

Title: Lassa, Felix Collection

Reference Code: Mss-2761

Inclusive Dates: 1934 – 1935

Quantity: 000.03 cu. ft.

Location: Sm Mss
OS SM “L”

Abstract: Felix Lassa was born in Poland in 1876 and immigrated to Milwaukee with his family in 1884. He started working as a cigarmaker on Milwaukee’s south side in 1893 and continued the business for the next 53 years. He also served as alderman for 16 years, first for the city’s 8th Ward (1920-1928) and then the 24th Ward (1932-1936) when boundaries were changed in 1930. He was an active member of the Polish National Alliance and the Elks and Eagles Clubs, and was celebrated for his many contributions to the improvement of the city. Lassa passed away in March 1946.

Scope and Content: The collection includes two items from Lassa’s time as alderman. The first is the *Proceedings of Joint Committee on Streets-Alleys-Sewers and Buildings-Grounds-Bridges*, October 1934 (regarding widening Kilbourn Avenue), and *Proposed Schedule of Projects for the Four Billion Dollar Work Relief Program by Commissioner of Public Works Roland Stoelting*, May 1935. The collection also contains several newspaper clippings, covering he and his wife’s joint wedding with their son and daughter in law, as well as several obituaries. There are two clippings in Polish. In addition, this is also an official memoriam by the Common Council of Milwaukee, as well as several photographs (in M-42) and a large campaign poster for his reelection as alderman of the 8th Ward (in OS SM “L”).

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Notes: Initial items (*Proceedings of Joint Committee* and *Proposed Schedule of Projects*) were donated by Dora Lee Belfield, October 2019. Additional materials were donated by Ann Arango and the collection was reprocessed by Emma Kaftan, September 2025.

See Also: Four photographs of Lassa in M-42.