

Title: Le Fevre-Coleman Family Collection

Reference Code: Mss-0816

Inclusive Dates: 1865-2015

Quantity: 000.7 cu. ft.

Location: BV, Sh. 106

Abstract: Clement Fall LeFevre was the first Universalist minister in Milwaukee. He was born in 1797 in Berkhamstead, England, the son of Rev. George LeFevre. At age 16, Clement joined the British navy. After the wars in Europe and the War of 1812 in the U.S., Clement received an indefinite furlough. He made his way to New York, where he began studying for the ministry. He completed his studies in Ontario, Canada, and returned to England to be ordained in 1821. He was assigned to a parish in Quebec Province and labored there for seven years. About 1827, he embraced the Universalist faith. He moved to New York and became an influential minister at several posts there. He, his wife Mary, daughter Ellen and sons, William and George, came to Milwaukee in 1844, where he served as pastor of the First Universalist Church. The LeFevre family built "Hazelwood" in 1844 along First Avenue (now 2129 South 6th Street), which continued as the family home until 1896. Clement gave up his active ministry in 1850, and thereafter contributed poetry and prose to various denominational and literary publications. Mary LeFevre passed away in 1869, and Clement died in 1882.

Ellen married John Coleman in 1851, and the couple eventually took control of the farm surrounding Hazelwood. As Milwaukee grew, Coleman subdivided the farm in the 1880s, and a portion of the property became Kosciuszko Park. The University of Wisconsin Settlement Association acquired Hazelwood in 1902 and used it as a charitable and educational center. In 1931, the city purchased the building, and it served as the Margaret Allis Social Center

Scope and Content: The collection contains biographical articles and newspaper clippings, a Clement LeFevre poem and autobiography, as well as a copy of *Armorial of Jersey*.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Notes: Processed by R. Fuhrman, March 7, 1989. Material added in February 2016 by Kevin Abing.

Arrangement:

File Heading	Box	Folder
Miscellaneous Items	1	1
- Various biographical articles, clippings re Clement Fall		

LeFevre and other members of the LeFevre family		
- <i>Milwaukee Journal</i> article re Hazelwood, 1954 (3 copies)		
- Poem by Clement F. LeFevre, "The Kings of England"		
- Memorial booklet for Ellen Coleman, 1914		
- Genealogy of Coleman Family		
- Copy of marriage license, Theodore Coleman & Grace Smith, 1896		
Autobiography of Clement F. LeFevre, 1797-1882	1	Loose
<i>Armorial of Jersey</i> (in wooden box)	2	Loose
PHOTOS: See M-235		