

Title: Mariner, Ephraim Papers

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Abstract: Ephraim Mariner was one of early Milwaukee’s most prominent lawyers. He came to Milwaukee in 1850 and was admitted to the bar the following year. He specialized in real estate law but was extensively involved in banking and railroad promotion. At the time of his death in 1911, Mariner was reputedly one of the largest landowners in Milwaukee. His son, John Watkins Mariner, was also extensively involved in real estate. In 1920, John formed the Mariner Realty Company and served as president until his death in 1930.

Scope and Content: The records consist primarily of property-related documents, i.e. deeds, mortgages, and patents that involve both Ephraim and John Mariner. Many of these documents pertain to some of Milwaukee’s most prominent early citizens, such as Byron Kilbourn, E. B. Wolcott, Daniel Bigelow, and Talbot C. Dousman. There are also maps/plats/drawings/blueprints focusing on property in the Town of Milwaukee, especially around the Villages of Humboldt and Mechanicsville. And there is material dealing with the widening of Kilbourn Ave. in the 1920s and 1930s.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Notes: The collection was reprocessed on January 2002 by Kevin Abing.

| Ephraim Mariner Material | Box # | Folder # |
|---|--------------|-----------------|
| Abstracts | 1 | 1 |
| Adams, Andrew H. – Lots 17 & 18, Block 106, 7 th Ward | 1 | 2 |
| Correspondence & Miscellaneous Material | 1 | 3 |
| Deeds (See also oversize material) | 1 | 4 |
| Humboldt Village & Mill Property Documents (Sections 4, 5, & 9, T7N, R22E) (See also oversize material) | 1 | 5 |
| Law Suit: <i>Ephraim Mariner v. City of Milwaukee</i> , 1911 | 1 | 6 |
| Mortgages (Discharges & Releases), Foreclosures, & Bonds | 1 | 7 |
| Orton, John J. – Estate | 1 | 8 |

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| Tax Deeds & Receipts | 1 | 9 |
| Tickets to World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893 | 1 | 10 |
| John Watkins Mariner/Mariner Realty Company Material | Box # | Folder # |
| Correspondence & Miscellaneous Material | 2 | 11 |
| Mariner Tower (now Wisconsin Tower) | 2 | 12 |
| Newspaper Clippings | 2 | 13 |
| Property-Related Documents (Blank) | 2 | 14 |
| Prospect Park | 2 | 15 |
| Testimony for Assessment of Benefits & Damages for Widening of Kilbourn Avenue, 1940 (1 of 2) | 2 | 16 |
| Testimony for Assessment of Benefits & Damages for Widening of Kilbourn Avenue, 1940 (2 of 2) | 2 | 17 |
| Watkins Building (3 rd & Cedar St.) | 2 | 18 |
| West Water St. Property | 2 | 19 |
| 282-284 West Water St. | 2 | 20 |
| Lots 15 & 16, Block 172, 4 th Ward | 2 | 21 |
| Oversize Items | Location | |
| Deeds (18 items) | OS SM "M" | |
| Humboldt Village & Mill Property Documents (47 items) | OS SM "M" | |
| Land Patents (4 items) | OS SM "M" | |
| Maps/Plats/Blueprints/Drawings: Located at WH, WS2 | | |
| Map of Milwaukee, by Increase Lapham, 1869 | | |
| Plat of Village of Humboldt, NW1/4, Sec. 9, T7N, R22E, n.d. | | |
| Drawing of Humboldt Paper Mill/Grist Mill, n.d. | | |
| Plat of Mechanicsville, SE1/4, Sec. 4, T7N, R22E, ca. 1836? | | |
| Map of Mechanicksville, SE1/4, Sec. 4, T7N, R22E, ca. 1856 | | |
| Drawing, Milwaukee Cement Co.'s Mill (SW1/4, T7N, R22E-Orton property), n.d. | | |
| Map of SE1/4, Sec. 21, T7N, R21E, (Wauwatosa), 1897 | | |
| Proposed Plat of Ortonwood on the Lake, Whitefish Bay, n.d. | | |
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| Blueprint of "Strothmann's Scientific Hill Draining System" Installed on Lots 1 and 2, Ortonwood on the Lake, Whitefish Bay, 1930 (2 blueprints) | | |
| Drawing of 700 block of N. Milwaukee St. (3 copies) | | |
| Scrapbook | Location | |
| Scrapbook of clippings re the Kilbourn Ave. widening project, 1929 | RC2, SH. 3 | |