Collection Summary

Title
Mai Family Collection

Date
1849 to 2010

Extent
2 archival box

Name and Location of Repository
Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence (Mo.)

Reference code: MGC 1131-MFC

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Name of Creator
Palmer Mai

Biographical History

John Mai, the son of Henry Mai and Mary Deitz, was born on August 10, 1872 in Kratzka, Russia, a German colony in Russia. His wife, Amelia, was the daughter of Jacob Schlager and Elizabeth Broach. She was born August 25, 1880 in the Merkel, Russia. The couple married in 1899, their first of twelve children was born in Russia in 1900, and immigrated to the United States in 1901. The family landed in Galveston, Texas, lived in several towns in Kansas, Colorado, Montana, and Idaho before settling in Burley, Idaho.

Scope and Content

The collection contains genealogical research on the Mai family including correspondence, photographs, and research notes. The basis of the collection is funeral books and the accompanying records such as obituaries, eulogies, and funeral programs for members of the Mai family.

Collection Inventory

System of Arrangement
These records are arranged in 3 series.

Box 1

Series 1, Genealogy
 Folder 1, Mai Family genealogy research and photos
 Folder 2, Edna May Chilcote
 Folder 3, Leo Mai
 Folder 4, Milton Mai
Series 2, Scrapbooks
   Folder 1, Milton Mai skydiving at age 85
   Folder 2, Life & Times of Milton Mai

Box 2
Series 3, Funeral Books
   Item 1, Edna May Chilcote funeral book, 1988
   Item 2, Leo Mai funeral book, 2000
   Item 3, Milton Mai funeral book, 2008

Rights and Access

Conditions Governing Access
The collection is open for research use by appointment.

Physical Access
Most records within this collection are housed within file folders, funeral books are inside boxes.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use
Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Languages and Scripts of the Material
Materials in the collection are entirely in English.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
This collection was donated by Palmer Mai.

Accruals
No further accruals are expected for this collection.

Existence and Location of Originals
Originals owned by the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Related Materials
Other items donated by family added to book collection:
   A Tribute Celebrating 100 years of John & Amalie Schlager Mai and their Twelve Children.
   Lock, Ethel. The Dietz Family Book 2.

Notes
The following sources were consulted during the preparation of the biographical history:
   • A Tribute Celebrating 100 years of John & Amalie Schlager Mai and their Twelve Children.