

MATTEI FAMILY PAPERS
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Frances Anna Kameyer Mattei (1894-1980) and her son Marion Francis Mattei (1920-1978) ran an antique shop out of their home at 3402 Avenue P. On November 27, 1978, Marion Mattei died when he and Mrs. Mattei interrupted a robbery at their home.

When Frances Mattei died in 1980, she left her estate to the Rosenberg Library. Her will and other papers related to this are found in Mattei Family Papers MSS# 83-0043.

This collection is comprised of several boxes found in vault in the summer of 1998. It has been weeded heavily. Items that were discarded include duplicates, correspondence from family and friends that contained little or no informational value, extensive copies of receipts from water and electric bills, and tax notices.

What has been retained in this collection includes legal papers, receipts from the antique business, and correspondence.

Items of interest include letters Frances Mattei wrote to her son on three occasions, his birthday, Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. In the letters at the end of the year, she recounts the people who purchased antiques from them. The tone of the letters implies that the antiques were not always legitimate antiques.

A large source of correspondence comes from Billie & Charles W. Bueche, who met the Mattei's while they were in Galveston on their honeymoon. Mrs. Bueche wrote the Mattei's at least twice a week, discussing their personal lives and antique appraisal shop. Among the financial papers, Mrs. Mattei writes of her fears that the Bueche's are trying to buy or take her antiques.

Throughout this collection, papers are addressed to both Frances and Marion Mattei. Their lives were so intertwined that it is difficult to separate the papers into his or hers. Many of the items addressed to both of them are found in the Frances A. Mattei papers as her name was listed first.



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<u>Box</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>Subgroups</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1		DOMINIC C. MATTEI PAPERS	
	1	Biographical Features	nd
	2	Correspondence	1912
		FRANCES A. MATTEI PAPERS	
	3	Biographical Features	nd
	4-6	Correspondence (re: antiques)	nd, 1918-1975
	7	Bayley, Peggy (re: antiques)	1964
	8-13	Bueche, Charles W. Jr.	
2	1-4		1972-77
	5	Kauffman, Meyers & Co.	1950
	6	Kaymeyer, Frederick Jr. (re: WWII)	1942-43
	7	Lattimer, Ursula	1944, 1949
	8-10	Mattei, Marion	1956-78
	11	McCartney, B. J. (re: fence)	1963
	12	Nesbitt, Lee	1970
	13	Sanders, Betty	1945-46, 1962
	14	Sanders, Florence Betty "Florie"	1944-45
	15	Schidel, John and Mary	1962-64
	16	Unknown	1900-05, 1918
	17	Utexiqual Products	1969-72
	18	Weatherred, Rosemary	1963
		Legal Papers	
3	1	Herthal, J. George	1952
	2	Insurance	1933, 1936-37
	3	Mortgage	1938-41
	4	Personal Injury Settlement	1944
	5	Property Sale	1948
	6	Will	1933
	7-12	Financial Papers	1953, 1967, 1970, 1973, 1975, 1977
4	1	Receipts	1976
	2	Mattei Flower Shop	1945
	3	Palace Furniture	1944
	4	Thornton & Hosey	1961-63
	5	Taxes	1935
	6	Writings	1974-75
		Printed Matter	
	7	Cards	nd
	8	Clippings	nd
	9	Galveston Project Pride	1972
	10	Invitations	1932-34, 1943 1963
	11-12	Signs	nd
	OS	Scrapbooks (re: <i>Know Your Antiques</i> column)	1971-74

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		MARION D. MATTEI PAPERS	
4	13	Biographical Features	1957
	14	Correspondence	1943-64
	15	Brother Joseph, T.O.P.	1963
	16	Henslee, Walter	1948
	17	Jacobson, Charles W.	1950-51
	18	Jannasch, James R. (re: World War II)	1945
	19-22	Johnson, Kay R.	1958-64
	23	Jordan, Maurice	1954-55
	24-29	Kleinecke, H. E. (re: Southern Electric vs. Mattei)	1951-54
	30	Kugle, William H. (re: Powell vs. Mattei)	1951-52
	31	Lattimer, Ursula	1944
5	1-2	McLeod, V. W. (re: Jacobson vs. Mattei)	1951-53
	3	Moroy, Mark	1962-63
	4	Patronas, Charles G.	1970
	5	Richmond, Orra M.	1951
	6-8	Tartt, Bill	1963-64
	9	Wilkins, Ricky	1970, 1972
	10	Williamson, Sam	1952-53
		Legal Papers	
	11	Bernheim vs. Mattei	1951
	12-13	Joske Brothers Co. vs. Mattei	1948, 1952
	14	Kauffman, Meyers & Co. vs. Mattei	1950
	15	Powell vs. Mattei	1951
	16	Financial Papers	
	17	Receipts	1942, 1951-53, 1961-62
	18	Utexiquial Products	1971-72
	19	Writings	nd
	20	Printed Matter	nd, 1928, 1946
	21	Calendar	1935
	22	Holy Mass pamphlet	1934
	23	<i>Kirwinite</i> (Kirwin High School)	1934-35
	24	Program	1935
	25	Scrapbook	1941
	26	Clippings	nd
	27	Miscellaneous (re: Edwin Clyde Northen, Everett Nathaniel Crosby)	1916, 1948, 1925, 1966

