

**Title:** Vilter, Theodore Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-1459

**Inclusive Dates:** 1853 – 1899

**Quantity:** 000.03 cu. ft.

**Location:** Sm Mss

**Abstract:** Theodore O. Vilter was born in Germany on October 25, 1857. In 1871, the family moved to Milwaukee, where Theodore's stepfather became a partner in the Vilter & Weisel Company, a manufacturing company that sold coolers, tanks and coils to Milwaukee's breweries. Theodore attended the German-English Academy and then became an apprentice with Vilter & Weisel. The company was incorporated in 1886 as the Vilter Manufacturing Company with Theodore as president and became renowned for manufacturing refrigeration equipment. Theodore passed away in September 1919.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of three 1899 letters (one from Adolph Meinecke) in German; a typescript history of the Milwaukee Steam Engine Works of Weisel & Vilter and the Menomonee Valley/Spring Street distilleries; and other ephemera.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** German and English

**Notes:** See also: International Refrigeration Exposition and Vilter Manufacturing Corp.