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WILLIAM LOFINCK PAPERS**

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Introduction

Approximately 0.25 cubic foot.

The collection consists of correspondence between Gustave Andriano, a resident of St. Joseph, Missouri, and his brother-in-law, William Lofinck, a merchant in Marysville, Kansas. The primary subject of the correspondence concerns gold mining in New Mexico during the waning years of the gold rush. Some of the correspondence is written in German.

Gustavus Augustus Andriano was born on August 15, 1847, in Germany, to Eugene and Magdalena Unobt Andriano. He immigrated to the United States in 1866 and later married Emma H. Goelitz. Andriano became a naturalized United States citizen on September 19, 1872, while residing in Buchanan County, Missouri. He served as the president of the McKinley Gold Mining Company of San Pedro, New Mexico, during the late 1890s. He died on October 7, 1937, in Spokane, Washington, and is buried at Mount Mora Cemetery in St. Joseph, Missouri.

William Lofinck was born in December 1843 in Monroe County, Illinois, to German immigrants John and Dina Lofinck. On September 5, 1861, he enlisted as a musician in Company A of the 49th Illinois Infantry during the American Civil War. He married Anges E. H. Lofinck and worked as a saloon keeper for many years in Marysville, Kansas. Lofinck died in 1923 and is buried at Marysville Cemetery in Marysville, Kansas.

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