



Linder Family Collection, c.1890-1989

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Collection Note

This collection documents the history of the Linder family, who originated in Germany and immigrated to the United States in 1883. The family would eventually settle in Brooklyn and then Baldwin, Long Island, where they participated in local life and industry.

The collection includes several family photographs, as well as newspaper clippings, playbills, a family tree, personal correspondence, birth, death, and baptism certificates, as well as a diary entry or testament. These provide insight not only into the lives of German immigrants in New York, but also into the everyday life of Long Island residents and the makeup of suburban neighborhoods, stretching from the late 19th century to the 20th century.

Noteworthy components of the collection include a testimony of a man who had a relationship with Mina “Minnie” Anna Linder Mittelmayer after her husband Louis’ death. Another noteworthy piece is a childhood photo of George S. Talley taken at Lee Gallery in Richmond, Virginia, the same studio that photographed Confederate General Robert E. Lee.

Scope and Content Note

The Linder Family Collection consists of family documents and photographs relating to the lineage of the Linder family and its descendants. These provide insight not only into the lives of German immigrants in New York, but also into the everyday life of Long Island residents and the makeup of suburban neighborhoods, stretching from the late 19th century to the 20th century.

Biographical Sketch

John Linder and his wife, Caroline, were both born in Germany and immigrated to the United States in 1883, and settled in New York City, eventually relocating to Brooklyn. They had four children, Francis, Mary, Philomina “Minnie”, and Phillip. John worked as a Watchman, and died on October 19th, 1910 of pneumonia at the age of 55.

Phillip Linder moved to Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, and was a frequent winter visitor of Bradenton, Florida. He was struck and killed by a bus in Brooklyn, and died at the age of 56.

Philomina Anna Linder was born May 9th, 1891 in Brooklyn. She was baptized at Holy Family R.C. Church in Brooklyn on June 14th of the same year. She moved to Baldwin

upon marrying Professor Louis Mittelmeyer of Germany, a famous local musician and teacher. Minnie worked for the Hudson River Day Line, a luxury boat line. When Louis died of a heart attack, Minnie had a relationship with an ex-police officer who was diagnosed with throat cancer, whose perspective is documented in a testament contained in the collection. She eventually moved to Bradenton, Florida, where she died at 93.

Mary Linder, born in 1885, also moved to Baldwin, and married George Sterling Talley, a real estate salesman from Richmond, Virginia. He owned a small boat, the "Hellcat", which was stored in Baldwin Harbor, and served as a popular pastime among the family. The "Hellcat" even made a journey to St. Petersburg, F.L., and the completion of the trip is documented in a photograph in the collection. George Talley and Mary Linder Talley had a daughter, Anna Mae, who eventually married Anthony Orsano of Rockville Centre in 1931. Anna Mae was a real estate agent, like her father. After divorcing Orsano after 3 years of marriage and the birth of a daughter, Mary Josephine, she married Gordon T. House. She moved to Bradenton Florida in 1939 and died on September 16th, 1972.

Frances G. Linder married James Welsh and had a son, Harold. P. Welsh in 1905. After moving to Baldwin, Harold eventually relocated to Bradenton Florida. He was a route salesman for Bradenton Laundry for 20 years and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, Bradenton Lodge. He died in 1979 and left a daughter, Francis, great-granddaughter of George and Mary Talley. After divorcing a man named Eggers and having two sons, John and Kevin, Francis remarried to Robert Underwood. John Eggers has a son named Christopher and Kevin has a son whose name is unknown.

Mary Josephine Orsano was born in Baldwin to her parents Anna Mae and Anthony Orsano. Known as either "Honey" or Mary Jo, she moved to Florida with her mother and step-father, Gordon House, and attended Manatee High School. She then received a bachelor's degree from Florida-Southern College and was active in the Southernettes and FTA. She then went on to the University of Southern California, where she received her master of science in education. After the death of her first husband Leroy Watson, who died in action in the Korean War, she was briefly engaged to Benjamin Jerome Jacinto, an accountant from California. She eventually married Philip Fleming, who had 5 children from a previous marriage. His daughters Rose and Anne were put up for adoption, while his daughter Mary and his twins Phil Jr. and Grace were raised by himself and Mary Jo. Mary Jo never had children of her own, but has grandchildren from her husband's children, including Mary's daughter Melissa.

Indexing Terms

Names:

Abbott, Bill.
Anerover, Marie.
Davidson, Marjorie A.
Eggers, Christopher.
Eggers, Frances W.
Eggers, John.
Eggers, Kevin.
Elliott, Linda.
Fleming, Grace.
Fleming, Mary.
Fleming, Mary Josephine "Honey" Orsano Watson.
Fleming, Philip.
Fleming, Philip Jr.
House, Anna Mae Talley Orsano.
House, Gordon T.
House, Peter.
Jacinto, Benjamin Jerome.
Linder, Caroline.
Linder, John.
Linder, Phillip J.
Maring, Ann Reames.
Mittelmayer, Louis.
Mittelmayer, Philomina "Minnie" Anna Linder.
Orsano, Anthony "Duke."
Talley, George S.
Talley, Mary Linder.
Underwood, Robert.
Watson, Leroy.
Welsh, Frances G. Linder.
Welsh, Harold P.
Welsh, James C.

