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.

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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


2. Certificate of Naturalization, Gustav Messerschmidt, filed in place of original certificate. Dated March 1, 1918 (original was dated April 7, 1894).


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)


23. Warranty Deed between Messerschmidt family and Donald and Thelma Friend. Dated April 1, 1980.