

Walter W. Leslie
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1835-1969
10 mss. boxes, 1 flat box, 3 os folders

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Biographical Note:

Walter W. Leslie was born on November 27, 1881, and died in 1964. He attended Valparaiso College and Northern Indiana Normal School in 1903. He was licensed as a schoolteacher from 1900 to 1925 and served as a high school teacher in Shelby County, a school principal of the Fairland Public Schools, and the superintendent of Brandywine Township Schools in Shelby County. After studying accounting by correspondence, Leslie began a second career in 1919 when he was commissioned as an auditor in Shelby County. On January 3, 1924, he was appointed a field examiner with the Indiana Board of Accounts. Leslie was also the Pageant Master and Writer of the Shelby County Centennial Celebration.

Leslie married Minnie Richter of Fairland, with whom he had a daughter, Mary Frances, and a son, William Raymond, who married Elizabeth Allsop. William Raymond was an attorney as well as a professor of history at the University of Michigan. Walter Leslie's father was William Leslie, who was married to Veronica (also known as May or Mary) Mohr, daughter of Jacob and Barbara Mohr.

Barbara Mohr was born in Germany on March 12, 1827 and immigrated to America in 1848. Upon arrival, she married Jacob Mohr, who had sailed on the same boat. Jacob and Barbara had four children: Christian, Christopher (also known as Christoff and Stephen), John, and Veronica. After Jacob's death on May 4, 1859, Barbara married Joseph Warner on February 8, 1860 and was widowed for a second time when Joseph died in 1864 while serving in the Union Army. Barbara then married Christian Emerick, but divorced him on June 3, 1869, at which time she again took the last name of Mohr.

In the 1870s and later, Barbara Mohr operated a general store in Mt. Auburn, Indiana, preceding and following intermittent ownerships by C.S. Mohr and Son and J.W. Moore and Son. Barbara Mohr was also an owner of real estate and rental property in Shelby County, Indiana and the states of Iowa and Pennsylvania. She died on April 26, 1922.

Christian Mohr was married to Rachel Mohr and lived in Brookland, Arkansas, in 1899. Christopher (Stephen) Mohr was married to Elizabeth Mohr. John Mohr was married to

Manerva (Minerva) Mohr. Other Mohrs named in the collection are Claude, Grover C., Harvey, Maggie, and Bertha.

Source:

Information found within the collection
Ancestry.com
Findagrave.com

Scope and Content Note:

The collection includes the business and personal papers of the Leslie family (dating 1870-1969) and the Mohr family (dating 1835-1941). It has been organized into two series; Leslie Family and Mohr Family, with sub-series in each of personal papers and business papers. The Leslie Family series also includes sheet music.

Business records of the Leslie family, which date from 1870 to 1969, include Walter Leslie's last will and testament, various deeds, insurance papers relating to Walter Leslie's farm, appointment books, bankbooks, and numerous checks of Walter Leslie. Also included are three field examiner's certificates of authority issued to Walter Leslie issued by the Indiana State Board of Accounts. School papers of the Leslie family, dating 1887 to 1965, include class notes, two textbooks, one term paper, and examinations.

Personal papers of the Leslie family date from 1886 to 1969. Family correspondence includes letters from W. Raymond Leslie to his parents describing his travels in the western United States in the late 1920s. Other papers include brochures, guidebooks, newspaper clippings, and membership cards. One topic covered is tourism, including a guide to Muscatatuck State Park, a brochure about sightseeing in Germany, and a pictorial map of Indiana. Another common topic is politics, including materials relating to the mid-20th century Democratic Party, and a cartoon referencing Will Hays. The personal papers also include letters in German by Paul and Adolph Richter.

The business records of the Mohr family, dating from 1835 to 1941, contain an extensive number of deeds and abstracts. These include transactions of Barbara Mohr, who owned several rental properties. The records are also a source for the activities of Barbara Mohr's general store, containing invoices, receipts, commercial catalogs and art in the form of letterheads, advertising circulars, and business cards. Also included are personal checks, receipt books, and account ledgers for years from 1851 to 1937. Two legal documents bear the signature of writer Charles Major, acting as a Shelbyville attorney.

The personal papers of the Mohr family date from 1860 to 1928. The correspondence includes letters to and from doctors and other health providers, as well as correspondence among the Mohr family members. These personal papers include letters written in German, some to Barbara Mohr by the Kolb family, including Maria Kolb in Rheinessen, Germany.

One oversize box contains a collection of sheet music, dated 1849 to 1941, which includes both classical and popular music.

One oversize folder contains a manufacturer's broadside, one teacher's license for Walter W. Leslie, the high school diploma of Mary F. Leslie, a pictorial map of Indiana, and a Democratic political program of 1952. All items date from 1900 to 1953.

