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Title: Goldstein Papers

Dates: 1890s–1970s (Bulk 1930s–1960s)

Creator: Goldstein Family

Summary/Abstract: The Goldstein Papers pertain to a family of Murfreesboro store owners and businesspeople. The family most prominently owned Goldstein's Department Store on the Public Square, but also owned and operated several other businesses in the area, including Aultman's Jewelers in Murfreesboro and Goldstein's satellite store in Tullahoma. Members of the immediate and extended Goldstein family also owned, wholly or in part, Carolyn's in Shelbyville, Friedberg Jewelers in Detroit, Howard Jewelers in Bowling Green, and Joy's Jewelers in Clarksville. These papers primarily document the Goldstein Family, local businesses in Murfreesboro, business life on the Public Square, and Jewish immigration and family life in Rutherford County.

Quantity/Physical Description: Approximately 2.25 linear feet

Language(s): English

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Acquisition: The items in this collection were salvaged from Aultmann's Jewelers on Murfreesboro's Public Square in 2005 when it was being closed. Steve Cates donated the items to the Albert Gore Research Center. The Peggy Goldstein Leftwich addendum was donated April 24, 2008, by Rosemary Ziebert, Sante Fe, New Mexico.

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Arrangement: These papers are arranged into series by type of information documented and type of material. The four major series are: family papers, department store, other businesses, and publications and printed materials. These series are further arranged into subseries by name of person, business, or location. The donation of the Peggy Goldstein Leftwich addendum added a sixth box to the papers. Although treated as its own series in the inventory, this addendum is part of the family papers series.

Biographical Note: William Goldstein, a Jewish Russian immigrant, moved to the United States in 1880 and settled in Murfreesboro in 1886. Soon afterwards, he opened a dry goods store in town, eventually settling into a space on the Public Square off of Church and Vine. He ran the store with his wife Dora until his death in 1930, when his son David took possession of the store. Upon David's death in 1942, the proprietorship transferred to David's brother Bernard, who ran the store until selling out to a national chain in 1965. Bernard and his wife Evelyn financially supported many charities, among which was Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York. The 1964 annual report is included in these papers. Goldstein's Department Store ultimately closed its doors in 1982. The Goldstein family operated several other businesses in addition to Goldstein's, was prominent in local society, and was well-known in the community for their benevolence.

Peggy Goldstein Leftwich (1916 – 2008) was the granddaughter of William and Dora Goldstein, and daughter of David and Flora Goldstein. The items of hers in this collection were donated to the Albert Gore Research Center upon her death.

Scope and Content: The Goldstein Papers include a wide assortment of personal and business documents, as well as some photographs. The bulk dates from the 1930s to 1960s, when Bernard Goldstein ran the business. Because of this, most of the papers relate to him. Included are tax records, sales records, financial statements, and letters and receipts from both the family's business and their personal life. Although small, the collection is important, as not many records pertaining to Jewish families are available in Rutherford County.

Related Collections:

Licker-Haney-Maxwell Papers

Aaron Weise Papers

Homer and Mildred Pittard Papers

Subject Terms

Persons

William Goldstein
Bernard Goldstein
Evelyn Goldstein
Andrew King
David Goldstein
Flora Goldstein
Dora Goldstein
Peggy Goldstein Leftwich
Leah Goldstein Weise

Places

Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Tullahoma, Tennessee
Shelbyville, Tennessee
Detroit, Michigan
Bowling Green, Kentucky
Clarksville, Tennessee
New York, New York
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Subjects (General)

Local businesses
Department stores
Jewish families
Family history
Murfreesboro public square
Downtown Murfreesboro
Schools
Colleges and universities
Hospitals

Material Types

Tax records
Sales records
Financial statements
Government documents
Correspondence
Receipts
Photographs
Publications
Yearbooks
Programs

Printed materials
Artifacts

Inventory:

