Finding aid for the Alt family history and genealogy Collection 472

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Summary Information

| Repository: | Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department |
| Source - dnr: | Wiltrakis, Anne |
| Title: | Alt family history and genealogy |
| Physical Description: | 1 Linear Feet 1 box |
| Language of the Material: | English |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1970-1999 |
| Abstract: | A. John Alt (2 Feb 1914-4 Apr 2005) was director of the Alt Mortuary in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The collection consists of A. John Alt's genealogy research and correspondence. The research material focuses on the following surnames: Alt, Armock, Auer, Kautenberger, Koch, Theisen, Vollpert and Yakel. |

A. John Alt biography

A. John Alt (2 Feb 1914-4 Apr 2005) was director of the Alt Mortuary in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The funeral home was started in 1911 by his father, Albert J. Alt and was formerly known as the Albert J. Alt Funeral Home and Albert J. Alt and Son.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of A. John Alt's genealogy research and correspondence. The material mostly dates from the 1970s-1990s. A binder has family trees and some family history. The remaining material is correspondence that John Alt conducted with relatives about genealogy. Folder 3 contains notes written on Albert J. Alt & Son letterhead.

The research mostly covers A. John Alt's family.

Paternal line: Nicholaus Alt (1825-1906); Anna Kautenberger (1832-1903); Albert Joseph Alt (1877-1972)

Maternal line: Mary Augusta Theisen (1882-1955); Anton Theisen (1856-1935) and Augusta Auer (1859-1943).

John included research and notes on Henry Kautenberger and Elizabeth Hettinger and several of their descendants, including Peter Kautenberger (1843-1901), Mary Kautenberg Vollpert (1834-1908), Elizabeth Kautenberg Yakel (d 1905) and Margaret Kautenberger Koch (b 1837).

Also included is research on A. John's wife's family: Rosemarie Armock (1911-1995).

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Administrative Information

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Related Materials

Several other collections contain material related to A. John Alt or to the Alt Funeral Home/Mortuary:

- Collection 157 - Latzek Funeral Home records
- Collection 125 - Robinson Studio photographs
- Documents on 1400 Oakleigh Road NW, residence of John and Rosemary Alt - Collection 254

Controlled Access Headings

- Wiltrakis, Anne

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