

**Title:** Walter and Olive Stiemke Foundation

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**Inclusive Dates:** 1976 – 1979

**Quantity:** 000.03 cu. ft.

**Location:** Sm Mss

**Abstract:** Walter Stiemke (1892 – 1967) earned a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Wisconsin in 1915. After graduation, he devoted his career to building three successful engineering companies, the last of which – the Trackson Company – became a subsidiary of the Caterpillar Company after World War II. After he retired in 1958, he devoted his attention to civic and charitable affairs. He and his wife Olive, a former society reporter for the Milwaukee Sentinel, established the Walter and Olive Stiemke Foundation in 1964 through a trust agreement. Olive took over as foundation chairman after Walter passed away in 1967 and led the organization until her death in 1982. Thereafter, the foundation assets were transferred to the Greater Milwaukee Foundation in order to support capital projects in the greater Milwaukee area.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of 1976, 1978 and 1979 annual reports of the foundation.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English