

Title: Kershaw, William J. Papers

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Abstract: William J. Kershaw was born in Adams County, Wisconsin, on January 12, 1865. His father, William J. Kershaw, Sr., immigrated to the U.S. from Ireland and eventually made his way to Adams County, where he worked as an Indian agent, lawyer, and state assemblyman/senator. William, Jr.'s mother was a full-blooded Menomonee Indian, and because of his ancestry, William fought for Native American rights in Wisconsin throughout his life. The Kershaw family moved to Milwaukee in 1870, and William's father got involved in the lumber business and again served in the state assembly. William was admitted to the bar in 1886 and worked with two law firms before setting up his own practice in 1897. William became one of Milwaukee's and Wisconsin's most prominent lawyers. He passed away on December 28, 1956, at the age of 91.

Scope and Content: The bulk of the records consist of legal correspondence and court documents, most of which deal with cases involving Native Americans. There is also material relating to William J. Kershaw, Sr. and to William, Jr.'s, sisters Kate and Sybil Kershaw.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Notes: The collection was processed by Kevin Abing, June 8, 2001.

Arrangement:

Folder Heading	Box #	File #
Miscellaneous-Personal - Letters to and from William J. Kershaw, Sr., 1878-1883 - Price list, C.J. & W.J. Kershaw, Lumber Dealers, ca. 1870s - Kate Kershaw, letters received re: purchase of Colombia Emerald Stock, 1928	1	1
Sympathy Cards and Letters, 1939 (for deaths of Mrs. Henrietta Kershaw and Kate Kershaw, William's sister)	1	2
Short Stories by William or Kate Kershaw	1	3
Property Deeds for Samuel and Thomas Kershaw	1	4
Correspondence and Material re: Indian Affairs	1	5
Correspondence - Miscellaneous, 1936-1952	1	6
Legal Correspondence and Documents (A-G, filed alphabetically by client name)	1	7

Legal Correspondence and Documents (H-M)	1	8
Legal Correspondence and Documents (N-W)	1	9
Legal Correspondence and Documents, re: Aurich, Frank	1	10
Legal Correspondence and Documents, re: Deer, Joe	1	11
Legal Correspondence and Documents, re: Kissinger, Dorius	1	12
Legal Correspondence and Documents, re: Kuswa, Ed	1	13
Legal Correspondence and Documents, re: Schwellinger, Jacob	1	14
Legal Correspondence and Documents, re: Wick, Olaf	1	15
Legal Action Taken Against Kershaw, William J.	1	16
Divorce Case - Lucas, John & Jane (1943)	1	17
Divorce Case - Ryan, Charles & Nina (1947)	1	18
Miscellaneous - Business - Memorial, Milwaukee County Bar Association for Nathan Glicksman, 1936 - Newspaper clipping re: Burial of Hon. William H. Timlin, n.d. - Receipts	1	19
Photos, see M-33 (1 photo-card transferred to M-92, State Legislature)		