, J. Henry Lewis, and various attorneys.
- I3.2 Share certificate for 78 shares of Guth's stock (Illinois) owned by Paul J. Beich, Jun 1911.

**Folder I 4 Available for Expansion**

- I4.1 Available.

**Folder I5 1910-1929 Miscellaneous**

- I5.1 Handwritten letter from Bert Clark of National City Bank of New York to PFB about current nationwide financial conditions and availability of funds for PFB, Sep 13, 1914.
- I5.2 Typed sales pitch and handwritten ordering notes about Egyptian Selection candies, nd.
- I5.3 "Positions Open for Girls and Women," ad in Bloomington *Daily Bulletin*, June 12, 1919.
- I5.4 "Bloomington Factory 4-25-1921" 16pp typed summary of production info by dept.
- I5.5 Handwritten comparisons of sales by salesman, one sheet on 10 months of 1920; another on June 1923 vs June 1922. Both in PFB handwriting.
- I5.6 Letter from Bert Clark of New York Trust Company to PFB about recommended details of incorporating and creating beneficiary trusts, May 10, 1923. 2pp.
- I5.7 *The Index* publication of New York Trust Company, June 1923 issue, 20pp.
- I5.8 PFB business card, nd. Circa 1924?
- I5.9 "Why Dealers Waited Forty-Nine Years to Push Our Line," by F.A. Bunte in *Printers' Ink*, Oct 7, 1926, pp 17-20.
- I5.10 "Brach Shares Off on Cut in Dividend," *Chicago Journal of Commerce and La Salle Street Journal*, Aug 9, 1927.
- I5.11 Telegram from Chicago Mayor Wm Hale Thompson to PFB about presenting at a luncheon regarding the Tunney-Dempsey Championship contest, Sep 23, 1927.
- I5.12 Partial of invoice from Bunte Brothers of Chgo, nd
- I5.13 One year note payable to American State Bank for \$500, Mar 3, 1927. Not executed.
- I5.14 "Sales Promotion and Advertising Plan" for National Candy Company, 3 pp, nd.

**Folder I6 Peoria Creamery Co.**

- I6.1 Letter to Peoria Creamery from PFB Co about offer to sell used equipment, Jan 5, 1915, 2pp.
- I6.2 Inventory with valuations attached to above, draft and final edition, 2pp each.
- I6.3 Handwritten note on inventory, etc., nd.
- I6.4 Note of sale signed by PFB and Peoria Creamery Co, Jan 12, 1915. Includes handwritten notes on rental charges.
- I6.5 Letter from PFB Co to Peoria Creamery Co about Peoria's choice to move and rent payments due, Nov 29, 1915.
- I6.6 Tabular listing of Creamery for year 1914 showing butter fat, churning, and sales by month.

**Folder I7****Midwest Sugar Refining Corporation, Chicago**

- I7.1 Receipt from PFB of \$3,333.33 to organize Midwest Sugar Refining Co, with 1/3 ownership each to PFB and to Arthur E. Dike and Ira H. McKinney who have contracted to purchase an existing plant, Sep 30, 1922. 2pp. This copy executed by Dike & McKinney but not PFB.
- I7.2 Carbon copies of appraiser's summary of Pope Beet & Sugar Works at Riverdale, Ill, Oct 4, 1922. 2 pp. Clipped to this is 1p balance sheet, nd.
- I7.3 "Sugar Refinery to Operate in Chicago," from unidentified industry publication, nd.
- I7.4 Letter from Midwest to "Gentlemen" announcing terms of sugar beet contracts, Feb 7, 1923.
- I7.5 Letter from Midwest advising recipients to disregard recent circular about proposed organization of Midwest Sugar, Feb 26, 1923. Plus Feb 23, 1923 letter from PFB attorney objecting to said circular using PFB's name. And, the 3pp circular itself, nd.
- I7.6 Legal arrangements regarding financial investment and rewards involved in purchase of Riverdale Refinery and, etc., March 28, 1923. 2pp.
- I7.7 Letter from PFB attorney to another attorney about PFB's note receivable, Apr 2, 1923. Plus attached handwritten note.
- I7.8 Letter to PFB from attorney Irvin Livingston about actions at yesterday's Midwest Sugar shareholder meeting, May 15, 1923. 2pp. Also addresses Equitable Securities matter and note shows PFB intent to sell those shares.
- I7.9 Class "A" common stock prospectus, Jun 5, 1923.
- I7.10 Letter from attorney to PFB reporting events at stockholder's meeting of Midwest Sugar and cautioning PFB about buying their bonds due to their financial condition, Jun 20, 1924. 2pp.
- I7.11 Copy of letter from PFB to attorney in response including PFB intent to resign from Board, Jun 23, 1924.
- I7.12 Copy of PFB letter of resignation from Midwest Sugar bord, Jun 23, 1924.
- I7.13 Letter from Bune Brothers to PFB regretting PFB's resignation from Midwest's Board, Jun 26, 1924.
- I7.14 Letter from Midwest Sugar Refining Corp president Theodore W. Bunte to stockholder bout stockholder rights and company outlook and offer to sell bonds to them, Aug 8, 1924. 3pp.
- I7.15 Subscription blanks for preferred stock, 2 unused.

**Folder I8****Successor Selection**

- I8.1 PFB thoughts of Otto as successor, July 1925. 1p typescript.
- I8.2 Letter from W.N. Aubuchon to PFB on the topic, Jan 1, 1924. 2pp typescript.
- I8.3 "Give the Other Men a Chance" in Babson's Reports, July 7, 1925.

**Folder I9****American Candy Co.**

- I9.1 Two letters, Jul-Aug 1926. PFB notes he is no longer a director of American.
- I9.2 Two pamphlets: financial statements for 1925 and 1926.
- I9.3 Typed financial statements copies for 1925 & 1926, 4 sheets.

**Folder I 10****Ohio Confection Co.**

- I10.1 Seven letters on examining and rejecting purchase of Ohio Confection, Dec 1926-Feb 1927.

**Folder I 11 Merger Correspondence**

*Correspondence about discussions of mergers and other business combination or cooperation matters, 1925-1928.*

- I11.1 Lehman Bros. of NYC to OGB, July 1925. Scope unspecified. Plus Lehman marketing booklet.
- I11.2 April 1927: Three letters on merger discussions with Mueller-Keller, PFB, Bunte, etc. coordinated with Chase Securities Corp.
- I11.3 May 1928: One letter on possible discussion about distribution channels for D.L. Clark Company gum products.
- I11.4 May 1928: Three letters on proposed meeting to discuss “new lineup” with Bunte, PFB, Clark, etc. coordinated by Chicago attorney Herbert Friedman.

