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Guide to Collection

Messerschmidt Family

Messerschmidt Family Papers, 1894-1950

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- Acquisition:** Mrs. Amey Messerschmidt, widow of George Messerschmidt, donated these papers in May 1989.
- Access:** The collection is unrestricted. Please consult the librarian for further information.
- Copyright:** Request for permission to publish material from the collection should be discussed with the librarian.
- History:** The Messerschmidt family represents one of Juneau's pioneer families. Gustav Messerschmidt was born in Wurnberg, Germany, in 1872 and emigrated to Philadelphia in 1888. He came to Juneau from San Francisco in November 1898 and founded the San Francisco Bakery in 1899. He and his wife, Gertrude Rosina, had seven children, including George Gustave and Heinrich (Henry) Theodore who eventually took over the business. The bakery was renamed Purity Bakery during the 1940's. The Messerschmidt Building which housed the bakery at Second and Seward Streets in Juneau, Alaska, was sold in the early 1980's and currently operates as a restaurant and inn.

Scope and Content:

The papers contain deeds, legal notices, naturalization papers and ownership documents of Gustav Messerschmidt and family members.

Inventory

1. Abstract of Title for Property. Part of Lot 3, in Block 5, Juneau. Dated between 1894-1898 for Mrs. Jennie Hoff.
2. Certificate of Naturalization, Gustav Messerschmidt, filed in place of original certificate. Dated March 1, 1918 (original was dated April 7, 1894).
3. Warranty Deed. Mrs. Jennie Hoff to Frank Bennett part of Lot 3, Block 5, on Seward and Second Streets. Dated December 7, 1897. Juneau, Alaska. (3a. Photocopy)
4. Bill of Sale. Frank Bennett to Louis LaPointe for furniture, etc., from a house on Third and Gold Streets and the Bennett Barber Shop. Dated April 22, 1898. Juneau, Alaska. (4a. Photocopy)
5. Warranty Deed. Frank and Hilara Bennett to Louis LaPointe for part of a lot at Seward and Second Streets. Dated April 22, 1898. Juneau, Alaska. (5a. and 5b. Photocopies)
6. Warranty Deed. Mrs. Jennie Hoff to Gustave and Gertrude Rosina Messerschmidt for all of Lot 3, Block 5 on Second Street. Dated August 1, 1904. Juneau, Alaska. (6a. Photocopy)
7. Warranty Deed. Louis and Georgina LaPointe to Gustav and Gertrude Messerschmidt, for a lot at Seward and Second Streets. Dated July 22, 1905. Juneau, Alaska. (7a.-7d. 4 photocopies)
8. Quit Claim Deed. Gertrude Rosina Messerschmidt to Gustav Messerschmidt for Lot 3, Block 5. Dated June 23, 1924. Juneau, Alaska.
9. Articles of Co-Partnership. Gustave Messerschmidt and sons George Gustav and Henry Theodore concerning "Messerschmidt & Sons," a bakery business. Dated January 20, 1927. Juneau, Alaska. (9a. carbon copy)
10. Record of Sale. Half interests Gustav Henry Messerschmidt to sons George Gustav and Henry Theodore Messerschmidt. Dated March 31, 1927. Juneau, Alaska.
11. Declaration of Trust. George Gustav Messerschmidt, Henry Theodore Messerschmidt and Edith Teresa Kyler (daughter) concerning property on Front Street. Dated April 29, 1937. Juneau, Alaska. (11a. carbon copy)

12. Assignment of Insurance Policy. Gustav H. Messerschmidt to George Gustave Messerschmidt, Henry Theodore Messerschmidt and Edith Teresa Kyler (daughter). Dated April 29, 1937. Juneau, Alaska.
13. Probate of Will for Gustave Henry Messerschmidt. Order allowing final account and report, approving disbursements, and decree of distribution of will. Dated January 30, 1939. Juneau, Alaska. (13a. carbon copy)
14. Probate of Will. Gustave Henry Messerschmidt. Final account and report and petition for distribution of will. Dated April 5, 1939. Juneau, Alaska. (14a. carbon copy)
15. Title Search concerning Henry T. Messerschmidt 1/2 block Lot 3, Block 5. Dated July 13, 1956. Juneau, Alaska.
16. Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Friend re: Agreement of Sale payments from Law Offices of Ely, Guess and Rudd. Dated April 4, 1980. Juneau, Alaska.
17. Deed of Trust re: Thelma and Donald Friend and Messerschmidt family (copy). Dated April 1, 1980. Douglas, Alaska.
18. Bulk Sales Affidavit and list of Purity Bakery creditors, signed by members of Messerschmidt family. Dated April 1, 1980. Juneau, Alaska.
19. Security Agreement between Messerschmidt family and Donald and Thelma Friend. April 1, 1980.
20. Uniform Commercial Code Financial Statement. Dated April 1, 1980.
21. Closing Statement (sale price). Dated April 1, 1980.
22. Bill of Sale between Messerschmidt family and Donald and Thelma Friend. Dated April 1, 1980.
23. Warranty Deed between Messerschmidt family and Donald and Thelma Friend. Dated April 1, 1980.
24. Agreement of Sale between Messerschmidt family and Donald and Thelma Friend. Dated April 1, 1980.