# VALUE OF AN ARCHIVE

A well-managed archive program gives organizations abilities they could never have otherwise. An archive ensures that assets are not only safe and sound, but can be quickly and cost-effectively accessed for use.

A common misconception of companies that maintain archives is that they must be old. But at The History Factory, our archival clients range in age from 20 to 200. They are competitive, forward-looking organizations with strong cultures and leadership who recognize that heritage is a strategic asset and a formal process is needed to manage it. We call this "Use-Driven Archives" and at The History Factory our clients' archives create value every day.





#### **USE-DRIVEN ARCHIVES:**

- Increase the value of work product with detail and authenticity
  - Protect assets you could put to use at any time •
  - Maximize efficiencies by enabling direct access to assets •
- Provide the structure for what to keep, what not to keep and how to collect •

# VALUE OF AN ARCHIVE

So what's in a corporate archive? It's not records management. You won't find tax records and personnel files. An archive contains all of the assets that an organization is not legally required to maintain, but provides insight into who the organization was at any given time.

At The History Factory, we call an archive "your inventory of experience." But the value of an archive is not only what's in it. Valuable assets are useless if they can't be accessed. The greatest value of an archive is that it is arranged in a flexible, hierarchical structure that promotes access for use and can accommodate growth as an organization evolves.

### CONTENT

Advertising & Branding Materials

Biographical Files

Catalogs & Price Lists

Employee and Retiree Clubs & Activities

Facility Drawings, Blueprints & Plans

Meeting Minutes

News Clippings & News Releases

Newsletters & Directives

Organizational Charts

Philanthropy & Giving Files

Photographs & Video

Policy & Procedures Manuals Press Release & Press Kits

Product Manuals & Tech Literature

Products & Services

Promotional Merchandise & Memorabilia

Published & Unpublished Histories

Recruitment & Orientation Files

Reports & Reference Files

Research & Development Files

Speeches

Strategic Plans

Trademarks & patents

Training & Education Materials

#### CONTEXT

Stories & Images

Successes, Failures & Lessons Learned

People & Products

C+-+:-+:-- 0 1/--- D-+-

Events & Milestones

Statistics & Key Data

TO LEARN WHAT MATERIALS SHOULD BELONG IN YOUR USE-DRIVEN ARCHIVES, ASK FOR THE HISTORY FACTORY'S INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC ARCHIVAL CHECKLISTS.

The History Factory is a heritage management agency that helps today's leading global corporations, organizations and institutions discover, preserve and access their unique history to meet today's business challenges.

Since 1979, we've helped tomorrow's leaders use yesterday's accomplishments and lessons learned to gain competitive advantage—today.

www.historyfactory.com