

**Title:** Schandein, Emil and Lisette Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-1200

**Inclusive Dates:** 1891 – 1918

**Quantity:** 000.03 cu. ft.

**Location:** Sm Mss

**Abstract:** Emil Schandein (1840-1888) was born in Germany and immigrated to the U.S. in 1856. He married Lisette Best, the daughter of brewer Philip Best, in 1866 and settled in Milwaukee, where Schandein and his brother-in-law, Frederick Pabst, helped build the Ph. Best Brewing Co. (later Pabst Brewing) into one of the country's leading breweries. Emil and Lisette had started to build an opulent mansion on Grand Avenue (now W. Wisconsin Ave.) and 24<sup>th</sup> Street, but Emil died in 1888 while traveling in Germany. The following year, Lisette moved into the home and lived there until she moved to Germany in 1903. She passed away in 1905, and her will sparked a contentious battle among her children and Jacob Heyl, Lisette's son-in-law with whom she had a scandalous affair.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of letters from executor concerning the donation of the Schandein property for Milwaukee County use; blueprint of the Schandein property; and a description of the Schandein home in *Cosmopolitan* magazine, February 1891.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English