

Title: Metzler Family Papers

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Inclusive Dates: 1828 – 2001

Quantity: 0.03 cu. ft.

Location: MV, F11
OS SM “M” (2 items)

Abstract: Wilhelm Metzler came to Charleston, South Carolina from Hanover, Germany in 1809. He and his wife Eliza Campbell moved to Milwaukee in 1847 and operated a dry goods store on Grand Ave. (now W. Wisconsin Ave.) before moving to a farm north of Milwaukee. Louis Metzler was born on there (present site of Kern Park) in 1864. He worked as a bookkeeper for several railroads and also served in the State Assembly for the 100th District, 10th Ward in Milwaukee. William F. Metzler was born in June 1904. He graduated from North Division High School and Marquette University’s Dental School in 1928. He started a 53-year dental practice, interrupted only by his service with a medical regiment during World War II. He was a life member of the Greater Milwaukee Dental Association and was involved with several masonic organizations. He passed away in 2001.

Scope and Content: The collection includes family and business correspondence, property-related documents, legal documents, a receipt for sale of a slave, a document re confinement in Charleston’s Work House, discharge papers and other miscellaneous items relating primarily to Wilhelm, Louis and Jacob W. Metzler. In addition, there are records pertaining to William F. Metzler’s life and dental career. It includes clippings, commencement programs from North Division and Marquette, a roster of the Propeller Club from 1965, and two masonic certificates. There are also two oversize items: a Marquette University diploma, 1928, and State of Wisconsin Dental License certificate, 1928. Also included is a Red Cross certificate for William’s wife Lorraine and material related to the first annual “Aeroplane, Automotive and Accessory Exposition” held at the Milwaukee Auditorium in July 1928.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English, German

Notes: The collection was donated by Suzanne Dewar, June 1991, and Jean Metzler Williams, April 2018 (the material related to William Metzler, dentist).

PHOTOS: See, M-247 and OS #2793