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NATIONAL SERVICE
INDUSTRIES INC., RECORDS
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National Service Industries, Inc. was founded in 1962 with the merger of two established Atlanta companies, National Linen Service (NLS) and ZEP Manufacturing Company. National Linen Service, founded in 1919, had grown into the largest textile rental company in the United States by the late 1950s having acquired similar companies in twenty-four states. To avoid anti-trust action by the United States government, National Linen signed a consent agreement in 1956 and agreed not to acquire additional linen companies for ten years. National president Milton Weinstein, countered this restraint by diversifying. On June 30, 1962 National Linen merged with ZEP, a chemical company founded in 1937 by Mandle Zaban and now headed by his son Erwin. Two years later National Linen acquired Atlanta Envelope Company and changed its name to National Service Industries, Inc. (NSI). In the ensuing years NSI acquired North Bros. Co., in 1966; Selig Chemical Industries in 1968; Lithonia Lighting Company in 1969; Marketing Services in 1970 and Block Industries in 1972.

In 1962, sales totaled \$68 million and in 1984 they exceeded \$1 billion. The company ranked 260th in sales among the largest United States industrial companies in the 1988 Fortune 500 list with sales of \$1.4 billion.

In 1989, NSI relocated from its home office on Peachtree and 14th Streets to a new corporate headquarters at Pershing Point. Over the next decade NSI continued to grow, but in 2001, with stock prices stagnate the company was broken apart.

National Service Industries, Inc. Records, 1897-1995, consist of records of acquisitions, mergers and sales of the various companies that were a part of NSI. Also included are annual reports from NSI and National Linen Services as well as a variety of records from ZEP Manufacturing Company and Selig Chemical. The collection is arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically within each folder. Researchers interested in the growth and development of several Jewish-owned Atlanta businesses will find this collection of special interest.

Restrictions: Available to the serious scholar
Number of containers: 30

Oversize flat items: Removed to oversize collection
Photographs: Removed to visual arts collection
Shelf space occupied: 15 cubic feet

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1 Acquisitions - B-Ce, 1967-1970

Folder 1: Acquisition – Bramco Products, Inc., 1967

Folder 2: Acquisition – Certified Leasing Co., Inc. 1970.

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2 Acquisitions - Co, 1968-1970.

Folder 1: Acquisition – Coburn Enterprises Inc., 1970.

Folder 2: Acquisition – Colonial Furniture Manufacturing Company, Inc., 1968.

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3 Acquisitions - Co-Di, 1968-1969.

Folder 1: Acquisition – Colonial Glove Manufacturing Company Inc. et al, 1968.

Folder 2: Acquisition – Dixie Dinettes Inc.; Superior Manufacturing Co. of Virginia, 1969.

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4 Acquisitions - De, 1969 (this bound volume should come before Dixie Dinettes
but is too large and needs an individual container)

Folder 1: Acquisition – Deville Furniture Company, Inc. et al, 1969.

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5 Acquisitions – G-Q, 1968.

Folder 1: Acquisition – Gate City Table Company, 1968

Folder 2: Acquisition – Queen City Dinettes, Inc. 1968.

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6 Acquisitions – Se-Sh, 1968.

Folder 1: Acquisition – Selig Chemical Industries, Inc. 1968.

Folder 2: Acquisition – Shelby Dinettes, Inc. 1968.

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7 Acquisitions – Su, 1968.

Folder 1: Acquisitions – Superior Furniture Manufacturing Co. – Georgia, 1968.

Folder 2: Acquisitions – Superior Furniture Manufacturing Co. – Kentucky, 1968.

Folder 3: Anniversaries – “75,” 1994.

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8 Annual reports (bound), 1964-1970.

Folder 1: Annual reports, 1964.

Folder 2: Annual reports, 1965.

Folder 3: Annual reports, 1966-1967.

Folder 4: Annual reports, 1968-1969.

Folder 5: Annual reports, 1970.

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9 Annual reports (bound), 1971-1979. (incomplete)

Folder 1: Annual reports, 1971.

Folder 2: Annual reports, 1972.

Folder 3: Annual reports, 1975.

Folder 4: Annual reports, 1976.

Folder 5: Annual reports, 1978.

Folder 6: Annual reports, 1979.

Folder 7: Annual reports, 1980.

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10 Annual reports (bound), 1980-1985.

Folder 1: Annual reports, 1981.

Folder 2: Annual reports, 1982.

Folder 3: Annual reports, 1983.

Folder 4: Annual reports, 1984.

Folder 5: Annual reports, 1985.

Folder 6: Annual reports, 1986.

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11 Annual reports (bound), 1986-1991.

Folder 1: Annual reports, 1987.

Folder 2: Annual reports, 1988.

Folder 3: Annual reports, 1989.

Folder 4: Annual reports, 1990-1991.

Folder 5: Annual reports, 1991-1992.

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12 Annual reports (bound), 1991-1992; (loose), 1971-1983.

Folder 1: Annual reports, 1993-1994.

Folder 2: Annual reports, 1965-1971.

