

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY
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BETTY PFEFFER AND J. LOUIS LESKY PAPERS
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Introduction

Approximately 5 cubic feet

The collection consists of the personal papers of Betty Pfeffer and J. Louis Lesky. Materials include items related to the Kansas City Custom Garment Company, Well's Clothing Corporation, M&K Tailoring, Kehilath Israel Synagogue, and the Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award. Additional materials include family histories and genealogical information pertaining to the Lesky family.

Jacob Louis Lesky was born on April 25, 1922, in Kansas City, Missouri, to Ben and Sarah Fuchs Lesky. He served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II and worked for the Kansas City Custom Garment Company and Ellemby, Ltd. Lesky married Betty Marie Pfeffer on November 7, 1950, in Jackson County, Missouri. Lesky died on December 19, 2015, and is buried at Kehilath Israel Blue Ridge Cemetery in Independence, Missouri.

Betty Marie Pfeffer was born on March 2, 1925, in Missouri, to David and Rose Pfeffer. No additional historical information could be located.

Donor Information

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Lou Lesky on May 25, 2004 (Accession No. KA1221). An addition was made on May 16, 2006 by Lou Lesky (Accession No. KA1454). An addition was made on December 18, 2013 by Lou Lesky (Accession No. KA2178). An addition was made on March 20, 2014 by Betty Lesky (Accession No. KA2200).

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Box 1

Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award commemorative luncheon programs, 1982-1999
(2 folders)
“The Science of Grading Clothing Patterns” by Harry Simons, 1917
Handwritten notes found in “The Science of Grading Patterns”
Materials Relating to the Bankruptcy Proceedings of Max Goldberger, 1926-1927
Correspondence, 1924-1927
Well’s Clothing Corporation Auditor’s Report, 1924
Contracts, Leases, Documents and Financial Paperwork, Well’s Clothing Corporation,
M&J Tailoring, Schoenburg Realty, 1920’s
Certificate of Incorporation, Articles of Association, and all Amendments Thereto of
Kansas City Custom Garment Making Company, 1931
State of Missouri Stock Adjustment Certificates, Kansas City Custom Garment
Company, M&J Tailoring Company, 1931
Kansas City Custom Garment Company Share Ownership Certificates, 1931
Abstract of Title, 4944 Walsh Terrace, Epperson Place Lot 79, 1948
Share Ownership Certificates, Shares owned by M&J Tailoring of Kansas City Custom
Uniform Company, 1957-1962
Stock Purchase Agreement, 1969
M&J Tailoring Company
Consolidated Financial Statements, 1966-1967, 1970-1973, 1975
Subsidiary, Kansas City, Missouri, Accountants’ Review Report for the Years,
1979-1980
Reports on Consolidated Financial Statements and balance sheets, 1976-1979
Magazine and Lerner Tax Returns
M&J Tailoring, Solo Investment, and Kansas City Custom Uniform, 1968-1978
Solo Investment Co., M&J Tailoring, 1971-1977
Missouri Real Estate Sale Contract, 1326 and 1328 E. Armour Blvd., 1969
Property Sale, 109 Millview Drive, Buckner, Missouri, 1980
Miscellaneous Materials related to Robert and Mary Fagan
Commercial and Industrial Missouri Real Estate Contract, Lease Agreement 314-18 West
10th, Kansas City, Missouri, 1980
Minkin Real Estate Company, Lease agreement, documents, correspondence, 1980-1981
Kansas City Custom Garment Company Bankruptcy and Lawsuit (3 folders)
Interstate Administrators Bankruptcy, 1974
Kansas City Title Insurance Company Documents, 1948-1954
Traveler’s Life Insurance Paperwork, 1951-1971
The Equitable Life Assurance Society Policy Account Statements, 1975
Insurance Claim, 1978
Chicago Title Insurance Company
Warranty Deeds, Sol Stolowy and J. Louis Lesky, 1967
Appraisement Forms, 1966
Kansas City Custom Uniform Company Order Forms
Building and Equipment Maintenance

