



Summagraphics Corporation Papers

COLLECTION, MS B155

DATE

1974 – 1994

CONTRIBUTOR

Fairfield Museum

ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY ELEMENT

Summagraphics Corp. was founded in Fairfield, CT by Albert J. Whetsone in 1973 under the name Scriptographics Corporation. In one year, it became the major supplier of computer-input devices that translate graphic information into computer-usable, form. The executive offices were based at 398 Kings Highway; a second manufacturing facility was opened in 1974 which contained 6500 square feet of manufacturing and office space on Brentwood Avenue. In 1980 and in 1984, space was increased again for manufacturing and offices for about 300 local employees. In 1986 Summagraphics introduced the computer mouse and by 1988 it was the largest supplier of graphics tablets in the world, for PC-based systems and Macintosh computers.

SCOPE & CONTENT

The collection consists of three boxes of company documents. Box 1 covering mostly sales, advertisements, company newsletters ranging from 1982-1994, annual reports. Box 2 and 3 contain technical and user manuals for many of the digitizers, tablets and other peripherals that Summagraphics manufactured.

Collection Contents

Summagraphics Corporation Papers

This is Summagraphics 14:11 Motion Inc. VHS

Promotional videotape recording on Summagraphics Corp.

Technical Manuals

Serial Communication Interface

13-button Cursor

MM LC Graphics Tablet

CR 1212 Graphics Tablet

SummaSketch FX / SummaSketch Professional User's Guides

SummaSketch, Bit Pad Plus User Guides

SummaMouse User's Guide and Documentation

Summagrid IV Users Manual

Summagrid III Users Manual and Documentation

Summagraphics Software Compatability Directory

Sonic Digitizers GP-Series 6 Operators Manual

Product Notes

Various notes on Summagraphic products in Box 2

Microgrid II Series Documents

MacTablet Documents

MM Graphics Tablet Troubleshooting Manual

Intelligent Digitizer (ID) Series Users Manual

Contains Users Manual and various other documents relating to the ID series.

graf/pen Gp-3/NT-301 Operators Manual

Annual Reports (1992-1994)



Annual Reports (1989-1991)

"Bits & Bytes" Newsletter (1993-1994)

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Summagraphics Associates' Newsletter

"Did You Know" company newsletter (1988-1990)

One page FAQ's for sales personnel.

Summagraphic Forum (1986)

The Forum was created as a special section in the Summagraphics Sales Support Book in order to promote better communication between Summagraphics Headquarters and the field.

"Summa News" (1984-1989)

Newsletter published for industry professionals.

Miscellaneous "Summa Summary" Newsletters (1980, 1982, 1983)

Company newsletter published for employees.

Thank-you letters from Customers (1984, 1987, 1990)

Various customer appreciation letters regarding Rob Wallace's sales assistance.

Purchase Agreements / Price Schedules

Blank Digitizer OEM Purchase Agreement; Pricing schedules for various OEM products.

Miscellaneous articles (1974-1994) / Company Timeline

Miscellaneous newspaper articles, published trade paper articles on the company and products.

Interoffice Memorandum (1983, 1987, 1987)

Miscellaneous interoffice memos on sales, company procedures, products.

Customer Service Procedures (1982) / Sales Procedures (1983)

Manuals for customer service and sales representatives for the company.

Advertisements and Brochures

Miscellaneous printed advertisements and product brochures.

Administrative Documents

Lists of addresses and contacts for regional sales offices and distributors.