



Carl Lipoff and Adele Goodman Lipoff Family Papers (K0904)

Collection Number: K0904

Collection Title: Carl Lipoff and Adele Goodman Lipoff Family Papers

Dates: 1991

Creator: Lipoff family

Abstract: The Carl Lipoff and Adele Goodman Lipoff Family Papers contain a bound book titled "Carl and Adele Lipoff: A Family History" which details history of the Lipoff family.

Collection Size: 0.05 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City](http://www.shsmo.org). If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The Carl Lipoff and Adele Goodman Lipoff Family Papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Rodney T. and Gerre Ann Minkin on October 1, 2004 (Accession No. KA1321).

Notes: This collection is associated with the Jewish Community Archives of Greater Kansas City.

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Historical Note:

Adele Shifra Goodman was born on March 17, 1910, to Elizabeth Deitchman and Peretz Goodman. In the 1890s, Adele's grandparents immigrated to New York City from Romania. Devoted Jews, Elizabeth's parents first settled in New York City before moving to St. Joseph, Missouri, with their six children. After their marriage in 1900, Elizabeth and Peretz had five children and settled in Kansas City, Missouri. Adele graduated from Manual High School and worked for Harzfelds selling children's clothing. After dating for a year and a half, Adele married Carl Lipoff on June 14, 1936, in Kansas City, Missouri.

The son of Morris and Mary Lipoff, Carl Lipoff was born on June 17, 1909, in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1903, Morris fled Russia to escape draft conscription for the Russo-Japanese War and settled in Kansas City, Missouri. After a few years of work, Morris paid for the passage for his wife and three children to come to the United States. In 1925, Carl graduated from high school at the age of 16 and went to the University of Texas. After graduating in 1928, Carl worked as an accountant and technical manager in Port Arthur, Texas, before moving back to Kansas City in 1933. Shortly after their marriage, Carl and Adele had their first daughter, Gerre, and moved to Houston, Texas in 1940. Due to Gerre's illness, the family moved back to Kansas City and Carl began working for Peat Marwick. Due to his accounting work, Carl was exempt from military service during World War II and opened his own accounting firm in January 1946. In the years after the war, the Lipoffs prospered with Carl becoming the president of the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountant and Adele becoming the president of Beth Shalom Synagogue Sisterhood and woman's chairman of the Hebrew Academy.

In the 1960s, the Lipoffs expanded their community involvement and professional work. Carl's accounting firm, Lipoff, Sharlip, Pesmen & Company, merged with Touche Ross, Bailey & Smart in 1967 and rose to become one of the most successful accounting firms in Kansas City. The Lipoffs were active in their community with Adele serving as president of Beth Shalom Sisterhood in addition to her continual involvement with Hadassah and Israel Bonds. Carl was elected to various boards of directors and served on numerous committees both in the Kansas City area and across the United States. The Lipoffs stayed involved with their extensive family and the Kansas City community throughout their lives. On April 24, 1994, Carl died in Overland Park, Kansas. After suffering from Alzheimer's, Adele passed away in December 8, 1994.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

The Carl Lipoff and Adele Goodman Lipoff Family Papers contain a bound book titled "Carl and Adele Lipoff: A Family History." Originally requested by Carl, this book was started by Adele in 1986 and was finished by her two daughters Gerre and Judy Lipoff along with their husbands in 1991. The book is organized into separate sections that were written by different members of the family. Although Carl wrote the majority of it, there are also sections by Adele Lipoff, Peretz Goodman, and Gerre Minkin. Within this book, there are numerous family photographs, three family trees, and reflections from living descendants.

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