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KMBZ Radio Advertisement Potential, 1979
U.S. Small Business Administration, 1979-1980
Miscellaneous, 1970-1980
Calling Committee: Synagogue and Men's Club, 1970

Box 2

Family Tree Information

- Family Group Sheets
 - Rosenblum Family
 - Oliver Family
 - Greenberg Family
 - Pfeffer Family
 - Sackin Family
 - Shalinsky Family
 - White Family
 - Siegel Family
 - Levy Family
 - Stempleman Family
 - Reitzes, Brown, and other families
 - Boxer Family
 - Rosenblum-Pfeffer Family
 - Rosenblum-Blumgarten Family

Genealogy

- Pfeiffer-Siegel Family
- Rosenblum-White Family Tree
- Miscellaneous

Synagogue, Other Materials, and Artifacts

- United States of America Office of Price Administration, Sugar Rationing, 1942
- Theta Tau Jewish Sorority, By-laws, Meeting Minutes, 1944-1948
- Kehilath Israel Beth Shalom, 1941-1942
- Kehilath Israel Synagogue, Programs, Clippings, Newsletters, Men's Club, etc., 1960's-1970's (2 folders)
- Kehilath Israel Synagogue's Golden Jubilee, Videotape, 1995
- Ellenby Fabrics, Meeting Minutes; The Heritage Collection of Embroidered Works (2 folders)

Artifact

- Hat Size Measuring Tool
- Thread Count Measuring Gauge
- Trans World Airlines (TWA) Ambassador Service Nametag, J. Louis Lesky

Jewish Funeral Guestbooks

- Max Binkowitz, 1952
- Ben Lasky, 1956
- Fannie Pfeffer, 1975
- David Pfeffer, 1977

Purim Ball Programs, 1954, 1957, 1969-1971, 1980,

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Box 3

Ledgers

Mason and Mason United Tailor Stores, 1918-1921
Kansas City Custom Garment Making Company, 1915-1923
Well's Garment Company Daily Reports Ledger, 1924-1925

Box 4

Family History, Genealogy

Petition for Naturalization, Sarah Lesky, 1937
Genealogy, Ben Lesky
Genealogy, Leski (Lesky), Correspondence
Lesky Family Charts
Family History Records, Genealogy Research, and Related Papers (2 folders)
Research Notes
Photographs

Box 5

Oversize

Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award commemorative luncheon programs,
1981-1989
Photograph, Man beside Kansas City Custom Garment Co. Men's Custom Tailors
building corner, 1950s
Blue Ridge Cemetery Plat Maps, 1959
Articles and Family Tree Information, 1950-1983
Census Population Schedule, 1930
Enlarged copies of immigration documents, 1921
Wells Clothing Certificate of Incorporation, 1924
Wells Clothing Class B Preferred Stock Certificate, 1924
Kansas City Custom Garment Company Advertisement, 1924
Pfeffer Family Tree (2 rolls)
Kansas City Police Department Ceremonial Baton, J. Louis Lesky
"Styles for Men and Young Men," Catalogs, 1934
Kehilath Israel Synagogue Certificate, 1995
Certificate of Arrival and Petition for Naturalization for Sarah Chaimowitz
Hyman, 1908, 1921-1922, 1926 (2 folders)
Petition for Naturalization
Mordka Chaimowitz, 1922
Benin Lesky, 1922

Oversize Vinyl Records

Milk and Honey with Gali, The World is Like a Roundabout, 1979
Grisha Tasatskis, "The Soul of Soviet Jewry," 1972
Way Out Yonder in the Golden West, no date
Shepelsel at the Photographer, Michel Rosenberg, no date
Mister, by Vos, no date
Cantor Berele Ohagy, no date (2 copies)

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Abe and Gussie Karp, comic duet, no date
Yiddisher Orchester, no date
Mimkomcho Malkeinu, no date
Salcia Weinberg, no date
Abraham Moskowitz, no date
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G. Sirota, no date
The Jewish Comedians, no date
Unidentified, no date