

Title: Wilmanns, Adolph and Bertha Papers

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Inclusive Dates: circa 1920-1925

Bulk: 0.4 cu. ft.

Location: ER, Sh. G004

Abstract: Adolph Wilmanns was born on December 10, 1862, in Milwaukee to German immigrants Marie Ruhstrat, 30, and Friedrich Ernst Ludwig Wilmanns, 33. On October 21, 1886, he married Bertha Gaulke, and they later had at least two daughters, Elsa and Gertrude (Trude), and two sons, Arthur and Friedrich. The Wilmanns moved to New York City in 1930 and later returned to live in Greendale, Wisconsin, in 1940. Adolph died on September 4, 1952, at the age of 89 and is buried in Milwaukee. Adolph and his brother were owners of the lithography firm Wilmanns Brothers (c. 1892).

Scope and Content: This collection consists of correspondence in handwritten letter format between family, friends, and a few businesses. Most letters are addressed to or written by Bertha. In one case Adolph wrote a letter in German. Subjects include travel, issues of nonpayment, and Metro Pictures Corporation.

Administrative Note: This collection was donated by Rob Manegold and was given to him by Patty Baker. Letters were found in a desk purchased at a consignment shop, in Milwaukee, that was once a hotel. Patty eventually gave the desk to her son who found a secret drawer containing these letters. Rob and Patty do not know each other. Patty saw the name Mangold and asked Judy Hansen if she knew of anyone with that name. This collection was processed in March 2024 by Leah Buchnoff.

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