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Biographical Note:

Friedrich Gottlieb Christian Wilhelm Muench was born on June 25, 1799, in Landkreis Giessen, Germany. He married Marianne Fredericka Boberg on August 29, 1826. Together they had two children, Pauline (Muench) Busch and Adolph Karl Ernst Christian Muench. Marianne died on October 20, 1830. After her death he married Louise (Fritz) Muench. They had four children, Julius Muench, Ferdinand Muench, Auguste Muench and Hugo Muench.

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Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following series:

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Scope and Content Note:

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