

Title: Frank, John H. Papers

Reference Code: Mss-0521

Inclusive Dates: 1853 – 1915

Quantity: 1.2 cu. ft. total

Location: WC, Sh. 103 (1.0 cu. ft.)
RC21A, Sh. 001 (0.2 cu. ft.)

Abstract: John H. Frank was a lifetime Milwaukee resident and a prominent area businessman. He was the son of Frederick August Frank (1821-1886), who immigrated to the U.S. from Germany in 1850 with four of his brothers. August co-established the Goll and Frank Dry Goods Company, which John later took over after his father's death. John also had many other business interests that included a large investment in the original Federal Rubber Company in Cudahy and various real estate ventures. For the most part, he was very successful until he ran into financial difficulties in 1910, primarily due to problems with the Federal Rubber Company. In addition to his business interests, Frank was the president of the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of personal and business-related correspondence. Much of it is in German, but a large number of letters have been summarized or translated by his family many years after his death. The collection also contains various wills, estates, and deeds as well as those of his father and other family members. There is material related to the Goll and Frank Company as well as the Federal Rubber Company.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English, German

Notes: The collection was processed by Greg Comly, February 2014.

Arrangement:

Folder Heading	Box #	File #
Correspondence of Frank Family, 1848-1909 (Documents 1-28) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Translation of German-language correspondence- Notes re the Frank Family collection from Arthur J. Frank	1	1
Correspondence of Frank Family, 1848-1909 (Documents 29-72) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Confirmation records of Anna Veronika- Bertha Kaepfel Estate Papers	1	2
Telegrams, Correspondence, Estate Records, Bills & Miscellaneous re Irving Ibing, Henry Ibing and Edward Kerler	1	3
Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Between John H. Frank and E.W. Flynn, 1895-1897- Concerning Vogt & Killian Sash and Door Company	1	4
	1	5

- Miscellaneous Business		
Correspondence of Frank Family: Arthur, John, August, Mrs. Frank, Bertha Frank, Clara and Herbert	1	6
John H. Frank	1	7
- Personal Files and Finances		
- Expense Journal, 1880-1889 and 1902; Diary, 1910; Notes, 1896		
Business Finances	1	8
Goll and Frank Company	1	9
Federal Rubber Company	1	10
Dr. Louis Frank Diary?	1	11
Real Estate Investments	1	12
- Highland Flats Building		
- Elma Hotel		
John H. Frank Estate	1	13
Frederick August Frank Papers and Estate	1	14
Wisconsin Conservatory of Music and Lutheran High School	1	15
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