



Kosta-Maher Family Papers (S0737)

Collection Number: S0737

Collection Title: Kosta-Maher Family Papers

Dates: 1856-1996

Creator: Kosta-Maher Family

Abstract: The Kosta-Maher Family Papers contains photographs, vital records, and a partial genealogy of the two St. Louis-based family branches.

Collection Size: 0.25 cubic foot
(6 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research but may be stored offsite. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-St. Louis](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at stlouis@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Historical Note:

Charles John Kosta, Sr. (1878-1977) married Julia Clare Maher (1877-1968) in 1904 in St. Louis. They had five children: Anna Thelma Kosta (1905-1996), Madeline Frances Kosta (1907-

1913), Margaret Eloise Kosta (1909-1992), Charles John Kosta, Jr. (1911-1995), and Clare Patricia Kosta (1914-2016). Madeline died of diphtheria at age six. Anna married James R. Jakle (1894-1955) in 1948. Margaret married Robert James Burns (1906-1979) in 1936, and the couple moved from St. Louis, Missouri, to Detroit, Michigan, soon after. They had one child together. Charles, Jr. married Leona Helen Schmidt (1910-1999) in 1935 but divorced after having two children. He then married Antoinette (maiden name unknown) and had another child with her. Clare did not marry or have any children.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged into 6 folders and begins with a partial history and genealogy, followed by vital records, then photographs.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains photographs, vital records, a photograph scrapbook, and a partial genealogy of the Kosta and Maher families. Most of the photographs have been identified and include a numbering system that corresponds with the genealogy chart. The collection also includes photographs of the Burns, Jakle, and Schatzline families. The materials in this collection date from 1856 to 1996.

Container List:

Box 001	f. 1	History and genealogy, 2025
	f. 2	Vital records, 1856, 1875, 1885, 1902, 1905, 1996
	f. 3	Kosta family photograph scrapbook, 1912-1957
	f. 4-6	Photographs, 1876-1975

Index:

Index Terms	Folder	Image
Burns, Margaret Eloise Kosta, 1909-1992	1, 3-6	Yes
Jakle, Anna Thelma Kosta, 1905-1996	1-6	Yes
Kosta, Charles John, 1878-1977	1-6	Yes
Kosta, Charles John, 1911-1995	1, 4, 6	Yes
Kosta, Clare Patricia, 1914-2016	1, 4-6	Yes
Kosta, Julia Clare Maher, 1877-1968	1-5	Yes
Kosta, Madeline Frances, 1907-1913	1, 3-4, 6	Yes
Maher, Anastasia Ryan, 1841-1923	1, 4	Yes
Maher, John James, 1821-1919	1-2, 4	Yes
Maher, Mamie Kosta, 1884-1971	1, 4-5	Yes
Schatzline-Behr, Elaine Patricia, 1960-	1, 6	Yes
Schatzline, Frances Madeline Burns, 1937-2017	3-4, 6	Yes