*Folders I-12 thru I-14 involve a proposed-but-never-realized merger of five candy companies in 1925-1926.*

**Folder I 12 Merged Financial Statements**

- I12.1 “Brief of remarks made January 12, 1926.” 3pp typescript
- I12.2 Consolidated financial statements for 1921-1925. Includes comparison to PFB Co. 3pp typescript. 2 versions.
- I12.3 “An interest comparison,” typescript commentary on PFB vs total on various financial indicators, nd.
- I12.4 Accountants request for pro forma financials, 3 letters, Jan 1926.

**Folder I 13 PFB Co. Financials for Proposed Merger, Etc.**

- I13.1 Various typed and handwritten financials for 1923-1926. Some are presumably for the 5-company merger proposal; others may have served other purposes. 15 sheets.

**Folder I 14 PFB Notes & Calculations**

- I14.1 Assorted notes, mostly by PFB on merger financials, etc. 10sheets; 2 envelopes.

**Folder I 15 Internal Correspondence, 1921-1923**

- I15.1 Letters, telegram, handwritten notes, etc. primarily between PFB & OGB on a variety of business matters and occasionally on personal or family matters. Other correspondents include Chicago plant manager F.B Amend and “Larry.” Includes one published pamphlet from PFB to company supervisors on “Condensing Hot Air.” 10 items.

**Folder I 16 Internal Correspondence, 1924**

- I16.1 Letters and notes from PFB to OGB on various business matters. Includes PFB’s “Observations and Suggestions” list. Plus letter from W.N. Aubuchon. 9 items.

**Folder I 17 Internal Correspondence, 1925-1926**

- I17.1 Letters, notes, etc. Correspondents include PFB, W.N. Aubuchon, Albert C. Beich, R. Lorenz, L.F. Nance. Includes 1925 Chicago personal property tax assessment as well as mass mailing material for salesmen. 12 items.

**Folder I 18 Internal Correspondence, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 1927**

- I18.1 Letters between PFB & OGB. 16 items.

**Folder I 19 Internal Correspondence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 1927**

I19.1 Letters, mostly between OGB & PFB. 10 items.

**Folder I 20 Internal Correspondence, 3rd Quarter 1927**

I20.1 Letters, mostly between OGB & PFB. Also one to salesmen and one from Miss Eisenberg. 24 items.

**Folder I 21 Internal Correspondence, 4th Quarter 1927**

I21.1 Letters, telegram, largely between OGB & PFB. 16 items.

**Folder I 22 Internal Correspondence, 1928-1929**

I22.1 Letter between OGB & PFB; one from Miss Eisenberg; one to OGB from unidentified. 3 items.

**J 1930-1989**

**Folder J1 1930s Miscellaneous**

- J1.1 "Hershey Margin of Profit is 21%," part of article from unidentified newspaper, Dec 3, 1930.
- J1.2 Memo to Ivan Jenkins of PFB Co from Peoria man attaching older (c. 1935) newspaper advertisement for Cellophane featuring Beich Whiz and OGB, Aug 1966. 2 sheets.
- J1.3 Congratulations to PFB on 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday, signed by 9 employees, May 22, 1936.
- J1.4 Photocopy of "Help Wanted" ad for PFB Co offering employment during strike, Dec 1937/Jan 1938.
- J1.5 "Beichs Finish on Top of Industrial A League by Nosing Out Y.M.F.C.," in *Pantagraph*, Jul 21, 1934. Captioned photo of softball team.
- J1.6 "Here's New Champs of Progressive Bowling League," *Pantagraph*, May 17, 1931. Captioned photo including OGB.
- J1.7 "Dedicate Beich's New Softball Plant Monday Night," *Pantagraph*, May 14, 1934. Captioned photo.
- J1.8 "Surplus Analysis" of PFB Co by treasurer Rbt W. Lorenz, nd but covers financial profits, dividends, stock, etc. from 1931-1937. 4pp.
- J1.9 Packet on Fred W. Amend, maker of "Chuckles" candy & one-time PFB Chicago plant employee: Dun & Bradstreet report on Fred W. Amend Co, 1935, 3 pp 2 copies; obituary for his father candymaker Fred B. Amend, 1923; notes on Amend company in Danville, accessed 2023.
- J1.10 Itemized invoice from Wm G. Leitch of Peoria sold to Roosevelt Jr High for various candies, March 1934.
- J1.11 "C.H.Grebenstein Dies; 61 Years with Henry Heide," article in Aug 1936 *International Confectioner*.

**Folder J2 External Correspondence, 1930s**

- J2.1 Letter from U.S. Senator Chas S. Deneen to OGB about federal case of Christ Laureitzen, et al, Jul 2, 1930, attaching letter from Justice Dept about anti-trust law conviction of member of "notorious Candy Jobbers Association, which used bombs and slugger to enforce its decrees," Jun 30, 1930. Envelope.
- J2.2 Letter from New York Trust Co urging PFB to create a personal Trust, Jul 22, 1930, and PFB response Aug 1, 1930.

- J2.3 Letter to OGB of PFB Co. with attachment from Sherman Corporation, Feb 24, 1931, and follow up letter Mar 16, 1931, on method to improve profits.
- J2.4 Letter from S.L. Kedzierski of Dept of Commerce to PFB about recent discussions on the business, Apr 12, 1932.
- J2.5 Postcard from Germany to OGB, Aug 1932.
- J2.6 Carbon copy of letter from OGB to Germany company about employment history of Rudolf Kandler, Jun 17, 1932. Plus June 3, 1932 letter from said company with translation.
- J2.7 Letter from Henry T. Rainey, April 12, 1933, thanking OGB for input on 30-hour week bill.
- J2.8 Letter from U.S. Representative Martin A. Brennan of Illinois, Apr 13, 1933, to OGB acknowledging input on 30-hour week bill.
- J2.9 Letter to S.L. Kedzierski about his search for a candy manufacturing company job, July 14, 1933.
- J2.10 Letter to Wm T. Mackie of Rochester NY asking details about his profit enhancing proposition, Sep 28, 1933. Also initial letter from Mackie, Sep 16, 1933.
- J2.11 Letter from Wm T. Mackie Jr about Beich making their own vanilla and concentrate, Oct 3, 1933. With attached note from OGB, Oct 5, 1933.
- J2.12 Letter from J.L. Simmons Company in Blm with quotes for four building work projects, Apr 23, 1934.
- J2.13 Letter from W.J. Blackwell & Company of EL Paso, Tx, about change in sales representative and condolences on death of PFB, May 17, 1934.
- J2.14 Letter to Bert Clark at New York Trust Co from OGB, Jul 22, 1935, about financing for possible addition to Bloomington plant.
- J2.15 Letter from Bert Clark at New York Trust Company about economic outlook, Jul 26, 1935.
- J2.16 Letter from Major Louis Wellmerling of Blm with con
- J2.17 Letter from engineering consultant Chester J. Scanlan of Bloomington about corn syrup manufacturing process, Aug 22, 1935, 6pp.
- J2.18 Letter from Major Louis Wellmerling of Blm with congratulations on factory addition, Jan 17, 1936.
- J2.19 Letter from auditor at Walgreen Drug Stores in Chicago about error in financial intro for filing with Patman Committee, Mar 6, 1936.
- J2.20 Handwritten letter from "an interested ex-employee" to OGB complaining about mgt at factory, Jun 30, 1936.
- J2.21 Handwritten letter from K.L. MacIsaac of Chicago about potential buyer for candy plant, Jul 1, 1936.
- J2.22 Letter from Frank E. Edwinson asking further info on Beich's Chicago plant currently for sale, Jul 8, 1936.
- J2.23 Handwritten letter from WM Goelzer of Blm to OGB requesting opportunity to discuss some of the things he experienced while employed in factory, Sep 3, 1936. Envelope.
- J2.24 Letter from American Appraisal Company about cost and other details of providing an appraisal of Bloomington and Chicago physical plants and equipment, Sep 8, 1936. 2 copies. 3pp each.
- J2.25 Letter from J.J. Harrington Co to PFB Co about reduced price of west side Chicago factory building, Sep 25, 1936.
- J2.26 Letter from printers Ritt-Miller Company of Chicago, Sep 29, 1936, providing quote for 5,000 calendars. Plus hand-drawn layout with photo of Castle Neuschwanstein and four color copies of same Castle.