Folder 3: Annual reports, (loose), 1971-1973.

Folder 4: Annual reports, (loose), 1974-1977.

Folder 5: Annual reports, (loose), 1978-1983.

Folder 6: Annual reports, (loose), 1984-1988.

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13 Annual reports, (loose) – building, 1953-1995

Folder 1: Annual reports, (loose), 1989-1993

Folder 2: Annual reports, (loose), 1994-1995.

Folder 3: Awards, 1977-1991.

Folder 4: Block Industries, 1953-1988.

Folder 5: Building – Fourteenth Street and Crescent Avenues – Parking Deck, 1969-1971.

Folder 6: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings,
March 15, 1988-June 7, 1988 (Part 1 of 3) – original order maintained – reverse
chronological.

Folder 7: Building - Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings,
March 15, 1988-June 7, 1988 (Part 2 of 3) – original order maintained – reverse
chronological.

Folder 8: Building - Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings,
March 15, 1988-June 7, 1988 (Part 3 of 3) – original order maintained – reverse
chronological.

Folder 9: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings,
June 8, 1988-August 29, 1988 (Part 1 of 2) original order maintained – reverse
chronological.

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14 Building, 1988-1989.

- Folder 1: Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings,
June 8, 1988 – August 29, 1988 (Part 2 of 2) original order maintained – reverse
chronological.
- Folder 2: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings,
August 29, 1988-October 3, 1988 (Part 1 of 2) original order maintained – reverse
chronological.
- Folder 3: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings,
August 29, 1988-October 3, 1988 (Part 2 of 2) original order maintained – reverse
chronological.
- Folder 4: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings,
November 2, 1988-February 27, 1989 (Part 1 of 3) original order maintained –
reverse chronological.
- Folder 5: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings,
November 2, 1988-February 27, 1989 (Part 2 of 3) original order maintained –
reverse chronological.
- Folder 6: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings,
November 2, 1988-February 27, 1989 (Part 3 of 3) original order maintained –
reverse chronological.

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15 Building, 1989

- Folder 1: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings,
March 21, 1989-May 19, 1989 (Part 1 of 2) original order maintained –
reverse chronological.
- Folder 2: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings,
March 21, 1989-May 19, 1989 (Part 2 of 2) original order maintained –
reverse chronological.
- Folder 3: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings,
May 22, 1989-July 24, 1989 (Part 1 of 2) original order maintained –
reverse chronological.
- Folder 4: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings,
May 22, 1989-July 24, 1989 (Part 2 of 2) original order maintained –
reverse chronological.
- Folder 5: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings,
August 2, 1989-September 29, 1989 (Part 1 of 3) original order maintained –
reverse chronological.
- Folder 6: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings,
August 2, 1989-September 29, 1989 (Part 2 of 3) original order maintained –
reverse chronological.

Container Building, 1989-1990
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- Folder 1: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings, August 2, 1989-September 29, 1989 (Part 3 of 3) original order maintained – reverse chronological.
- Folder 2: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings, October 3, 1989-December 7, 1989 (Part 1 of 3) original order maintained – reverse chronological.
- Folder 3: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings, October 3, 1989-December 7, 1989 (Part 2 of 3) original order maintained – reverse chronological.
- Folder 4: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings, October 3, 1989-December 7, 1989 (Part 3 of 3) original order maintained – reverse chronological.
- Folder 5: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings, December 11, 1989-August 22, 1990 (Part 1 of 3) original order maintained – reverse chronological.
- Folder 6: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings, December 11, 1989-August 22, 1990 (Part 2 of 3) original order maintained – reverse chronological.
- Folder 7: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings, December 11, 1989-August 22, 1990 (Part 3 of 3) original order maintained – reverse chronological.

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17 Building, 1989-1991.

- Folder 1: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project Meetings, September 17, 1990-January 4, 1991 original order maintained – reverse chronological.
- Folder 2: Building - Pershing Point – Construction Project - manual, 1989 (part 1) original order maintained.
- Folder 3: Building - Pershing Point – Construction Project - manual, 1989 (part 2) original order maintained.
- Folder 4: Building - Pershing Point – Construction Project - manual, 1989 (part 3) original order maintained.
- Folder 5: Building - Pershing Point – Construction Project - manual, 1989 (part 4) original order maintained.
- Folder 6: Building – Pershing Point – Construction Project – reports, 1989.

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18 Building, 1988-1989.

- Folder 1: Building - Pershing Point – Construction Project – specifications, 1988 (part 1 of 4) original order maintained.
- Folder 2: Building - Pershing Point – Construction Project – specifications, 1988 (part 2 of 4) original order maintained.
- Folder 3: Building - Pershing Point – Construction Project – specifications, 1988 (part 3 of 4) original order maintained.
- Folder 4: Building - Pershing Point – Construction Project – specifications, 1988 (part 4 of 4) original order maintained.
- Folder 5: Building - Pershing Point – Construction Project – specifications - addendum, 1988 original order maintained.
- Folder 6: Building - Pershing Point – exploration of property, 1988.
- Folder 7: Building - Pershing Point – Facility Master Program, 1987.

