

Title: Kallaus Family Papers

Reference Code: Mss-0625

Inclusive Dates: 1800 – 1981

Quantity: 000.3 cu. ft.

Location: CV, Sh. 301

Abstract: Born in Carlsbad (or Karlsbad), Austria, Josef Kallaus came to Milwaukee in 1901 with his wife Mary (nee Lemley), son J. Kurt and (possibly) daughter Ada (birth date unknown). Mr. Kallaus was skilled in the art of china painting and his clientele included the Val Blatz and Plankinton families. His shop was located on the corner of Broadway and Wells above which the family dwelt. At the time of his death in 1936 he resided at 1427 N. Humbolt.

J. Kurt Kallaus, often referred to only by his middle name, was interested in radio in his early years and graduated from East Division High School in 1915. Later he opened a camera repair shop and married Ruby York. Kurt's sister Ada married Arnold A. Naulin, president of the Milwaukee Advertising Club and later married P. Paterson and lived in Buffalo, NY.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of correspondence, newspaper clippings and other family ephemera.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English, German

Notes: The collection was processed by Robert Fuhrman, May 1988.

Arrangement:

Folder Heading	Box #	File #
Correspondence, 1801-1970 – 17 pieces involving Kurt Kallaus, Josef Limley (Mary Kallaus' family), Ada Kallaus and Paula Proscholdt (Letters originating from Austria). Some correspondence is in German.	1	1
Miscellaneous Documents – Includes religious pieces in German involving Josef Kallaus and Mary Lemley Kallaus; draft board physical exam notice for Josef Kallaus; baptismal records for Ruby York Kallaus; marriage licences for Kurt and Ruby Kallaus; death certificate for Kurt Kallaus; tax forms (1956-1957) for Kurt Kallaus; amendment to Ruby York Kallaus' birth certificate; Josef Kallaus' naturalization certificate; and an unspecified Czechoslovakian document, 1976.	1	2
Newspaper clippings and miscellaneous documents – Includes obituaries for Josef Kallaus (in English & German), Kurt Kallaus and Sam Bonpenser (a friend of Kurt and Ruby's); an	1	3

<p>article about photographer Earl Tetzlaff. Also a sketch of Ada Kallaus, 1914; various automobile and dog licences for both Josef and Kurt Kallaus; miscellaneous items relating to Kurt Kallaus' camera repair shop; a graduation program for Kurt's high school class; and insurance documents from Kurt.</p>		
<p>PHOTOS: See M-106 and M-107 (includes family photos and albums with photos of various locales including the 1933 Century of Progress fair in Chicago)</p>		