

**Title:** Baez Family Collection

**Call Number:** Mss-0055

**Inclusive Dates:** 1886 – 1984

**Bulk:** 0.3 cu. ft.

**Location:** CV, Sh. L001  
MV, F35 (4 items)

**Historical Note:** Raphael Baez, Sr., was one of the first Mexicans to make his home in Milwaukee. He was born in Pueblo, Mexico, in 1863. He studied music at an early age and moved to Milwaukee in 1884 to become organist and musical director for a Milwaukee church. He eventually resigned that position to study piano. He became one of the city's prominent pianists. His wife, Mary Schoen, was a noted vocalist in her own right.

They had three children. Raphael Baez joined the Air Corps in World War I and remained with the service for the rest of his career. His brother Francis served with the Navy in World War I and worked for many years with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. Mary was the youngest daughter. During World War II, she worked with the Navy's Bureau of Yards and Docks. The records consist of programs, sheet music, correspondence, clippings, photos, and other ephemera.

**Administrative Note:** The collection was processed on Dec. 6, 1996 by Steve Daily. Additional material was added to the collection and was reprocessed on Sept. 24, 2004 by Kevin Abing.

Contents	Box #	Folder #
Raphael Baez, Sr. Marriage certificate of Raphael and Mary Catherine, 1889; sheet music composed by Raphael, 1886-1897; music recital programs and clippings, many featuring Raphael Baez or his pupils, 1888-1946; newspaper clippings; letters to Raphael, 1893, 1910; <i>A Dictionary of Musical Terms</i> 1893; <i>Portraits of Musical Celebrities</i> 1904; and Christmas card to Raphael from his pupils	1	1
Mary (Schoen) Baez Letters to Mrs. R. Baez, 1906-29; Wisconsin Telephone service contract with Mrs. R. Baez, 1917; music recital programs and clippings featuring Mrs. R. Baez, 1889-1927; genealogical information re: Schoen family	1	2
Francis H. Baez Certificates from American Legion, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., & Boy Scouts of America; correspondence from Northwestern Mutual, 1940-1971; World War I placard re: U.S. Navy service; 1926 issue of <i>Broadside and Barrage</i> (newsletter of Alonzo Cudworth Post No.23); memorials; clippings re-sinking of "Edmund Fitzgerald"; World War II ration books; miscellaneous	1	3

Mary J. Baez Copy of Baptismal Certificate; World War II ration books; Documents re: employment with U.S. Navy, Bureau of Yards & Docks, 1945-1946; copy of accession form, 1975; correspondence with Wisconsin State Historical Society re: donation, 1960	1	4
Raphael Baez, Jr. Biographical Information; Obituary, 1973; Clippings re: Army Air Corps, 1941; Etching (of mother?) by Raphael Baez, 1905	1	5
<b>Oversize Items</b>	<b>Location</b>	
Graduation Diploma for Francis Baez from First District School, 1909	MV F35	
Recital Placard, Mr. & Mrs. Baez at the Atheneum, 1904	MV F35	
<u>Ave Maria</u> sheet music by Raphael Baez, 1886	MV F35	
<u>Fidelita</u> sheet music by Raphael Baez, 1896	MV F35	
<b>Photos</b>	<b>Location</b>	
See Baez Family	M-189	