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19 Building, 1922-1989.

- Folder 1: Building - Pershing Point – groundbreaking, 1987.
- Folder 2: Building – Pershing Point – history of property, 1922-1923.
- Folder 3: Building – Pershing Point – miscellaneous records (including land swap), 1983-1989.
- Folder 4: Building – Pershing Point – moving announcement, c.1991.
- Folder 5: Correspondence, 1971-1984.
- Folder 6: Employee handbook, undated.
- Folder 7: History, undated.
- Folder 8: Lithonia Lighting, Inc., 1961-1996.
- Folder 9: Mergers – Lithonia Lighting into National Service Industries, 1969.

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20 Mergers, 1970.

- Folder 1: Mergers – Southern Binders Inc; Brown Printing Company; Tufted Sample Service, Inc., Acme Display Company into National Service Industries, Inc., 1970.

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21 Mergers 1972

Folder 1: Mergers – Southland Manufacturing Company, Inc., Block Realty Corporation; Block Enterprises, Inc., Newport Manufacturing Company, Inc., Rowland Textiles, Inc., Southland Textiles Inc., and Block Industries, Inc. into National Service Industries, Inc., 1972.

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22 Monthly reports of operations – National Linen Service Corporation, 1964-1980.

Folder 1: Monthly reports of operations, 1970-1972.

Folder 2: Monthly reports of operations, 1973-1975.

Folder 3: Monthly reports of operations, 1976-1978.

Folder 4: Monthly reports of operations, 1979-1980.

Folder 5: National Linen Service Corporation – Acquisition – Atlanta Envelope Company, 1964.

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23 National linen Service Corporation – Publications, 1962-1994

Folder 1: National Linen Service Corporation – Acquisition – ZEP Manufacturing Corporation, 1962.

Folder 2: National Linen Service Corporation – annual reports, 1962-1964.

Folder 3: National Linen Service Corporation – general, undated.

Folder 4: National Linen Service Corporation – newsletters and news releases, 1973-1978.

Folder 5: Newsletters and news releases, 1971-1994.

Folder 6: Publications, 1970.

Folder 7: Publications re. City of Atlanta, undated.

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24 Publicity, 1970-1994

Folder 1: Publicity – financial, 1971 (original order from binder)

Folder 2: Publicity – financial, 1972 (original order from binder)

Folder 3: Publicity – financial, 1973-1976 (original order from binder)

Folder 4: Publicity – financial, 1970-1972 (unbound)

Folder 5: Publicity – financial, 1973-1988 (unbound)

Folder 6: Publicity – general, 1972-1994.

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25 Sale of business and assets – Zaban, Erwin, 1897-1986.

- Folder 1: Sale of Business and Assets – Master Packaging Division to Master Packaging Inc., 1973.
- Folder 2: The Selig Co. – history, 1931.
- Folder 3: The Selig Co. – publications, 1932-1943.
- Folder 4: The Selig Co. – publications, undated.
- Folder 5: The Selig Co. – sales book, 1897-1909.
- Folder 6: Stock certificate, (blank), undated.
- Folder 7: Weinstein, Milton, 1971.
- Folder 8: Zaban, Erwin
- Folder 9: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – anniversary “50th”, 1986.

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26 ZEP Manufacturing Corporation, 1946-1982.

- Folder 1: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – legal papers, 1961 – June 1962.
- Folder 2: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – legal papers, July 1962-September 1962.
- Folder 3: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – manager’s account, 1952-1978.
- Folder 4: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – price book, 1955-1958.
- Folder 5: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – price book, 1959-1960.
- Folder 6: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – price book, 1969-1970.
- Folder 7: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – promissory note, 1957.
- Folder 8: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – property – Edgewood Avenue, 1941-1956.
- Folder 9: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – property – Edgewood Avenue, 1957-1959.
- Folder 10: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – publications, 1946-1982.

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27 ZEP Manufacturing Corporation, 1937-1986

- Folder 1: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – publicity, 1971-1986.
- Folder 2: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – sales book, A-Z, 1949-1958.
- Folder 3: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – salesmen informational sheets and contests, 1947-1954.
- Folder 4: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – Seaboard Plant dedication – guest book, 1957.
- Folder 5: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – stock certificates, 1937-1939.
- Folder 6: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – stock certificates, 1941-1943.
- Folder 7: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – stock certificates, 1946-1950.
- Folder 8: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – stock certificates, 1950-1959.

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28 ZEP Manufacturing Corporation, 1946-1961.

Folder 1: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – stock certificates, 1958-1961.

Folder 2: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – stock certificates, 1959-1962.

Folder 3: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – stock holders agreements, 1948-1956.

Folder 3: ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – Wilson, Ludwig, 1946.

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29 Oversize bound volumes

The Selig Co., financial ledgers (2), 1905-1910.

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30 Oversize ledger (unbound)

ZEP Manufacturing Corporation – general ledger, 1944-1947.