- J2.27 Signed letter from Eleanor Roosevelt on White House stationery to “Gentlemen” thanking for the candy, Oct 19, 1936. Plus envelope.
- J2.28 Carbon copy of letter from manager of candy dept of Liggett Drug Co, Inc in NYC, to Albert Beich & cc: OGB about various Beich candies and appropriate ways to solicit sales, Apr 27, 1936. 2pp plus envelope.
- J2.29 Handwritten letter from OGB to Peter Beisel of Webster Grove, MO, seeking advice about unsustainable wages for female union workers and ensuing difficulties in borrowing money, Nov 25, 1937. Letter was **never** mailed. 5pp plus envelope.
- J2.30 Prentice Hall promotional mailing on reducing federal taxes safely using their 1936 edition of Federal Tax Service, 3pp.
- J2.31 Invoice from PFB Co to Wm F Brockmeyer Tobacco Co in St. Louis for Whiz bars, March 15, 1938. Includes “Whiz” image on invoice.

**Folder J3 Chicago Plant Consolidation Assessment**

- J3.1 Six letters between industrial engineer Deane H. Freeman of C.E. Murray & Co in NYC and PFB Co. about his visiting and reviewing proposal to combine Chicago and Bloomington plants, Jul-Aug 1934.
- J3.2 Eight letters between Deane H. Freeman of C.E. Murray & Co in NYC and PFB Co. about possibly retaining Freeman six months of take “drastic steps” at manufacturing plants, Dec 1934-March 1935.

**Folder J4 Internal Correspondence, 1931-1933**

- J4.1 Twelve letters and sets of notes on various business matters, OGB & PFB.
- J4.2 Consolidated (Blm & Chgo) income statements for 1931 in PFB hand.
- J4.3 Consolidated expense analyses, 1930 & 1931. 3 pp plus note on “New additions to Building”
- J4.4 Note from R.A.Crawford in Georgia requesting 1# book of sweets, Apr 1933.

**Folder J5 Internal Correspondence, 1934-1939**

- J5.1 Nine sets of recommendations, letters, analyses. Includes letter from Treasurer Bob Lorenz, list of Chicago machinery not in use, costs of raw materials analysis, sales program summary.

**Folder J6 Internal Correspondence, undated 1920-1940**

- J6.1 Six documents including list of vending machine candy bars, Chicago marketing plan, etc.
- J6.2 Handwritten notes criticizing various operations issues, listing faults in present adopted plan for Chocolate Dept, criticisms of Hot Room plan. 3 sheets.
- J6.3 Typed carbon copy “Food for Thought” apparently collected by OGB. 6pp.

**Folder J7 1940s Miscellaneous**

- J7.1 Group photo taken at Old Heidelberg in Chicago, nd. Ivan Jenkins, Justin Alkonis, and Paul Marion Beich identified by DWB.  
letter from G. J. Mecherle of State Farm Insurance to OGB thanking for aggregate contribution, Aug 17, 1940.
- J7.2 Letter from Linings Incorporated attaching sample of lining material May 20, 1941.
- J7.3 Newspaper clipping with captioned photo of Leon Henderson, administrator of the Office of Price Administration from 1941 to 1942, nd.
- J7.4 Beich Co comments on death of H.B. Brick Corson, plus note on funeral, Jan 1942.

- J7.5 Letter from A.R. Roach of Anheuser-Busch, Inc in St. Louis about Beich request for tank car of corn syrup, Feb 23, 1943. Envelope.
- J7.6 Obituaries, etc. on personnel: salesman H.B. Corson in hotel fire; forelady Miss Cora D. Hardway; superintendent Albert Hale; salesman Frank Colteaux.
- J7.7 Photograph of Beich Candies truck for travelling salesman H.B. Corson, nd.
- J7.8 "At Once Male and Female Help Wanted," World War II era ad in *Pantagraph*, April 15, 1945.
- J7.9 Seven OGB credit /identification cards for Chicago & St. Louis hotels, c1942-1943.
- J7.10 Four Beich return envelopes, 2 styles.

**Folder J8 1950s Miscellaneous**

- J8.1 Two letters from PFB Co to Mr. Blave in Belgium and Mr. Van Iersel in Holland plus deposit slip, draft of instructions, etc., Sep 1950-Dec 1951. Regarding granting license to Blave to make patented chocolates in Belgium and to contracting for consulting service with Van Iersel.
- J8.2 Group photo taken at old plant, nd. DWB identifies Ivan Jenkins, Wm A Beich, Albert Wm Beich, and Charles Shroeder.
- J8.3 Materials for Milprint, Inc, 1954. Includes 2 cover letters, candy publicity materials, etc.
- J8.4 Letter to August Storck & Co in Westfallen, Germany, from OGB about possibly making Stroch products in the US and test marketing them in US, Feb 24, 1955. Letter in English and translated to German.

**Folder J9 Hansel-Junior Equipment**

- J9.1 Letter from Hansel to PFB Co about quoting candy making equipment and enclosing four leaflets, Jan 27, 1955. 2pp.
- J9.2 Letter from Hansel to PFB Co about recent visit of OGB and candy-wrapping challenges, 2pp.
- J9.3 Letter from Hansel to OGB about missing wrap samples and new ones being sent via Peerless, Mar 15, 1955. Plus Mar 18 acknowledgement of receipt at Beich's.
- J9.4 Letter from Peerless Confectionery Equipment Co. regarding second set of wrapping samples, Mar 17, 1955. Plus Mar 22 acknowledgement of receipt at Beich's.