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Box and Folder Listing:

Box 1. *Leslie Family: Business Papers*

Folder

1. Business and Legal Records, 1870-1914
2. Business and Legal Records, 1915-1920
3. Business and Legal Records, 1921-1922
4. Business and Legal Records, 1923-1956
5. Business and Legal Records, 1957-1958
6. Business and Legal Records, 1959-1968
7. Business and Legal Records, 1969
8. Business and Legal Records, undated
9. Account Books and Appointment Diaries, 1906-1926
10. Account Books and Appointment Diaries, 1927-1958

Box 2. *Leslie Family: Checkbooks and Personal Papers*

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1. Checkbooks, 1919-1921
2. Checkbooks, 1922-1924
3. Personal Papers, 1886-1916
4. Personal Papers, 1917-1923
5. Personal Papers, 1924-Aug. 1928
6. Personal Papers, Oct. 1928-June 1929
7. Personal Papers, July 1929-1932
8. Personal Papers, 1933-1939
9. Personal Papers, 1945-1959

Box 3. *Leslie Family: Personal and School Papers*

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1. Personal Papers, 1960-1963
2. Personal Papers, 1964-1969 and undated
3. Personal Papers, undated
4. Personal Papers, undated
5. Personal Papers, undated
6. Personal Papers, undated
7. Personal Papers, undated
8. Personal Papers, undated
9. Walter W. Leslie School Papers, 1903- Mar 1926
10. Walter W. Leslie School Papers, Apr-June 1926
11. William Raymond Leslie and Elizabeth Allsop Leslie School Papers, 1929-1932
12. William Raymond Leslie and Elizabeth Allsop Leslie School Papers, 1933

Box 4. *Leslie Family: School Papers and Textbooks*

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1. William Raymond Leslie and Elizabeth Allsop Leslie School Papers, 1934-1937
2. William Raymond Leslie and Elizabeth Allsop Leslie School Papers, 1938 and 1965
3. School Papers of William, Walter, and Elizabeth Leslie, undated
4. School Papers of William, Walter, and Elizabeth Leslie, undated
5. School Papers of Elizabeth Allsop Leslie, undated
6. School Papers of Elizabeth Allsop Leslie, 1932 and undated
7. School Papers of Elizabeth Allsop Leslie, 1925, 1932-1933, undated
8. School Papers of Elizabeth Allsop Leslie, undated
9. Textbooks and Manuals: 1887-1924
10. Organic Chemistry Lab Book, 1927

Box 5. *Leslie Family: Newspaper Clippings; Mohr Family: Account Ledgers*

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1. Newspaper clippings: 1914-1934 and undated
2. Newspaper clippings, undated
3. Travel brochures, Lincoln pamphlet
4. Account ledgers, 1851-1874
5. Account ledgers, 1872-1879
6. Account ledger, 1874-1879
7. Account ledgers, 1875-1892
8. Account ledger, 1892-1894
9. Account ledgers, 1900-1937

Box 6. *Mohr Family: Business and Legal Records*

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1. Business and Legal Records, 1835-1860
2. Business and Legal Records, 1861-Aug. 1866
3. Business and Legal Records, Sept. 1866-1868
4. Business and Legal Records, 1869-Oct. 1871
5. Business and Legal Records, Nov. 1871-1873
6. Business and Legal Records, 1874
7. Business and Legal Records, Jan. 1875-Apr. 1876
8. Business and Legal Records, Aug. 1876-1878
9. Business and Legal Records, 1879-1881
10. Business and Legal Records, 1882-1883

Box 7. *Mohr Family: Business and Legal Records*

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1. Business and Legal Records, 1884-1885
2. Business and Legal Records, 1886-1887
3. Business and Legal Records, 1888-1891
4. Business and Legal Records, 1892-1894
5. Business and Legal Records, 1895-1896
6. Business and Legal Records, 1897-1900
7. Business and Legal Records, 1901
8. Business and Legal Records, 1902-1904

Box 8. *Mohr Family: Business and Legal Records*

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1. Business and Legal Records, 1905-1906
2. Business and Legal Records, 1907-1908
3. Business and Legal Records, 1909
4. Business and Legal Records, 1910
5. Business and Legal Records, 1911
6. Business and Legal Records, 1912-1915
7. Business and Legal Records, 1918-1960 and undated
8. Business and Legal Records, undated
9. Business and Legal Records, undated
10. Business and Legal Records, undated

Box 9. *Mohr Family: Business and Legal Records*

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1. Business and Legal Records, undated
2. Business and Legal Records, undated
3. Business and Legal Records, undated
4. Business and Legal Records, undated

5. Business and Legal Records, undated
6. Business and Legal Records, undated
7. Checkbooks and Bankbooks, 1856-1860
8. Checkbooks and Bankbooks, 1874-1875
9. Checkbooks and Bankbooks, 1884+1893
10. Checkbooks and Bankbooks, 1895, 1896, 1922

Box 10. *Mohr Family: Personal Papers*

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1. Personal Papers, 1860-1883
2. Personal Papers, 1884-1891
3. Personal Papers, 1892-1899
4. Personal Papers, 1900-1928
5. Personal Papers, undated
6. Personal Papers, undated

Box 11. Sheet Music

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| 3-4-1904 | Teacher's State Certificate |
| 1-30-1909 | Teacher's State Certificate |
| 6-29-1912 | Teacher's State Certificate |
| 7-26-1919 | Teacher's State Certificate |
| 12-13-1919 | Teacher's State Certificate |
| 1953 | President of U.S. Placemat |

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| 6-13-1900 | Indiana Common Schools Diploma |
| 5-21-1926 | Indiana Common Schools Diploma |
| 8-8-1926 | Indiana Common Schools Diploma |

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| 1901 | Cotton Advertisement |
| 1903 | Teacher's License: Walter W. Leslie |
| 1922 | High School Diploma: Mary F. Leslie |
| 1932 | Pictorial map of Indiana from Indianapolis Star |
| 1952 | Program, Indiana Democratic Editorial Association |
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Collection Information

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