

Title: Rohlfing Family Collection

Reference Code: Mss-3225

Inclusive Dates: 1847 – 1966

Quantity: 1.4 cu. ft.

Location: BV, Sh. 039

Abstract: William Rohlfing was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1830. His father was a piano maker, and William received training through his father's business. William immigrated to the United States in 1852 and worked in the eastern U.S. at various piano manufacturing businesses. In 1855, he married Emma Stirn. He moved to Milwaukee in 1878 to start a piano business of his own. His son, William R. Rohlfing, soon joined him after learning the trade from the family business in Germany. After William died in 1908, William R. continued running the business until he retired in 1939. William R. married Emily Breuer in 1890, and they had three children. He passed away in 1947.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of historical/genealogical information, newspaper clippings, patents, financial/property records and other ephemera relating to the Rohlfing family and the family's piano business. Also included is material related to other family members, including the Foy family, the Werdehoff family, and the Breuer family.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English, German

Arrangement:

Folder Heading	Box #	File #
Rohlfing Family History, undated	1	1
William R. Rohlfing, 1887-1923	1	2
Henry Werdehoff & Charlotte Juergens Werdehoff, undated	1	3
Ferdinand Breuer & Elizabeth Werdehoff Breuer, 1847-1867	1	4
Emily Breuer Rohlfing, 1867-1942	1	5
Anthony F. Rohlfing, 1924-1958	1	6
William A. Rohlfing & Luella Stern Rohlfing, 1915-1966	1	7
Homer Foy & Dorothy L. Rohlfing, 1908-1989	1	8
Miscellaneous Family Materials, 1864-1942	1	9
PHOTOS		
4 envelopes of unidentified family photos	1	loose
Individuals, Unidentified	2	1
Individuals, Identified	2	2
House/Home Images	2	3
William Rohlfing & Sons Co.	2	4
School Groups	2	5
4 Photo albums of family portraits (most unidentified)	2	loose