Subject Terms:

Baldwin (N.Y.)
Bradenton (F.L.)
Boating.
Economy--Germany.
Long Island.

Geographical Terms:

Amityville (N.Y.)
Augsburg (Germany)
Babylon (N.Y.)
Baldwin (N.Y.)
Baldwin Harbor (N.Y.)
Bradenton (F.L.)
Bixby's Office (Baldwin, N.Y.)
Florida-Southern College (Lakeland, F.L.)
Frank Buck's Zoo (N.Y.)
Fussen (Germany)
Mexico City (Mexico)
Quigly's Canal (N.Y.)
Richmond (V.A.)
Sayville (N.Y.)
University of Southern California (Los Angeles, C.A.)

Forms and Genre Terms:

Baptism Certificates.
Birth Certificates.
Correspondence.
Death Announcements.
Death Certificates.
Diary Entries.
Genealogical Information.
Mass Cards.
Newspaper Clippings.
Photographs.
Playbills.
Portraits.
Postcards.
Programs.
Receipts.
Tin Picture.
Wedding Announcements.
Will and Testaments.

Occupational Terms:

Accountants.
Hostesses.
Musicians.
Teachers.
Real Estate Salesmen.
Route Salesmen.
Watchmen.

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Box and Folder listing

Box/

Folder Description

- 1-1 Baldwin information: newspaper clippings, political advertisements, receipts, programs
- 1-2 “The Grace” Quigley’s Canal, Summer 1921: photograph. Amityville, July 1922: photographs (2). Babylon, July 1922: photograph. Ben and Grace Reynolds at Hillside Court, Baldwin: photographs (2). Bixby’s Office, Baldwin, 1929: photograph. Linder family, Baldwin June 1947: photograph. Statue of Liberty: photograph
- 1-3 Linder Family Tree: genealogical information
- 1-4 John Linder: photograph, tin picture, copy of death certificate
- 1-5 Caroline Linder: mass cards. Caroline Linder with Mary Talley, Anna Mae Talley, Harold Welsh: photograph. Caroline Linder in Germany: photographs (3).
- 1-6 Frances G. Linder Welsh: mass cards, photograph, copy of envelope with address
- 1-7 Phillip J. Linder: photograph
- 1-8 Phillip J. Linder: mass cards, death announcements, newspaper clippings
- 1-9 Philomina “Minnie” Anna Linder Mittelmayer: copies of baptism certificate. “Minnie” Anna Linder Mittelmayer with Harold P. Welsh: photograph. “Minnie” Anna Linder Mittelmayer with Louis Mittelmayer: photograph. “Minnie” Anna Linder Mittelmayer in Baldwin, N.Y. c. 1920-1954 : photographs (11). “Minnie” Anna Linder Mittelmayer in St. Petersburg, F.L.: photograph. “Minnie” Anna Linder Mittelmayer at Hudson River Day Line: photographs (2). “Minnie” Anna Linder Mittelmayer on bull: photograph. Copy of envelope with address, copy of photograph of Hudson River Day Line,
- 1-10 Testimony of friend of “Minnie” Anna Linder Mittelmayer: diary entry
- 1-11 “Minnie” Anna Linder Mittelmayer: death announcement

- 1-12 Louis Mittelmayer: photographs (3), postcards, copy of postcard
- 1-13 Louis Mittelmayer: death announcements, newspaper clippings
- 1-14 Mary Linder Talley home in Baldwin: postcards (2), photograph. Mary Linder Talley with Anna Mae Talley: photographs (2). Mary Linder Talley: personal correspondence (3). Mary Linder Talley: copy of envelope with address. Mary Linder Talley: mass cards
- 1-15 George Sterling Talley: childhood photograph. George Sterling Talley on the “Big Ben” with Anna Mae Talley and Louis Mittelmayer, Baldwin Harbor: photographs (3). George Sterling Talley: real estate license, copy of envelope. George Sterling Talley: portraits (3).
- 1-16 Anna Mae Talley Orsano House: portraits (11). Anna Mae Talley Orsano House with Bill Abbott: photograph. Anna Mae Talley Orsano House at Aunt Minnie’s House: photograph. Anna Mae Talley Orsano House at Bixby’s, 1928: photograph. Anna Mae Talley Orsano House with Mary Josephine “Honey” on the “Hellcat”: photograph.
- 1-17 Anna Mae Talley Orsano House: commencement program, personal correspondence, wedding announcement, death announcements, newspaper clippings, mass cards, will and testament.
- 1-18 Mary Josephine Orsano Fleming: portraits. Mary Josephine Orsano Fleming playing in Baldwin, N.Y.: photograph. Mary Josephine Orsano Fleming at Frank Buck’s Zoo, Long Island, N.Y. c. 1938/39: photograph. Mary Josephine Orsano Fleming with mother Anna Mae Talley c. 1951: photograph. Mary Josephine Orsano Fleming with Philip Fleming and Melissa Fleming c. 1989: photograph
- 1-19 Mary Josephine Orsano Fleming: personal correspondence, newspaper clippings
- 1-20 Harold P. Welsh: portraits (4). Harold P. Welsh with “Minnie” Mittelmayer: photograph.
- 1-21 Harold P. Welsh: death announcements, newspaper clippings, mass cards