

Title: Seaman/Martin/Apel Family Papers

Reference Code: Mss-3290

Inclusive Dates: 1840-2010

Quantity: 000.3 cu. ft.

Location: ER, Sh. 008

Creator: Donated by David Powell, the estate of Loraine Phelan

Abstract: The Seaman/Martin/Apel family begins with the descendants of Stoddard H. Martin and Caroline Kitchel. They had five children, Edgar, Charlotte, Harriet, Carlos, and Henry while living in the Milwaukee area. The collection focuses primarily on daughter Harriet and her family life and descendant line. She married Galen Seaman around 1860 and had three children, Horace, Charlotte, and Sally. Galen began practicing law in 1873 and raised his family in Milwaukee, where he also ran a successful abstract business. The family moved to Kansas for a short amount of time in 1897 but returned to Milwaukee when Harriet fell sick and died shortly after. Their daughter Charlotte attended business school where she learned to type and later married Andrew Apel in 1895 who worked as the head bookkeeper of the Asmuth Malt and Grain Company. They had two children, Harriet and Loraine.

Scope and Content: This collection includes photographs of the Martin, Seaman, and Apel families, as well as family home photographs. There is also a family history, compiled by Lottie Seaman Apel, that includes marriage and death certificates, written histories, correspondences, newspaper clippings, photographs, and a personal letter from Stoddard H. Martin to his wife Caroline (1858). The collection also includes wedding announcements (1910-1941) as well as personal belongings to the family. Included are Harriet Martin Seaman's cookbook (1870) and New Testament bible (1850), and Charlotte Martin's bookmark (1850). There are also Valentines that may have been property of the Apel children (1900). There are also Apel family medical history sheets from Trinity Hospital, and Galen Seaman's high school and law school diplomas and certificate to practice law (1873).

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Arrangement:

Folder Title	Box #	Folder #
Lottie Seaman Apel Family History	1	1
Stoddard H. Martin Personal Letters 1958	1	2
Wedding Announcements 1910-1941	1	3
Harriet Martin Seaman's cookbook and bible, Charlotte Martin's bookmark	1	4

Apel Family Valentines ca 1900	1	5
Oversize Items	Location	
Galen Seaman Diplomas	OS SM "S"	
Galen Seaman Supreme Court certificate to practice law 1873	OS SM "S"	
Apel Family Trinity Hospital Medical History sheets	OS SM "S"	
Photographs	Location	
Martin/Seaman/Apel family photos	MV, M-231	
Family home photos	MV, M-231	