

**Title:** Goldsmith Family Papers

**Reference Code:** Mss-3067

**Inclusive Dates:** 1876 – 1981

**Quantity:** 000.3 cu. ft.

**Location:** ER, Sh. 005

**Abstract:** The Goldsmith family were prosperous merchants in southeast Wisconsin before the Civil War. In 1867, Bernard Goldsmith and his father, Joseph, established Goldsmith & Co. in Milwaukee. The business grew to become one of the largest carpet and home-furnishing companies in Wisconsin. But a disastrous fire and financial difficulties stemming from the Panic of 1893 prompted Bernard to leave Milwaukee and start a new business in Berlin, Germany.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of correspondence, clippings, and legal documents as well as material relating to the Goldsmith Building and the Goldsmith and Willius families.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English, German

**Arrangement:**

<b>Folder Heading</b>	<b>Box #</b>	<b>File #</b>
Correspondence, 1876 - 1977	1	1
Clippings	1	2
Miscellaneous	1	3
Family History (Includes family story of Clara Holterhoff Willius)	1	4
Building History	1	5
Legal Documents	1	6
Books	1	Loose
– <i>Haus-Choralbuch</i> , 1881		
– <i>Die Stadt Milwaukee</i> (Sangerfest souvenir booklet), 1886		
– <i>Till Furenspiegel</i> (?)		
– <i>Grandeur of the Universal Exposition at St. Louis</i> , 1904		
– <i>Deutsche Bilderbogen fur Jung und Alt</i>		