**Folder J10 Chocolate Covered Crispbread (Ry-King)**

- J10.1 Approx. 28 letters from and to OGB on product development initiative, Feb-Jun 1955.

**Folder J11 1960s-1970s Miscellaneous**

- J11.1 Layout of Lumber St. plant, Jan 1965.
- J11.2 Auction sale of surplus candy making equipment, Apr 2-3, 1976. Includes photos of most equipment offered for sale.

**Folder J12 New Plant on Beich Rd, 1967-1968**

*See also scrapbook pages in another box.*

- J12.1 Grand opening invitation, May 12-13, 1967. 4 copies.
- J12.2 Typed list of open house guests and their addresses, May 12, 1967. 19pp.
- J12.3 "Beich Open House Draw Large Crowds," in *United States Tobacco Journal*, May 25, 1967. Page 15.
- J12.4 "New Push-Button Beich Candy Plant Has Grand Opening," in the *Confectioner*, Jun 1967, pp8-9 & 23.
- J12.5 "Two Beich Plants Now," *Pantagraph*, Jan 30, 1968.

**Folder J13 1980s Miscellaneous**

- J13.1 “William Beich - Candy Man of the Year receives Kettle,” in *Candy & Snack Industry*, Aug 1980, p 54 photo spread.
- J13.2 Six photos of 1980 Kettle Award ceremony honoring Wm A. Beich. Most were used in the *Candy & Snack Industry* article above.
- J13.3 Correspondence from Wm Beich and from Nestle regarding closing dinner, Jul 25, Jul 27, and Aug 2, 1984. 3 sheets.
- J13.4 Nine seating cards for Nestle-Beich closing dinner in 1984 plus note from DWB.

**Folder J14 Leases, 1966-1989**

- J14.1 Water well lease: Four Beich family members to PFB Co, Dec 22, 1967 (Eff Jan 1 1966), 5pp.
- J14.2 Lumber St real estate & buildings: Five Beich family members to PFB Co, Apr 11, 1984 eff Jan 1 1985-Dec 31, 1989. 5pp.
- J14.3 Amendment for Lumber St real estate: Five Beich family members to PFB Co, Jun 14, 1984, providing early termination option. 2pp.
- J14.4 Water well lease: Three Beich family members to Nestle-Beich, Inc, Dec 9, 1986. 5pp.
- J14.5 Lumber St real estate & buildings: Five Beich family members to Nestle Beich, Inc., No 14, 1989. 5pp.
- J14.6 Two index cards with notes from Wm A. Beich to DWB loaning him the above five items to copy, Nov 5, 1994.

**Folder J15 Miscellaneous, undated**

- J15.1 Images of Beich jobber’s truck in Chicago and two of “Expando-truck” courtesy of PFB Co. 2 sheets.
- J15.2 Five small images of plant, personnel, retail displays, etc. clipped from publications.
- J15.3 Order postcard for Chicago plant for salesmen.
- J15.4 PFB order on storekeeper, completed but no date.
- J15.5 “Beich’s,” a typed poem presumably by OGB for salesmen about selling holiday candies, nd. Includes handwritten note about the verse.
- J15.6 Routing envelope for internal mail – Nestle, nd.

**K Candy-Making Equipment and Recipes**

*See also folder I6 for sales of surplus equipment to Peoria Creamery in 1915; J9 for Hansel-Junior wrapping equipment in 1955; J11 Auction sale of surplus equipment from old plant in 1976.*

**Folder K1 Equipment and Patents**

- K1.1 “Aloxite chocolate mills,” nd. 1p typescript.
- K1.2 Chocolate data,” nd. 1p typescript on mill and atomizer capacities, etc.
- K1.3 “Cost of Equipment,” nd, 1p typescript on various items of new equipment available.
- K1.4 Nine photos, b/w, Frank Oberkoetter Studios of Bloomington. Includes some descriptions on backside of photos, nd. Photos cover candy making processes primarily for Whiz Bars.
- K1.5 On PFB Co stationery: “The chocolate coatings and the processes referred to in this bulletin are covered by U.S. and foreign patent or pending patent applications,” nd.
- K1.6 Five photos, b/w, nd. No labels. Includes three images of Aloxite chocolate mills.
- K1.7 Two schematics for mikro-atomizer equipment from Pulverizing Machinery Co. of

- Summit, N.J., 1949.
- K1.8 Patent 2,424, 950 to J.J. Alikonis on Apparatus for Making Confectionery, July 1947. 3 sheets.
- K1.9 Patent 2,459, 908 to J.J. Alikonis on Method for Making Confectioneries, Jan 1949. 3 sheets.
- K1.10 Patent 2,465, 828 to J.J. Alikonis on Method of Making Chocolate Confectioneries, Mar 1949. 3 sheets.
- K1.11 Mikro-atomizer test, Nov 3, 1949, 1pp typescript.
- K1.12 Mikro-atomizer test, Nov 9, 1949, 1pp typescript.
- K1.13 “Whizolater Data” on the #5a sanitary bump pump, Mar 30, 1950, 1p. 3 copies.
- K1.14 “Whizolater Data” on the #10 sanitary bump pump, Mar 30, 1950, 1 p. 3 copies.
- K1.15 Whizolator image and article from unknown publication, nd.

**Folder K2 Recipe Notebooks**

- K2.1 Red notebook, 3 x 5, nd. All handwritten entries.
- K2.2 Black 6-ring notebook, 5 x 7, nd. “Compliments of White Stokes Co.” of Chicago, etc. Includes typewritten recipes. The handwritten recipes are identified at Beich in some cases.

*Both notebooks were donated November 1, 2011, by Wanda Kirby, c/o Judy Hayes. The notebooks were held by John J. “Sy” Bourges and William H. “Willy” Bourges, master candy makers for Beich.*

**Folder K3 Candy-Making Awards**

- K3.1 Médaille d’Argent [silver medal] certificate to Kathryn Beich Candies 1977 for Caramel filled milk chocolate.
- K3.2 Médaille d’Argent [silver medal] certificate to Kathryn Beich Candies 1977 for Katydid

**L Promotional Materials**

**Folder L1 Newspaper Advertisements (*Pantagraph*, unless noted)**

- L1.1 Fireworks supplies, July 3, 1896, p. 4.
- L1.2 Waukesha-Hygeia Ginger Ale, June 9, 1897, p. 2.
- L1.3 Boro-Lithia Table Water, June 18, 1897, p. 2.
- L1.4 Pansy Brand Fine Candies, *The Sunday Eye*, December 19, 1897.
- L1.5 Fine Candies, *Daily Bulletin*, August 12, 1898.
- L1.6 Junius Brutus Cigars, January 13, 1900.
- L1.7 Beich’s Saint Regis Chocolates, July 13, 1909, p.12
- L1.8 Beich’s Saint Regis Chocolates, *Daily Bulletin*, October 14, 1910.
- L1.9 Beich’s Epicure Assortment, November 1, 1919.
- L1.10 Sweeten the day with candy, April 23, 1929 (Pauline Frederick, actress).
- L1.11 Dollar Day Candy Special, February 14, 1936.
- L1.12 Beich Candy, 1936 Progress Edition. Partly cannibalized.
- L1.13 Beich Orange Slices, April 17, 1936.
- L1.14 Paul F. Beich Co., January 1, 1941 (mention of “Peter Quill” radio show).
- L1.15 Pecan Pete, *Chain Store Age*, Dec 1946.
- L1.16 Free Bike Whiz Ring – colored comic strip ad in unknown newspaper, 1971.
- L1.17 Kathryn Beich Candies, Newspaper supplement for 1976 Illinois State Fair, August 1976.
- L1.18 Expanding for the Future, Sesquicentennial special supplement, April 21, 1981, p 26.

