Papers of Charles R. and Emma Bloomer
Papers & Objects, 1916-1929 (bulk dates: 1917-1920)

2 boxes

Accession Number: unknown

Creator: Charles R. Bloomer

Acquisition Information: Unknown

History: Charles R. Bloomer was born on July 26, 1895 in Norwalk Ohio, where he was raised and became a member of the Masons. He attended U of M and graduated as an engineer. He served in the U.S. Navy during the end of WWI. After his discharge, Charles struggled to find a job, eventually getting hired for the Oakland Car Company in Pontiac, MI. Charles was married to Emma and lived with her at Cass Lake until they moved to Rochester in 1921. They had no children. They built their home at 608 7th St. Charles was a member of the Kiwanis, Masons, and Presbyterian Church. He served as the Avon Township Treasurer from 1931 until his death on May 24, 1949.

Scope/Content: The Papers of Charles and Emma Bloomer consist of navy correspondence, as well as many examples of his Engineer work. His work notes and class notes are contained in the collection, as well as employment inquiries, blueprints, Mason memorabilia, bank statements, and other personal articles.

Important Subjects:

  - Charles Bloomer
  - Navy Organization and Protocol as pertains to 1918.
  - Engineer calculations

Arrangement: The Collection is divided into two series

  1. Small personal items
  2. Bulky papers
Contents List

Series 1: Small personal items

Box 1:

- Three professional photographs
  - Fancy photograph of woman and baby produced in Holland MI
  - Photo of woman produced in Pasadena CA
  - Photo of man produced in Ann Arbor MI

- Life Insurance Folder
  - Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co. policy receipt (1927)
  - Receipt for life insurance premium

- Naval Correspondence 1918-1921
  - Commission paperwork
  - Military Correspondence to Emma for award money
  - Navy correspondence 1920-1921
  - Recognition of services
  - 1919 Army orders
  - Telegram copies
  - Forms for Confidential military books (late 1918-1919)
  - Receipt for Navy health and service record (1/27/19)
  - Receipt from Charles & Russell photographers
  - 2 written copies of poems
  - Shorthand note
  - Naval Orders 1918-1919
  - Acceptance of Naval office letter
  - Notice of active service status (8/10/18)
  - Leave of absence (8/10/180
  - Request for transfer
  - Permission slip for off base travel (1918)
  - Safe Deposit vault receipt
  - Request for transfer to inactive list (5/31/19)
• **Mason folder**
  - Mason play program (1917)
  - Ancient Accepted Scottish Rites 1918 class book
  - Masonic Directory and Calendar 1918
  - Mason script & poetry

• **Rochester Exchange Club folder**
  - Club receipts (1925)
  - Club invoice (7/17/25)
  - Receipt for envelopes and invitations (11/23/25)
  - Club receipt from Axford & Terry Farm Machines (1926)

• **Oakland Motor Car Co.**
  - Two blueprints circ. 1920 & 1926

• **Personal folder**
  - Business card for Alex Bender
  - Business card for I.H. Benson
  - Lefax 1920 magazine
  - Employment inquiries
  - Will of Charles Bloomer (8/20/18)
  - Misc. postcard photos
  - Envelope from Hotel Woodward, NYC
  - Letter of recommendation (8/12/19)
  - Boat sticker
  - US army transport Pass (aug. 1918)
  - Robert T. McDonald name card
  - Seasons Greetings card to Emma from the Broadwells
  - Officers Club restaurant voucher (9/14/18)
  - 2 ticket stubs for the New Theatre, Cardiff
  - Programme for New Theatre, cardiff
  - 2 blank checks from the First National Bank
  - Slide rules manual (1917)
  - Newspaper page of Daily Sketch from 12/18/1918
- **Personal Correspondence folder**
  - Souvenir card to Charles from E.E. Eitheindge
  - Letter from mother to Emma (3/18/20)
  - Correspondence to Wells Fargo about canoe (1916)

Series 2: Bulky papers

**Box 2:**
- Rolled up map of Avon Township
- Empty letter tube addressed to Ensign Bloomer c/o Cass Lake Grocery
- Bank Statements from July 1927-May 1929
- 5 rolled up piles of math work
- 1 damaged blueprint for the home of Charles E. Bloomer
- **Math and Naval Work folder**
  - Math homework dated 1916
  - Math homework dated 1917
  - 3 Illustration cards from Motor Boating for engineering use (1917)
  - *Diagrams & Tables for Connecting 3-Phase Lap-Wound Induction Motors* poster (1920)
  - Bloomer’s Quartermaster Stenographer’s notebook
  - Math work from 1918
  - General military notes
  - Seamanship notes (June 1918)
  - 1918 navy courts & regulations notes