

# University of Miami Cuban Heritage Collection

## Finding Aid - Herman Beller Photograph Collection (CHC0400)

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## Summary information

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**Repository:** University of Miami Cuban Heritage Collection

**Title:** Herman Beller Photograph Collection

**ID:** CHC0400

**Date:** circa 1925-1950 (date of creation)

**Physical description:** Boxes

**Dates of creation,  
revision and deletion:**

**Note [generalNote]:**

Other Information:

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Herman L. Beller (1899-1972) was born in Komonitz Padosky Gobernina, Russia and moved to the United States as an young child. Shortly after his marriage to Jennie Engler, the young couple moved to Cuba for work. Beller began his career in Cuba working on machinery in sugar mills, where he manufactured dies to cast replacement parts for machinery. Deciding to move into the art world, Beller began producing bronze works for the City of Havana and for other commissions with his company, Industrias Unidas de Cuba.

Beller was actively involved in the Cuban-Jewish community and joined the efforts to help German and Austrian refugees seek safety in Cuba during WWII. After the war, Beller returned to New York and continued his work in the metal foundry business. He settled in Florida in the 1950s with his family and died there at age 73 in 1972.

### Custodial history

Name changed from Herman Beller Collection to Herman Beller Photograph Collection in July 2013.

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## Scope and content

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The Herman Beller Photograph Collection contains photograph of metal works done by Herman Beller's (1899-1972) Havana, Cuba-based company, Industrias Unidas de Cuba. The photographs detail works in parks, schools, and public areas and buildings all installed during the 1920s to 1950s. Several small examples of metal pieces cast by Beller are also included in the collection.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Immediate source of acquisition

Gift of Natalie B. Lyons, 1994.

### Arrangement

Photographs are in Box 1 and the metal pieces are in Box 2.

### Restrictions on access

This collection is open for research.

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### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
  - **Description identifier:** ArchonInternalCollectionID:272
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## Access points

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- Iron-works -- Cuba (subject)
- Havana (Cuba) (place)

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## Series descriptions

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Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id107375	File - Photographs	circa 1920s-1950s		1
id107376	File - Metal pieces	circa 1920s-1950s		2