- L1.19 Bike's, Paul F. Beich Co., Kathryn Beich Candies, "Progress '83 supplement," June 13, 1983. Two-page ad.

## **Folder L2 Promotional Materials**

- L2.1 Four scenic color advertising cards for Paul F Beich, manufacturer of the best candies made, Bloomington, Ills.
- L2.2 Pamphlet for Beich's Pure Peanut Butter, Bloomington, nd.
- L2.3 Newspaper ad offering PFB Company souvenir spoon of the Battleship Maine (c1895) with statement by Wendell Sutton about loaning it to Museum, nd.
- L2.4 Beich's Lady Betty Chocolates, n.d. Perhaps bookmark?
- L2.5 Photo ad for PFB Co with Bloomington & Chicago operations, nd.
- L2.6 "Summer Bag Specialties," order list, nd.
- L2.7 Flier to retailers for Beich Chewing Gum Tops, nd.
- L2.8 Beich's Guarantee Certificate, numbered package insert, nd but reportedly used from turn of the last century thru 1920s. 2 copies.
- L2.9 Tiny card/envelope with handwritten thanks from Grace E. Inman to Otto Beich. Envelope bears embossing of W.G. Read & Co of Bloomington.
- L2.10 Ohio-Illinois Football program, courtesy of Beich Candies (On sale in all stadium stands), nd.
- L2.11 Two "cards" with Beich logos, etc. One featuring photos of Hoover & Curtis; the other featuring Smith & Robinson – opposing candidates for US President/Vice President in 1928 election.
- L2.12 29 "Fun Money" currency bills – "One Simoleon" each. Collect & send to Chicago Beich plan for a "surprise package." Nd, although Chgo plant operated 1912-1939.
- L2.13 Milprint Products Corp. color advertising proof for Beich's School Chews, nd.
- L2.14 Milprint Products Corp. color advertising proof for Beich's Peanut Bun, nd.
- L2.15 Medallion used on Valentine boxed candies, 1930, with price list documentation including photo.
- L2.16 "Bike" Candies Whiz Banana Caramels: "Bike" Candies coupon for 50% off Lady Marilyn Flawless nylon stockings, offer expires 1961.
- L2.17 Clipped ads and photos of Beich products (Whiz Bar 7 items; Pecan Pete, 2 items including military one; Banana Taffy Caramels, 1 item; nd.
- L2.18 Pecan Pete advertising blotter for military, nd.
- L2.19 Envelope with company return address and ad for Whiz bar, Mar 1970.
- L2.20 Stationery?: "Check out Beich's 120-ct display jars," n.d. 2 sheets.
- L2.21 "Bikes" Beich Candies factory tour pamphlet, 1982 2 copies.
- L2.22 Paper factory hat with "Kathryn Beich Fine Candies" and related logo on one side and "BIKE" Paul F Beich Company Fine Candies on the other.
- L2.23 Nestle Beich Special Editions Gourmet Confections, folder with 11 items inside, 1988. David Elder, VP Marketing.
- L2.24 Bit-O-Honey "Improvement" Announcement, in April 1993 newsletter for Concorde
- L2.25 Receipt for David Beich of Bloomington for purchase of TC Beich Candies, 2004.

## **Folder L3 Candy Wrappers & Labels**

*See also oversize for banana caramel wrapper.*

- L3.1 Wrappers for Whiz candy bar, 5 uncut & 1 used.
- L3.2 Wrapper for Whiz candy bar, 1 used – "Best Nickel Candy There Iz-z", nd.
- L3.3 Oh Min! Chocolate Candy copyright Sidney Smith Corp, 1924.
- L3.4 Wrapper for Willard's Oh Min! Nuts-Caramel Chocolate, used, nd.

- L3.5 Wrapper for Pecan Pete, used, nd.
- L3.6 Kathryn Beich Katydid's for 2 pieces each. 2 envelopes with note on Milprint Inc order number Jan 1958.
- L3.7 Labels for Beich's Dairy Cream Caramels, 1 ½ ounce packages with color illustrations of cows in field, etc. nd. 11 copies.
- L3.8 Adhesive label for Beich Almond Fluff 1 ¾ oz package, 5¢. Nd.

**Folder L4 Movie Theatre Advertising Slide**

- L4.1 Glass slide for projecting at movie theatre, nd.
- L4.2 Color print of slide, nd.

**Folder L5 Kathryn Beich Promotional Materials**

- L5.1 Delicious Kathryn Beich Candies...still the No. 1 plan for fund raising, trifold, nd.
- L5.2 Kathryn Beich Candies, "New products ... Bigger variety ..." 8pp, folded, nd.
- L5.3 Kathryn Beich candies. The fast, easy way to earn \$50 to \$5,000 or more!, 8pp, folded, n.d.
- L5.4 Kathryn Beich world famous "old fashioned" confections, butterscotch colored trifold, nd.
- L5.5 Now, discover the best taste in fund raising, folder, 16 items inside, nd.
- L5.6 The Very Best Tastes in Fund Raising, nd. Nestle Beich's.
- L5.7 Together, Kathryn Beich & Nestle make fund raising easier and more profitable!, bifold, nd.
- L5.8 Kathryn Beich candies, 16pp, 1964. Slender.
- L5.9 "America's most popular fund raising plan" 19 pp, 1967
- L5.10 Kathryn Beich candies. America's most popular fund raising plan, 15 pp, 1969
- L5.11 "Beich candies win awards," reprint from *Pantagraph*, 1977.
- L5.12 Our Dedication to Quality, 12pp, 1983. Lists medal won and employees with their years of service.
- L5.13 Kathryn Beich fund raising candies mailout, in envelope, October 1983
- L5.14 Kathryn Beich fund raising candies mailout, in envelope, February 1984
- L5.15 Kathryn Beich fund raising candies mailout, in envelope, April 1985

**Folder L6 Peter Quill**

- L6.1 KOIL radio ad for "Peter Quill", *The Malvern Leader*, October 17, 1940
- L6.2 WGN radio ad for "Peter Quill", *Illinois Wesleyan University Argus*, October 29, 1940
- L6.3 KOIL radio ad for "Peter Quill", *The Malvern Leader*, January 2, 1941
- L6.4 KSTP radio ad for "Peter Quill", *Minneapolis Star Journal*, January 6, 1941
- L6.5 WGN radio ad for "Peter Quill", *Illinois Wesleyan University Argus*, January 14, 1941
- L6.6 WGN radio ad for "Peter Quill", *Illinois Wesleyan University Argus*, March 18, 1941
- L6.7 *Radio Recall*, Vol. 21(5), October 2004, 11 p. "Peter Quill: The Crimson Wizard"
- L6.8 *Radio Recall*, Vol. 30(1), February 2013, 5 p. "Where There's a Quill . . . There's a Way."

