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Abstract: Howard Ilgner was born in Milwaukee in 1889. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1911 with a degree in electrical engineering. He worked with General Electric in New York and the Eastern Michigan Power Co. before returning to Milwaukee where he eventually found work with the city's Bureau of Lighting in 1916. In 1923, he was promoted to Superintendent of Traffic Engineering and Electrical Services. He married Milwaukee native Gertrude Schomann in December 1917. He passed away on February 10, 1955, and Gertrude passed away on November 27, 1957.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of correspondence, reports, newspaper and periodical reports, photos, memos and other ephemera relating to street illumination, traffic lights, traffic safety, public works, and personal information.

Administrative Note: The collection was processed on August 1992 by Frank Desch. Transferred to Museum Division: Hard hat, Miniature Sign and Engineering Shapes. Photos were removed and transferred to photo files, M-249.

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