

Title: Goldsmith Family Papers

Reference Code: Mss-3067

Inclusive Dates: 1876 – 1981

Quantity: 000.3 cu. ft.

Location: ER, Sh. 003

Abstract: The Goldsmith family were prosperous merchants in southeast Wisconsin before the Civil War. In 1867, Bernard Goldsmith and his father, Joseph, established Goldsmith & Co. in Milwaukee. The business grew to become one of the largest carpet and home-furnishing companies in Wisconsin. But a disastrous fire and financial difficulties stemming from the Panic of 1893 prompted Bernard to leave Milwaukee and start a new business in Berlin, Germany.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of correspondence, clippings, and legal documents as well as material relating to the Goldsmith Building and the Goldsmith and Willius families.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English, German

Arrangement:

Folder Heading	Box #	File #
Correspondence, 1876 - 1977	1	1
Clippings	1	2
Miscellaneous	1	3
Family History (Includes family story of Clara Holterhoff Willius)	1	4
Building History	1	5
Legal Documents	1	6
Books	1	Loose
– <i>Haus-Choralbuch</i> , 1881		
– <i>Die Stadt Milwaukee</i> (Sangerfest souvenir booklet), 1886		
– <i>Till Furenspiegel</i> (?)		
– <i>Grandeur of the Universal Exposition at St. Louis</i> , 1904		
– <i>Deutsche Bilderbogen fur Jung und Alt</i>		