**Folder L7 Golden Crumbles Print Mold**

- L7.1 Two thick paper print molds for Beich Golden Crumbles tins, nd. Plus note from DWB indicating that the actual tin was introduced in 1950s.

**M Price Lists**

*Lists are sorted as best as possible among the categories, although some lists elude easy categorization.*

**Folder M1     Retailers**

- M1.1     Bulletin of Soda Water Requisites. Season of 1910, 16 pp.
- M1.2     Typed lists, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1921. 11pp.
- M1.3     Combined Price List and Order Sheet, July 3, 1924. (ivory)
- M1.4     Package Goods Price List and Order Blank, nd. 1 sheet.
- M1.5     Chocolate Price List and Order Blank, nd. 1 sheet.
- M1.6     "There is Real Profit in Beichs Package Chocolates," nd. Small trifold.
- M1.7     "The FIRST new idea in bulk chocolates in 50 years" Brochure & pink post card, nd
- M1.8     Combined Price List and Order Sheet, July 3, 1924.
- M1.9     Retail Hard Goods, Chicago Factory, September 15, 1926. (Red & navy on ivory)
- M1.10     Price List, Bloomington Factory, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1927, 32pp. (brown on white)
- M1.11     Price List, Bloomington Factory, July 1, 1928, 32pp. (Black & russet on ivory)
- M1.12     Price List, Bloomington Factory, Fall 1928, 36pp. 2 copies.
- M1.13     Candy by Beich, 75th Anniversary, 1929. Two copies, one in leather binder of "Otto G. Beich.
- M1.14     Beich Candies, Retail Price List, Bloomington Factory, Fall 1931, 32pp (silver)
- M1.15     Cover missing, begins Mrs. Beich's Personal Selection, Bloomington Factory, nd c.1930s 36pp.
- M1.16     Prices of Summer Goods in Double Cellophane Bags, May 15, 1940. (Half sheet, typewritten)
- M1.17     Armed Services Price List, (Bloomington Factory) 1954, 4p.
- M1.18     Price list for unidentified retailer with no obvious Beich products, nd.

**Folder M2     Wholesale & Jobbers, dated**

- M2.1     Price List to Jobbers, March 1, 1908. (small brown/red on ivory)
- M2.2     Extra Cream Caramels Specialties, March 15, 1908. (small brown & red on butterscotch)
- M2.3     Paul F. Beich's Price-List Fine Candies, Pansy Brand, c. 1901. (red booklet)
- M2.4     Chicago Factory, January 1925, 50pp.
- M2.5     Bloomington Made Candies Price List, July 2, 1925, 22pp. (brown on ivory)
- M2.6     Wholesale Price List, January 2, 1926, 22pp. (brown on ivory)
- M2.7     Ss     Condense Price List of Beich's Candies and Chocolates made at Bloomington Factory, August 2, 1926. 6pp. (yellow)
- M2.8     Condensed Price List, Chicago Factory, January 1, 1928, 8pp. (blue)
- M2.9     Condensed Price List, Bloomington Factory, July 2, 1928, 8 pp. (yellow)
- M2.10     Condensed Price List to Wholesalers, Bloomington Factory, January 2, 1929. 3 copies (gold & blue on ivory)
- M2.11     Caramel Special Offer (Bloomington) May 27, 1929. Letter, brochure & postcard order form.
- M2.12     Current Syndicate Price List, typewritten, July 5, 1934. 5pp.
- M2.13     Jobbers Price list, July 5, 1934. 5 typewritten sheets.
- M2.14     Price List, March 1, 1941. (black on white)
- M2.15     Price List, typewritten, October 28, 1941. 2pp.
- M2.16     Price List, typewritten, January 2, 1942. 1p.

**Folder M3     Wholesale & Jobbers, undated**

- M3.1     Chocolate Package Price List, Bloomington, pamphlet.

- M3.2 Beich's Candy in Glass, 16pp.
- M3.3 Price List of Beich Candies made at the Bloomington Factory (blue cover; typewritten)
- M3.4 Scripto Propelling Pencils Free, Apr 15-Jun 15 . . . .
- M3.5 Summer Penny Sellers, plus coupon for free carton of Frost King.
- M3.6 "Here is the 5c Candy" plus order card.
- M3.7 Price list with covers missing, 50pp. c1920s.
- M3.8 Price List to Wholesalers, Chicago Factory. (red & navy on butterscotch)
- M3.9 Price List to Wholesalers, Chicago Factory. (Red & black on white) 2 copies.
- M3.10 Combined Order Bland and Price List Beich Candies. (black on vanilla sheet) 2 copies.
- M3.11 Beich's Chocolate in Sealed Packages Combined Price List and Order Sheet, Bloomington. (black on ivory, 11"x17")

**Folder M4 Holiday & Seasonal Price Lists**

- M4.1 Football Caramel Offer, nd.
- M4.2 Easter Specialties, 1921. Trifold.
- M4.3 Easter Specialties, 1926. Trifold.
- M4.4 Valentines Day, 1929. 5 copies.
- M4.5 Mother's Day, 1929.
- M4.6 "Tis St. Patrick's Day in the Mornin'," nd.
- M4.7 St. Valentines Day, 1931.
- M4.8 Easter Candies by Beich, nd.
- M4.9 Easter Assortment, nd.

**Folder M5 Spanish Language Price Lists**

- M5.1 Catalogo y Lista de Precios, 1925. 32pp.
- M5.2 "Perfection Sample Case Co." for salesmen's Sample Cases. Bloomington, Ill. Oct 9, 1928 letter plus 9pp brochure.

