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**MSS 244 / PSC 280**

**Aladdin Manufacturing Company, Muncie, Indiana, Collection**

1 box; 0.2 cu. ft.

## History

The Aladdin Manufacturing Company was founded in 1919 and established at 2500 S. Hackley Street in Muncie. The company produced Aladdin Electric Portable Lamps in a wide range of styles and prices. The Aladdin Manufacturing Company of Muncie was completely separate from the Aladdin Electric Lamps, a competitor located in nearby Alexandria, Indiana, and from Aladdin Industries, maker of Aladdin Kerosene Mantle Lamps. By 1925 the Aladdin Manufacturing Company was producing “all kinds of portable, desk, table and floor lamps, and silk and parchment shades”; in 1927 hand-painted glass shades were added. Lamps were sold locally through the Household Electric Store on Jackson Street, as well as through retailers in other towns and by mail order. The company changed its name to General Lamps Company in 1936 and moved its operations to Elwood, Indiana, in 1941. The General Lamps Company went out of business in 1959.

## Scope and Content

The collection contains issues of *The Mystic Light of the Aladdin Knights*, a bimonthly newsletter for collectors of Aladdin memorabilia and products of the Aladdin Manufacturing Company, Aladdin Electric Lamps, and Aladdin Industries/Aladdin Mantle Lamp Company. It also contains a 2004 Aladdin Mantle Lamp Company catalog. PSC 280 includes a photocopy of a 1937 publicity photograph and photographs of displays at the 1990 convention of the National Association of Aladdin Lamp Collectors (NAALC).

See also SC 419.

## Container List

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>
1	Aladdin Mantle Lamp Company catalog, 2004
	“Mystic Light” newsletter—January 1983
	“Mystic Light” newsletter—March, May, July, September, November 2003
	“Mystic Light” newsletter—2004 complete
	“Mystic Light” newsletter—2005
	“Mystic Light” newsletter—2006
	“Mystic Light” newsletter—2007
	“Mystic Light” newsletter—2008

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