



Archives Finding Aid ***Henry Talmadge Papers***

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Size: 1 linear feet

Condition: Fair

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Donor: Karen Clark-Hansen

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Ownership: Beloit Historical Society

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HISTORY

Henry Talmadge (1845-1932) was a restaurant/saloon owner and landlord, who lived in Beloit and Stevens Point, Wi.

Talmadge married Mary Bittinger Mason Talmadge /Moth in 1880, but she appears to have left him for Charles Moth (born 1853) in 1888/89 and then "spent the next years hitting Henry up for as much money as she could wring out of him." (according to the 'Cast of Characters' from the donor) Most of the messages in this collection are from her, and most are asking for money.

Many of Mary's letters also talk about Mary's son, John, (1887-unknown) often simply referred to as "baby". It is unclear who his father was, (Moth or Talmadge) but Henry Talmadge adopted him in the 1880's, with Mary listed as his aunt.

Scope of Collection

The bulk of the collection consists of letters and telegrams sent to Henry Talmadge (1845-1932) restaurant /saloon owner and landlord. Other letters include messages from Moth, discussing ownership of property that may have belonged to Mary. Others are of a more everyday nature, such as letters from Talmadge's aunt, or referring to business matters.

Container List

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CONTAINER	FOLDER	DATE	TITLE	SUBJECTS
Box 1	1		Biographical and Background information	letters from donors, printed family tree, photos, newspaper clippings, will, letters
Box 1	2	1890	Letters	from Mary Talmadge/Moth, some telegrams
Box 1	3	1890	Letters	from Mary Talmadge/Moth, some telegrams
Box 1	4	1890	Letters	from Mary Talmadge/Moth, some telegrams
Box 1	5	1890	Letters Receipts	from Mary Talmadge/Moth, some telegrams
Box 1	6	1891	Letters	from Mary Talmadge/Moth, some telegrams
Box 1	7	1891	Letters	from Mary Talmadge/Moth
Box 1	8	1892	Letters	from Mary Talmadge/Moth
Box 1	9	1893	Letters	from Mary Talmadge/Moth
Box 1	10	1894, 1896, 1897	Letters	from Mary Talmadge/Moth
Box 1	11	1890's	Letters-Date/Author Unknown and Envelope Scraps	
Box 1	12	1890s	Somebody's Hair	envelope with long auburn hair

Box 2		1937	Diary of Helen M. Baukin	Helen studied dentistry, worked in Hawaii, traveled to China for a conference, and was present for the beginnings of invasions, traveled with refugees on the ship, later on the same sailed around a hurricane, and witnessed the devastation on the Hong Kong harbor. Continued traveling through the Middle East and Europe
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