**Folder M6 Bloomington Caramel Co. Price Lists**

- M6.1 Caramel Specialties, Sep 1 1902. (Pale blue with many increased hand-written prices)
- M6.2 Hot Weather Specialties for 1903. (Light green)
- M6.3 Caramel Specialties, Oct 1, 1903.
- M6.4 Buds and Blossoms, Oct 10, 1904. (Brown) Includes many cost notations.
- M6.5 August 25, 1904
- M6.6 Jan 5, 1905
- M6.7 August 1, 1905
- M6.8 March 25, 1906
- M6.9 The Book of the Good Eating Kind, May 10, 1907. (Brown) \*\*
- M6.10 September 14, 1907 \*\*
- M6.11 September 24, 1907 \*\*

*\*\* Price list advises "owned and operated by Paul F. Beich Company"*

**Folder M7 Non-Beich Candy Price Lists**

- M7.1 Price list for unidentified retailer with no obvious Beich products, nd. 1 sheet.
- M7.2 Catalog in German language from Burk & Braun chocolate factory, May 1929. 59pp.
- M7.3 Schokoladenfabrik Mouxion Saalfeld/Thuringen: July 1929 price list, 12pp; Illustrated product line, 12 pp; Dessert brochure (showing contents of gift box assortments), 7pp. All in German language.

## **N Employees & Employee Benefits**

### **Folder N1 Employee Listings A**

*All for Paul F. Beich Co.*

- N1.1 Seniority listings for Aug 15, 1966; Dec 27, 1966; Jun 26, 1967; Apr 22, 1968.
- N1.2 One-page typed list of employees with birthday and starting date for each. Some entries near end are handwritten, incl. William A. Beich, Albert W. Beich, Ivan Jenkins, David Beich. 3 copies, with small differences at the end of page. Latest entry: 1975.

### **Folder N2 Employee Listings B**

- N2.1 Seniority Listing, General Factory, PFB Co, Sep 5, 1984
- N2.2 Seniority Listing, General Factory, PFB Co, nd but seniority dates as late as 1982.
- N2.3 Female Applications for 1967, PFB Co.
- N2.4 Male Applications for 1967, PFB Co.
- N2.5 Nestle-Beich Active List, nd but appears to be at least 1986.
- N2.6 Work Roster, Caramel Wrap Day Shift, PFB Co, Apr 21, 1975.

### **Folder N3 Employee Newsletters**

- N3.1 "Sweet Talk," March 1959. 15pp.
- N3.2 "Let's Get Newsy," #1 Mar-Apr 1991. 11pp.
- N3.3 "Let's Get Newsy," #4 Oct 1991. 14pp.
- N3.4 "Let's Get Newsy," #5 Nov 1991. 23pp.
- N3.5 "Let's Get Newsy," #6 Dec 1991. 13pp.

### **Folder N4 Employee Retirement Plans**

- N4.1 Trust Agreement Creating Paul F. Beich Company Retirement Trust, Dec 31, 1943. 12pp plus Feb 21, 1947 board resolution for replacing directors; amendments Apr 1 1961, Jul 29 1963 Apr 15 1969, and Aug 3 1972; resolutions for new directors Mar 22 1973 and Oct 11 1973. Plus envelope for the packet.
- N4.2 Retirement Trust Plan for Employee of Paul F. Beich Company, Dec 31, 1943. 16pp. 2 copies.
- N4.3 "Pension Trust: A Report to Our Employees August 15, 1957." 2pp.
- N4.4 "Paul F. Beich Co. Retirement Trust; A Report To Our Employees September 26, 1961," 1p.
- N4.5 PFB Co Retirement Trust Certificate of Participation for Jack Viallancourt, Feb 28, 1963. Plus envelope for same.

### **Folder N5 Employee Insurance**

- N5.1 "A Group Health Insurance Program for the Employees of Paul F. Beich Company," 24pp. Lists all insurances for employes an announced group plan effective Aug 15, 1952.
- N5.2 Blue Cross Plan for Hospital Care: Letter to "Comprehensive Plan Member Feb 28, 1953.
- N5.3 Blue Shield Plan of Illinois Medical Service, effective Aug 15, 1954.

### **Folder N6 Miscellaneous**

- N6.1 Nestle-Beich letter to employee attaching Employee Survey results, Dec 10, 1987. 6pp.
- N6.2 Perfect Attendance recognition for Ann Sheppelman, 1990.

- N6.3 "The 1996 Beich Retirees' Breakfast October 12, 1996" 18pp.  
N6.4 "Help Wanted" announcement from PFB Co. regarding hiring former & new employees during strike, January 1938. Photocopy.

## O Unions

### Folder O1 Striking Women, 1937-38

- O1.1 Striking Candy Girls: Standing Together; Standing Strong!" by Susan Harsha, an Illinois State University student, undated (but uses author interviews conducted in 2000-04). Discusses background and events involving two strikes in 1937 and 1937-38. 13pp.  
O1.2 Three photos of newspapers pictures showing Beich employees striking, Apr 30, 1937.  
O1.3 Two photos of newspaper articles on Beich strike April/May 1937.

### Folder O2 Development of Agreement with Local 342, 1937

- O2.1 Correspondence from Local 342 to "Dear Sir" advising about member meeting and discussion on the proposal and majority vote to hold out for a more suitable settlement, Jan 8, 1937.  
O2.2 Working Agreement, 1 pp. Not executed but with one handwritten change.  
O2.3 Report of Committee of Local 342 receiving legal advice on new contract and related, Nov 9, 1937. 7 pp signed by Ross Cochran, Lyle Horine, Wm H. Bourges.  
O2.4 Correspondence from Bakery & Confectionery Workers International in Chicago to Eleanor Alsene, Secy of Local 342, Nov. 12, 1937, suggesting additional provision for the contract on additional help.  
O2.5 Unexecuted agreement for machinists, Lodge 1000 International Assn of Machinists, 1937.

### Folder O3 Agreements & Bylaws

- O3.1 Agreement with Candy Workers Union Local No. 342, March 1, 1968. 20pp booklet, green cover.  
O3.2 By-Laws of Local No. 342, Printed January 1962 16pp, 2 copies. Red covers.

### Folder O4 Local 342 History

- O4.1 "50 Years of Sweet Success 1937-1987 Paul F. Beich Co – Nestle-Beich Co." 30 pp booklet covering history of union local and including copies of newspaper articles, etc. Compiled and written by Lana Dorrell. 2 copies.

### Folder O5 Union Miscellaneous

*All items donated by Anne Sheppelman unless otherwise noted.*

- O5.1 Certificate of Recognition for completing Local 342 Steward Education Conference, 1986.  
O5.2 Certificate from Illinois Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO Community Service Conference, 1991  
O5.3 25-year membership award, Bakery, Confectionery and Tobacco Workers Union, nd.  
O5.4 Two passes to Convention Banquet, July 1994 in Las Vegas, NV.  
O5.5 Application for credit card via Bakery, Confectionery and Tobacco Workers International Union for Jack Viallancourt.  
O5.6 "Beich Building Farewell," article by Mike Matejka in *Union News* on fire that destroyed facility at Front & Lumber Streets, 2005. Donor unidentified.

