

**Title:** Olin Family Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-3424

**Inclusive Dates:** 1893

**Quantity:** 000.03 cu. ft.

**Location:** Sm mss

**Abstract:** Nelson Olin, who arrived in Milwaukee in 1835, played an integral role in the early development of the city. He built the first store in Milwaukee and then constructed part of both Water Street and Wisconsin Avenue in Juneautown (East Town), before moving to Waukesha to farm and mill. Thomas H. Olin accompanied his older brother, Nelson, to Wisconsin. Shortly after settling in Milwaukee, Thomas bought a farm in Waukesha, where he was elected to the Wisconsin Territorial Legislature. After deciding not to run for reelection, Thomas moved to Minnesota, where he continued farming.

**Scope and Content:** This collection consists of excerpts from the *Olin Album* on two members of the Olin family, Nelson Olin and Thomas H. Olin.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Notes:** Donated by Robert Collins and processed by Emma Kaftan, September 2025.