

Title: Case/Knapp Family Papers

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Biographical Note: Bigelow Case came to Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, from Simsbury, Connecticut, in 1836. In 1838 he married Elvira H. Wheeler, daughter of Nathaniel Wheeler of Wauwatosa and sister of Lyman Wheeler. In 1847 Bigelow bought a farm in Greenfield Township, and the family moved North Greenfield (West Allis) in 1848. Bigelow and Elvira had four children: Mary Alice Frisby, Martha E. Gilbert, Charlotte E. Fisher and Spencer Lee Case. Bigelow died in 1886 and Elvira in 1887.

Spencer Lee Case, born 1844, married, first, Maria Sexton (1842-1967). They had one child, Maria, who married Earl Hinckley. In 1870 Spencer married Mary Elizabeth Marvin (1848-1929). They had eight children: Winifred May (1871-1970); Myrtle E. (1873-1945); Jessie M. (1875-1906), who married Charles W. Hart, grand nephew of Charles Hart, early settler of Wauwatosa; Agnes Embree, who married Charles W. Hart after Jessie died; Florence Danby (1883-1951); Spencer Leverett (referred to as Spencer L. Case, Jr.) (1885-); Halbert California (1893-1915); Lucy A. (1888-1955).

Winifred May Case married George Nelson Knapp on December 28, 1897. He had been born in a log cabin in Dane County, Wisconsin, and was a geologist by profession. During their married life the Knaps lived in West Allis, Wis. then moved to Minnesota, California and Oregon. G.N. died in Corvallis, Oregon, June 14, 1948. Winifred returned to West Allis and was very active in organizations. She returned to Oregon and died in Corvallis October 14, 1970.

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Administrative Note: Mrs. Knapp donated the papers listed here to the Milwaukee County Historical Society before she returned to Oregon. The collection was processed on Oct. 23, 1989, by Helen Vaeth. The finding aid was retyped Oct. 1998 by Steve Daily. A Letter from Ashbel Smith to Dr. Lyman Case, May 7, 1826 was added to the collection on December 9, 2003 and was processed by Kevin Abing. The collection was reprocessed on March 17, 2011 by Jenny Stevenson.

Case Family Papers		
Case Family, 1640-1956	Box #	Folder #
Family Histories Lists of family members Handwritten family tree	1	1
Clippings (obituaries, histories)	1	2
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Marvin Family, 1631-1934	1	4
Hazelton Family, 1817-1952	1	5
Case Homestead	1	6
Case, Bigelow. 1885-1887	Box #	Folder #
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Case, Elivra H. (Wheeler). 1855-1887	Box #	Folder #
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Case, Lucy Ada (Mrs. Clarence Gruetzmacher). 1897-1955	Box #	Folder #
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Case, Florence Dombey. 1907-1951	Box #	Folder #
Commencement program, June 19, 1907 State of Wisconsin Teaching Certificate, 1907 & 1909 Theosophical Society Membership, Nov. 6, 1919	1	10
World War I Memorabilia (correspondence, YMCA patches, funeral book)	1	11
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Milwaukee County. Probate Court		
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Frank Korn Estate Papers, Myrtle E. Case, Trustee		
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Newspaper clippings	2	47
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Schauffler, Robert Haven. "Elizabeth and Her American Farm." Story based on Mr. and Mrs. G.N. Knapp. Knapp, Winifred C. "Studies of the Effects of Manipulation and Storage upon the Keeping Quality of Certain Vegetables Canned by the One-Period Cold-Pack Method." Thesis. Graduate School of Minnesota. Master of Science. June 17, 1920 University of Minnesota. MS Degree. June 17, 1920		
Notebook. Home Demonstration Work. University of Minnesota, Agricultural Extension Div. n.s. (1930s?). Includes patterns and fabrics	2	49
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Memories of a Perfect Trip. Florence D. Case. (Trip to Europe, 1936). Includes her passport		
Case/Knapp Photo Collection	Envelope #	
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Case, Spencer L. Jr. (1885)		
Case, Florence D. (1883-1951)	3	
Case, Myrtle E. (1893-1945)		
Case, Spencer Lee (1844-1924)	4	
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Diploma from University of Wisconsin for a Bachelors degree in geology for George Nelson Knapp, June 20, 1895.	OS SM “C”
Diploma from Mazomanie High School for Nelson Knapp, June 11, 1887.	OS SM “C”
Diploma from South Division High School for Florence Case, June 27, 1902.	OS SM “C”
Diploma from Wisconsin Training School for Nurses for Myrtle E. Case, Sept. 9, 1895.	OS SM “C”
Diploma from University of Wisconsin for a Bachelor of Arts degree for Florence D. Case, June 19, 1907.	OS SM “C”
Certificate from Young Men’s Christian Association for Florence Case for her War work from Dec. 14, 1918 to Sept. 2, 1919.	OS SM “C”
Diploma from North Greenfield High School for Florence Case, June 15, 1900.	OS LG “C”