## **P Business Associations**

### **Folder P1 Confectioners Associations**

- P1.1 Program for Candy Symposium, Midland Confectionery Assn, Feb 17, no year.
- P1.2 Circular No. 40 of National Confectioners' Association of US.S. "Food for Thought" on prices increases. No date but likely c. 1920ish.
- P1.3 "President's Address, National Confectioners' Association, 1920. 8pp. Obituary list, typed, 1919? 2 pp. Note from DWB about V.L. Price, 2022 or 2023.
- P1.4 Minutes of Society of Manufacturing Confectioners held in Chicago, Feb 17, 1928. 2pp mimeo of typescript. Note that PFB and C.E. Behr are listed attendees.
- P1.5 Letter to Candy Manufacturers from National Confectioners' Association, July 10, 1934 about upcoming meeting to discuss sucker candy maker issues. Both PFB Co operations are listed.
- P1.6 "Meeting on Suckers as of July 13, 1934" with prices plus price information from "Chocolate Meeting as of July 13, 1934. 2pp typescript.
- P1.7 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Confectioners Association, 28pp booklet, 1983. Includes photos of PFB as noted by DWB.

### **Folder P2 1933 Century of Progress Exposition**

*PFB chaired the Candy Industry Exhibit for Chicago Century Of Progress Exposition which included a model candy factory visible to the public, etc.*

- P2.1 "Plans for Model Candy Factory Chicago Exposition Announced by N.C.A." I *The Northwestern Confectioner*, April 1932, page 9.
- P2.2 "N.C.A. Conventions for Next Year and 1993 are to be Held in Chicago," in *Confectioners' Review*, Oct 1930, page 7.
- P2.3 "A Report of the National Confectioners' Association Interest in the World's Fari Century of Progress, 4pp typescript by PFB. Includes options and cost estimates. Also, 1page of PFB notes, Dec 1931.
- P2.4 Architect's rendering of exhibit exterior for 1933, tentative layout, Jan 20, 1932 cover letter from consulting engineer H.J. Melville of Chicago. 2 copies.
- P2.5 National Confectioners' Association Candy Exhibit Committee letter to Heide, Mar 19, 1932, 4pp. Signed by PFB. Also, same to Harris in Virginia. Plus 2 accompanying subscription sheets. And 7pp typed draft.
- P2.6 PFB letter as Chair of Exhibit Committee with addressee left blank about info on the proposed Exhibit, Mar 24, 1932.
- P2.7 A Century of Progress booklet, 16pp. Third printing, Dec 10, 1931.

### **Folder P3 Illinois Manufacturers' Association**

- P3.1 Booklet: Twenty Fifth Annual Banquet, Dec 14, 1922. PFB is a director.
- P3.2 Membership cards for Paul F. Beich Co, 1941 & 1942.

*PFB attended the 1925 International Chamber of Commerce's Congress in Brussels representing the Illinois Manufacturers' Association. Three items:*

- P3.3 PFB comments on trip, visits, personal travel, etc. 6pp typescript.
- P3.4 Notes on Third General Congress held in Brussels, 7 half page typescript.
- P3.5 PFB handwritten notes, pp2-6 on half sheets, nd.

*PFB on Industrial Advisory Board for Prisons:*

- P3.6 Illinois Senate Bill No. 563 in House, 1931, 7pp typescript.
- P3.7 Illinois Senate Bill No. 564, 2pp typescript.
- P3.8 State of Illinois commission to PFB appointing him a member of the Industrial Advisory Board for Prisons, Oct 24, 1931. Plus envelope for same.

**Folder P4 Association of Commerce / Chamber of Commerce**

- P3.1 Letter from Frank R. McCoy of U.S Army to OGB as president of Blm Assn of Commerce, March 11, 1935, about future state convention of Reserve Officer Assn to be held in Blm in May. Envelope.
- P3.2 General Orders No. 1 from Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) describing events of May 1935 Encampment at Blm with resolutions of gratitude, Jun 10, 1935. 2 copies plus envelope.
- P3.3 Letter from Illinois Chamber VP Ferris to OGB as president of Blm Assn of Commerce thanking him for his letter and commenting on recent talk in Blm, Apr 6, 1936.
- P3.4 Letter from G. J. Mecherle of State Farm to OGB about recent visit by members of Assn of Commerce to the Chicago convention, etc. Feb 26, 1937.
- P3.5 Letter from Illinois Chamber VP Ferris to OGB thanking OGB & PFB for their recent encouraging letter and their civic engagement, Mar 1, 1937. Envelope.
- P3.6 Two Illinois Chamber of Commerce membership cards for Paul F. Beich Co, 1943 & 1944.

**Loose books & videos (Box 3):**

**Business:**

1. **Accordion folder of scrapbook pages:** Building the Factory, 1964-1970. Approx 33 double-sided sheets including news articles, letters, photos, etc.
2. **Video: "Discovering Excellence"** 21-minute VHS cassette tape with company history, 1984. 2 copies.
3. **Red ledger**, 4 x7, 1890-1905. Lists charge accts for merchandise sales.
4. **Red ledger**, 4 ½ x 7 ½, 1897-1905. Lists charge accts for merchandise sales.
5. **Beige ledger**, 4 x 7, daily production journal, Oct-Nov 1921.

**Family & Personal:**

1. Paul Beich" embossed on cover of **small brown prayer book** for Catholics in German language, published Benziger Brothers. 400 pages.
2. **Life of Washington** in words of one syllable by Josephine Pollard, McLoughlin Brothers, 120pp. Sticker inside from Cole Bros of Bloomington to Mrs. Paul Beich. Hand printed by child on inside cover: Otto Beich. Spine cover badly worn.
3. **Scripture Birthday Book**, published by Thos. D. Crowell Company, NYC, and inscribed to Otto Gerken Beich, Dec 25, 1919. Includes notations for birthdays/dates of family members.
4. **Zschokke's Das Wirtshaus zu Cransac**, by Edward S. Joynes, 1908. Otto Gerken Beich.
5. **Eighteenth Side Boy**, four-month naval leadership training school, June 1944. Page 112 photo of trainee Wm A Beich.
6. **Red check file** for Claribel (Mrs. Warren) Spahr, 1976-1977. Includes cancelled personal checks, store invoices, bank statement, etc.
7. **Diploma** from Bloomington High School, Jun 1968, in marron folder. DWB.
8. **Bloomington High School Aepix** (Yearbook), 1966. DWB.

9. **Bloomington High School Aepix** (Yearbook), 1967. DWB.
10. **Bloomington High School Aepix** (Yearbook), 1968. DWB.
11. **Realtor's Portfolio for David W. Beich, maroon leather**, including:
  - Illinois realtor's license, nd.
  - "beich around town" brochure for DWB at Kaisner Realty, nd. 2 copies.
  - Magnolia Grove, c 1915, real estate listing by DWB, 1992, 8pp with color photos attached. 2 copies. *DWB note: "First house DWB worked on. Barron, Vir fishing village, Crabbers."*
  - Two DWB business cards (stray note on verso), nd
12. **Small black photo album of finished restoration of 1413 E. Grove St** by David W. Beich, 2006.