Box	Folder	Series	Subseries	Description of Contents
1	1	Family Papers		Legal and financial documents; 1922, 1925, 1941-42
1	2	Family Papers	Goldstein, Bernard & Evelyn	Andrew King; Bernard's personal servant; 1958-1962
1	3	Family Papers	Goldstein, Bernard & Evelyn	Charities – Hospitals; Mt. Sinai (NY), Beth Israel (Boston), Rutherford Hospital (TN); 1958 – 1964
1	4	Family Papers	Goldstein, Bernard & Evelyn	Charities – Miscellaneous; 1960-1961
1	5	Family Papers	Goldstein, Bernard & Evelyn	Charities – Religious; The Temple Congregation Ohabai Sholom, Nashville; Devt. Fund for American Judaism; 1960-1964
1	6	Family Papers	Goldstein, Bernard & Evelyn	Charities – Vanderbilt; 1959-1964
1	7	Family Papers	Goldstein, Bernard & Evelyn	Financial – Receipts; 1950-1964
1	8	Family Papers	Goldstein, Bernard & Evelyn	Financial – Statements; 1957, 1960-1963
1	9	Family Papers	Goldstein, Bernard & Evelyn	Financial – Taxes; 1930 – 1956
1	10	Family Papers	Goldstein, Bernard & Evelyn	Financial – Taxes; 1957 – 1964
1	11	Family Papers	Goldstein, Bernard & Evelyn	Hotels; Documents business and family ties in New York City; 1949-1965

1	12	Family Papers	Goldstein, Bernard & Evelyn	Insurance; 1956-1964
2	13	Family Papers	Goldstein, Bernard & Evelyn	Legal; 1941, 1948-1949, 1957
2	14	Family Papers	Goldstein, Bernard & Evelyn	Letters Received; 1951-1965
2	15	Family Papers	Goldstein, Bernard & Evelyn	Letters sent; 1952-1964
2	16	Family Papers	Goldstein, Bernard & Evelyn	Memberships; 1946-1965
2	17	Family Papers	Goldstein, Bernard & Evelyn	Transportation; 1957-1964
2	18	Family Papers	Goldstein, David & Flora	1921-1967
2	19	Family Papers	Goldstein, William	Includes naturalization papers from 1894; provide a brief history of how he moved to Murfreesboro; 1894-1931
2	20	Family Papers	Weise, Leah Goldstein	1944-1959
3	21	Department Store	Murfreesboro	Historical Miscellany; 1927 and undated
3	22	Department Store	Murfreesboro	Legal & Financial; 1921-1946
3	23	Department Store	Murfreesboro	Legal & Financial; 1947-1959
3	24	Department Store	Murfreesboro	Legal & Financial; 1960-1963, undated
3	25	Department Store	Tullahoma	1960-1965; undated
4	26	Other Businesses	Aultman's, Murfreesboro	1919-1946

4	27	Other Businesses	Aultman's, Murfreesboro	Undated
4	28	Other Businesses	Carolyn's, Shelbyville	1959, 1963
4	29	Other Businesses	Friedberg Jewelers, Detroit, MI	1951, 1963
4	30	Other Businesses	Howard Jewelers, Bowling Green, KY	1950, 1963-1965
4	31	Other Businesses	Joy's Jewelers, Clarksville	1944-1965
4	32	Other Businesses	Murfreesboro Business List	Lists downtown Murfreesboro businesses by street, undated
5	0	Publications/ Printed Material	Staunton Military Academy	Yearbook; Bernard Goldstein's Senior Year; 1923
5	0	Publications/ Printed Material	Vanderbilt University	Yearbook; 1924
5	0	Publications/ Printed Material	Mt. Sinai Hospital, NY	Annual Report; Bernard Goldstein's charitably supported Mt. Sinai Hospital; 1964
5	0	Publications/ Printed Material	Shopping Centers	<i>Shopping Centers: Planning and Management</i> by Paul E. Smith; published by the National Retail Dry Goods Association; 1956
5	0	Publications/ Printed Material	Staunton Military Academy	Commencement Program; 1923
6	0	Family Papers	Peggy Goldstein Leftwich	Hearthstones (Murfreesboro), undated

6	0	Family Papers	Peggy Goldstein Leftwich	Baby book; 1916-1918
6	0	Family Papers	Peggy Goldstein Leftwich	School notebooks, 2; undated
6	0	Family Papers	Peggy Goldstein Leftwich	Beech Haven Camp Yearbook; 1929
6	1	Family Papers	Peggy Goldstein Leftwich	Clippings and family history; undated; includes a copy of a transcript of an account by Peggy's ancestor, Leon Cahn, about his family's encounter with cholera in Paris, France, and their subsequent immigration to the United States.