

**Title:** Schloemer, Gottfried Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-1207

**Inclusive Dates:** 1920 – 1988

**Quantity:** 000.03 cu. ft.

**Location:** Sm Mss

**Abstract:** Gottfried Schloemer was a prosperous cooper and blacksmith on Milwaukee's south side. In 1889, he and Frank Toepfer built one of the first gasoline-powered automobiles in the U.S. Plans to manufacture more machines were ruined by the financial Panic of 1893. He also developed one of the first gasoline tractors in the country in 1896.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of photocopies of a 1920 *Wisconsin Motorist* article as well as copies of various newspaper clippings about Schloemer. Also included are several issues of the Antique Automobile Club of America publication *On the Beam with Gas and Steam* containing articles about Schloemer.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English