

Betz Family Collection

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Carl Betz, Carl Egmont Betz, Annette Betz, Alma Betz

Dates: 1874-1960

Identification: MGC1269

Extent: 0.209 linear feet (8 folders)

Language: Materials in the collection are in English, German, and French.

Repository: Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence, Missouri

Biographical Sketch

Carl Betz was born in 1854 in Illinois, and was a pioneer in Physical Education in the United States. In 1886 in Kansas City, Missouri, Betz introduced the first permanent physical education program in public schools in the United States. For recognition of his work in physical education, he was granted a silver medal at the 1889 Paris Exposition, and a medal at the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago, Illinois. Betz was married to Louise Wittig Betz and had several children, including Carl Egmont Betz, Annette "Nettie" Betz, and Alma Betz, who are all also documented in the collection.

Scope and Content

This collection contains materials primarily collected by, created by, and about the Betz Family in Kansas City, Missouri. This includes original deeds from Kansas City, as well as family correspondences in both English and German. The collection also contains a number of photographic negatives, including many taken by Carl Egmont Betz, a family tree in French of the Garrigues family, and a folder of materials related specifically to Carl Betz. Also contained in the collection is a Poll Book for Kansas City's Precinct 1, Ward 13 for the 1940 United States Election.

Restrictions

Access: This collection is open for research.

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Administrative Information

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Container List

Series 1: Family Documents

f 1: Deed Records, 1874-1921

f 2: Carl Betz Papers

f 3: Garrigues Family Tree

Series 2: Correspondence

f 4: Nettie and Alma Betz Correspondence

f 5: Misc. Correspondences

Item 1: Letter to Charles Wittig from Henry Studenrauch, 1895

Item 2: Adelaide Bernardine and Charles Wittig Wedding Invite, 1907

Item 3: Letter to Sidney C. Silverman from Wilhelm Heidelberger, 1913

Series 3: Photographs

f 6: Negatives

Series 4: Miscellaneous

f 7: Misc. Items

Item 1: Advertisement for Combe's Kodak Shop

Item 2: Affidavit of Publication, 1899

Item 3: International Brotherhood of Bookbinders Membership Card, 1954-1956

Item 4: Buhl Planetarium Observatory and Telescope Dedication Program [Pittsburgh, PA], 1941

f 8: Poll Book For General Election, 1940