

**Title:** Lefebber Family

**Reference Code:** Mss-0716

**Inclusive Dates:** 1832 – 1968

**Quantity:** 6.7 cu. ft. total

**Location:** GV, Sh. 021 & 026  
LC, Sh. 007  
OS SM “L”

**Abstract:** The Lefebber family owned and operated a general store called the Lefebber Brothers Co. in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin from 1896 – 1958. Cornelius Lefebber arrived in the United States in the mid 1800's from Holland. His son James opened the dry goods store and agreed to a three-way ownership with his brothers, Abram and Joseph, in 1909. James' sons Ernst, James, and Cornelius, managed the store after the elder James and his brothers passed away. In 1958, the store went out of business due to chain store competition and poor sales. The Lefebber building burned down in 1964.

**Scope and Content:** The collection is mostly comprised of Lefebber Bros. Co. and Lefebber Building financial information. There are also many items that focus on Wauwatosa and other miscellaneous materials.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Notes:** The collection was processed on 2-2-05 by Patricia Cottrell.

**Arrangement:**

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Bonds, 1911	1	1
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Deeds and Mortgages, Pre-1899	1	6
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Lefebber’s Toyland		
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Enlistment into army (1864)		
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Wisconsin Light Guard Record (1908)		
Article clipping on essay of Lefebber family history (1966)		
Lefebber, Ernst, 1897, 1902, 1919	1	25
Report cards		
Hunting license		
Marriage license to Janet Smith (1919)		
Lefebber family research, 1881, 1984	1	26
Paper: The Lefebbers of Lefebber Avenue		
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Miscellaneous materials, 1874-1966	1	27
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Wauwatosa map (1932)		
Wauwatosa Election Returns, 1832, 1849-1854, 1868-1869, 1871	1	33
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Playbills and Plays, 1905-07, 1911-12, 1921	2	36
The Spy of Gettysburg play (1905)		
Help Wanted for Miss Liberty play (1921)		
She Stoops to Conquer playbill		
Songbooks – Children’s and Christmas, 1845-1927 (not inclusive)	2	37
Songbooks	2	38
Arion Musical Club, 1904-1907		
Parsifal (1904)		
Samson and Delilah (1905)		
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>Box #</b>	<b>Number</b>
Incoming Postcards, 1905-1928	2	1
Incoming Postcards, 1905-1928	2	2
Souvenir Postcards	2	3
<b>Contents</b>	<b>Box #</b>	<b>Folder #</b>
Baptist Hymnal (1903)	2	Loose in box
Handbook for Christian Americanization Chairman (undated)	2	Loose in box
Hymns of the Centuries (1911)	2	Loose in box
Ideal Sunday School Hymns (undated)	2	Loose in box
Notebook to Accompany the Life of Christ (1908)	2	Loose in box
U.S. Postal Service Classifications and Conditions (1908)	2	Loose in box
Wauwatosa City Directory (1939)	2	Loose in box
Wauwatosa Ordinances (1930)	2	Loose in box
Wauwatosa News newspapers (1901-1930 not inclusive)	2	Loose in box
Travel Brochures for Panama, Pacific Northwest, Alaska, etc.	2	Loose in box
Ledger, 1880-1881	3	Loose in box
Ledger, 1882-1883	3	Loose in box
Ledger, 1883-1884	3	Loose in box
Ledger, 1888-1889	3	Loose in box
Stock record, 1932	3	Loose in box
Lefebber Bros. rubber stamp	3	Loose in box
Small leather billfold	3	Loose in box
<b>Oversize Items</b>	<b>Location</b>	
Grade school diploma for Ernst Lefebber (1899)	OS SM “L”	
High school diploma for Ernst Lefebber (1903)	OS SM “L”	
Loose on shelf: 15 ledgers from Lefebber Bros. and Pritzlaff Hardware Co. Catalogue	GV, Sh. 021	
Grocery store order books 1892-1895	LC Sh. 7 – 2 vols.	