

Title: Wheeler Family Collection

Reference Code: Mss-1877

Quantity: 0.03 cu. ft.

Location: Sm Mss

Abstract: Julius Morton Wheeler (1817-1884) was a native of Watertown, New York. He relocated to Milwaukee ca. 1853 and worked as a tanner for several years. He died in January 1884 from internal injuries suffered in a fall on Grand Avenue. His son Marcus "Mark" Wheeler was born in Milwaukee in 1857. After attending Milwaukee schools, he moved west to Colorado where he operated a profitable mining operation. He passed away in February 1916. William Morton Wheeler, another of Julius' sons, was born in 1865 in Milwaukee. He graduated from the Normal School in 1884 and became a curator of the Milwaukee Public Museum in 1887, a position he held until 1890. He taught at the University of Chicago and the University of Texas until he joined the faculty at Harvard University in 1908. He earned a reputation as a brilliant scholar in entomology and zoology, receiving numerous awards for his research. He retired in 1933 and passed away from a heart attack in April 1937.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of brief biographies of Julius, Marcus and William Wheeler, as well as copies of Marcus Wheeler's 1874 commencement program from Milwaukee High School and his marriage certificate. Also included are copies of Marcus' and William's obituaries and photos of Marcus.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Notes: The collection was donated by Dr. Mary Alice Wheeler, August 2020.

Photos: See M-261