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Abstract: The Plankintons were among Milwaukee's most prominent business and civic families. John Plankinton (1820-1891)—through partnerships with Frederick Layton, Philip Armour, and Patrick Cudahy—prospered as one of the state's earliest meat packers. He also built the Plankinton House Hotel. His son, William (1844-1905) became a partner in the family business, but after his father's death, he focused his energies on managing the family estate and his work with several business enterprises, such as the Johnson Electric Service Company. After William passed away, management of the Plankinton Arcade and family estate fell to his son William Woods Plankinton (d. 1927), William Woods Plankinton, Jr. (1906-1965), and Elisabeth Plankinton Mackintosh (1910-2009).

The entire Plankinton family—including William's wife, Ella Woods, and John's daughter, Elizabeth—was tremendously philanthropic. Elizabeth, for example, donated numerous gifts to the city including the George Washington statue on W. Wisconsin Avenue.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of ledgers, photographs, correspondence, minutes, newspaper clippings, estate-related documents and other ephemera that documents the lives of various members of the Plankinton family as well as the Plankinton House/Hotel and the Plankinton estate.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Notes: The material was donated by Elisabeth P. Mackintosh, 1994. Additional material was donated in February 2019. See Box 16.

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