

Title: Pfister, Guido Collection

Reference Code: Mss-0373

Inclusive Dates: 1888

Quantity: 0.2 cu. ft.

Location: RC27, Sh. 005

Abstract: Guido Pfister was born in Hechingen, Germany, in 1818. He learned the tanning business in Germany, and in 1845 migrated to the U.S., settling first in Buffalo, N.Y. In 1847 he moved to Milwaukee, and there established a leather store, which in 1853 became the Guido Pfister Tanning Co. In 1872 the firm name was changed to the Pfister and Vogel Leather Co., and for several years it was one of the largest leather companies in the Midwest. In addition to his tannery, Pfister had many other business interests and served as a director or trustee of the Milwaukee and Northern R.R. Co., the Milwaukee Merchandise Insurance Co., the Northwestern National Insurance Co., and the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. He passed away in 1889.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of a photo album containing scenes of Pfister's birthplace in Germany given to him on his 70th birthday, 1888.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Notes: Item donated by Michael Uihlein, February 1997.