

Title: Bezella/Bloedel/Kellner Families Collection

Reference Code: Mss-0509

Inclusive Dates: ca. 1864 – 2004

Quantity: 1.4 cu. ft.

Location: WHS, Sh. A107

Abstract: Herman Kellner fought with the 6th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment during the Civil War. He was captured and held at Andersonville Prison for the remainder of the war. He married Katherine Bloedel in 1870. His son, August F. Kellner (born 1876), established a successful landscape gardening/floral business at 3258 N. Humboldt Avenue in 1903 and continued in the business until he retired in 1955. He also was actively involved with the Milwaukee Turners and was a founding member of its “Bimbo Club.” He died in December 1961.

Martin Bezella immigrated from Germany in 1923. In 1930, he married Dorothy Kellner, August’s daughter. After World War II, he was involved with the Kellner’s landscaping/floral business. He also was involved with the Turners. He died in 1996

Henry Bloedel and his family immigrated from Germany to the U.S. in the 1850s. They settled in Milwaukee and Henry worked as a wagon maker. His son, Adam, started a jewelry business in 1868, which the family continued operating until 1978.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of a Bloedel family history (2 copies), genealogical records, newspaper clippings, an 80th anniversary (1937) songbook/program for the Turnverein, copies of Herman Kellner’s Civil War pension papers, photos and other ephemera.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English, German

Notes: The collection was donated by Diane Bezella, May 2021.

Arrangement:

Folder Heading	Box #	File #
Bloedel Family Information	1	1
Bezella Family Information	1	2
Kellner Family Information	1	3
Miscellaneous	1	4
LOOSE IN BOX:		
– <i>Shakespeare’s King Henry the Fourth, Part I</i> , 1893		
– Two autograph albums		

➤ August Kellner (?), ca. 1887		
➤ Unidentified owner (German language), 1864-1865		
PHOTOGRAPHS:		
Kellner, Herman C.	2	1
Kellner, August F.	2	2
Kellner, August F. – Turnverein Photos	2	3
Kellner, August F. – Floral Shows/Arrangements	2	4
Kellner, Hilda (Daughter of Herman A. Kellner)	2	5
Kellner Family	2	6
Bezella Family	2	7
Bloedel Family	2	8
Preussler Family	2	9
Huchting Family	2	10
Nessler Family	2	11
Identified Individuals/Groups	2	12
Men – Unidentified	2	13
Women – Unidentified	2	14
Infants/Children – Unidentified	2	15
Couples/Groups – Unidentified	2	16
Unidentified Individuals/Groups (Photos removed from photo album)	2	17
Miscellaneous	2	18