

Title: Hathaway Family Collection

Reference Code: Mss-1963

Inclusive Dates: 1833 – 1957

Quantity: 0.4 cu. ft.

Location: CV, Sh. L003

Abstract: Joshua Hathaway was one of Milwaukee's pioneer settlers. He was born on November 9, 1910, in Rome, New York. His father served with the Continental Army during the American Revolution and was also a prominent judge. Joshua studied law and civil engineering and was hired by the U.S. government in 1834 to survey much of what is now southern Wisconsin. He settled in Milwaukee and earned a substantial fortune speculating in real estate. He also served as Probate Judge and on the Milwaukee Common Council. He married Ann Jennette Lord in 1842. He passed away on July 4, 1863, and Ann Jennette Hathaway died in September 1894.

Joshua's son, John E., became a well-known businessman and worked as the assistant city engineer before launching his own contracting company. He married Annie Bixby in 1897. John and his family moved to Easton, MD, in 1908 and then relocated to Coronado Beach, CA.

Joshua's brother-in-law, John L. Hathaway, graduated from West Point and was active with the Milwaukee Light Guards. During the Civil War, he was attached to General Rufus King's regiment. After the war, he returned to Milwaukee and engaged in the insurance business until he was appointed commandant of the Soldier's Home in April 1891, but his tenure was short. He died unexpectedly in December 1891.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of personal and business correspondence to/from Joshua Hathaway, correspondence to Annie (Bixby) Hathaway from relatives related primarily to a European tour, invoices, receipts, and other ephemera.

Access and Use: Originals of documents with Solomon Juneau, Byron Kilbourn, and Sherman Booth signatures removed. Public use photocopies.

Language: English

Notes: The collection was donated by Judy West, April 2021.

Arrangement:

Folder Heading	Box #	File #
Joshua Hathaway – Correspondence, 1833-1861	1	1
Joshua Hathaway – Invoices, Receipts, Miscellaneous – Includes lifetime membership certificate of State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1858	1	2

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Program re opening of Newhall House, 1857 – Receipts signed by Solomon Juneau and Sherman Booth 		
Joshua Hathaway & Ann Jennette Hathaway – Correspondence, 1837-1855	1	3
Annie (Bixby) Hathaway – Correspondence, 1894-1910	1	4
John L. Hathaway Material <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Includes membership certificate for Milwaukee Light Guard and Milwaukee Montgomery Guards, 1858 	1	5
Miscellaneous Hathaway Family Material <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Includes <i>The Comet</i>, vol. 1, no. 1 (July 15, 1874): a weekly journal devoted to literature and science 	1	6
Scrapbook of miscellaneous trade cards, newspaper clippings with various Milwaukee scenes, etc.	1	Loose