

# Archives of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores

**To quote the Society of American Archivists (SAA), “Archival repositories are as diverse as the institutions and people they serve.”**

Founded in 1933, the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) represents traditional drug stores, supermarkets and mass merchandisers with pharmacies. The NACDS Archives is part of the NACDS Resource Center, and houses approximately 360 linear feet of records. The NACDS Archives exists primarily to document the history of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores and the NACDS Foundation, the education, research and charitable affiliate of NACDS.

**Maybe not your typical archives, but an archives none the less.**

Our repository holds collections of manuscripts, photographs, audio visual materials and memorabilia of NACDS and NACDS Foundation events and activities. These can include a wide variety of interesting items including historical photographs of chain drug stores, a good will declaration in English and Japanese between NACDS and the Japan Association of Chain Drug Store (JACDS) to traditional business records such as the 1934 Board of Directors minutes.

This year the association celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. As part of that celebration, the NACDS Annual Meeting featured a “walk through history” utilizing many of the colorful brochures developed over the years for this meeting and preserved in the NACDS Archives.

The Resource Center at NACDS is staffed by two dedicated individuals, Betsy Hageman MLS, Director of the Center, and yours truly, Marcy Gascoine, Archivist in Training.

The NACDS Archives are not open to the public.

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