Lobach Family Papers
Mss.02611

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Summary Information

Repository
History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center

Title
Lobach Family Papers

Date
1830-Present

Extent
15.5 Linear feet + 9 flat boxes

Language
English

Collection [Box]
15.5 lf + 9 flat boxes

Abstract
The Lobach Family Papers (1830-Present) details the lives of five generations of females and their contribution to the city of Denver (Colo). From their days at the Lobach Hardware store located in the Windsor Hotel (in Downtown Denver) to the present, this collection contains materials related to their involvement in the Lobach Hardware store, opera and singing throughout the city (rising to such level as to train with world-renown conductor, Dr. Antonio Brico) and preforming during a preaching visit of Dr. Martin Luther King. Jr., dance and the ownership of a dance studio, becoming a prominent Colorado leader in the mystic and spiritual movement through the running of the Temple of the Brotherhood, and playing various musical instruments for all types of occasions.

Preferred Citation note
Cite as: The Lobach Family Papers, Mss.02611 (Accession 2012.79), History Colorado.
Biographical/Historical note

The Lobach Family Papers (1830s to Present) details the lives of five generations of women and their involvement in the community of northwest Denver (Colo.), and Denver in general.

Eugene Blair Lobach, a traveling salesman and tinsmith, (1858-1958, Iowa) originally left Iowa heading west toward Denver in 1889. With wife, Sophia Dorothea Wagner “Adah” (1861-1931, Ohio) and two children in tow, Louis Earl Lobach (1882-1893, Iowa) and Lulu Pearl Lobach (1881-1892, Iowa), they headed west making a stop in Kearney, Nebraska for the birth of their third child, a daughter, Grace Elizabeth Lobach (1889-2010, Nebraska). The family stayed in Kearney only until both mother and child were strong enough to continue the journey.

Once in Denver, the family lived on Hayward Place (NW Denver), finally buying the family home in about 1891 at 2851 Perry St. (NW Denver), and became active members of the Central Presbyterian Church.

Tragedy struck the family in 1892 and 1893, when both Pearl and Earl died— one due to lockjaw/tetanus (from stepping on a rusty nail) and the other from plague with both buried in Riverside Cemetery (Denver). The family owned the Lobach Hardware Store in the Historic Windsor Hotel (at 18th and Larimer Streets) carrying such diverse items as pickaxes, shovels, fine china, and cloth. Eugene used to trade tobacco for items from the American Indians while Adah ran the tobacco/cigar counter and preformed all the bookkeeping duties. When the American Indians would come in to do business, Grace would hide under the counter despite them finding her quite friendly and interesting.

Eugene was known as an extremely charming gentleman with his tall, slender physique, his well-groomed mustache, and elegant cane. He was known as a very kind man who was often referred to as “that charming Irishman." He was a founding member of the Woodsmen of the World in Denver, a poet and prolific writer, and an inventor. He also enjoyed his poker games with the likes of Wild Bill Hickok. While playing cards, Eugene enjoyed his alcohol and the family home and business stayed in Adah’s name to prevent them from becoming stakes in a poker game.

A few of the things invented by Eugene are an extra large coffee urn (like those used at group functions today) and the steam furnace which he installed as the first furnace at the Little Sisters of the Poor Hospital and Senior Center (West 29th Avenue and Lowell Street, Denver). Unfortunately, he never obtained patents for his inventions.

Grace was known for her musical talents studying piano under the famous Richard Ganz and others. She graduated from the Henshaw Conservatory of Music (Chicago) and dedicated her whole life to performing, writing compositions, and teaching piano and voice. She also was the inventor of the Kolo (Color) System of Music Instruction for kindergarten aged children, though she never obtained any type of patent. She was a member of the Denver Musicians’ Society, and continued to worship at the Central Presbyterian Church (Denver).

She was also a poet and writer, publishing at least three books during her lifetime. She was a member of the Poetry Society of Denver, the National Pen Women’s Association and founder of the Chopin
Music Club of Denver. She was also world-renown for her mystic skills and teachings. According to the family, she especially enjoyed reading tea leaves. She founded the non-denominational Temple of Divine Brotherhood in 1925 and was an associate and friend of world-renown Hindi Yogi, Paramahansa Yogananda (1893-1952).

She was married five times: to Arthur Chase Bowman (m. 1905) at age 16. He was the son of the owners of the Bowman Biscuit Co. that later became the Keebler Cookie Co; Fredrick Gustave Steinke (m. 1913), a Denver shoe salesman and alcoholic, who ran off with the maid yet never married her; her third husband, Frank Stillman Woodbury (m. 1924) was the son of the famous U.S. Civil War Captain, Roger W. Woodbury. As a way to demonstrate his deep love for Grace, he purchased the home at 2841 Perry St. (next door to her parents) as a wedding gift. Great dissension split the family due to the children not liking him and Grace filed for divorce. He moved into the Denver Athletic Club (where he was one of the founders). Though deaf, he gained and lost four fortunes and his original cause of death is listed as heart attack; however, the family believes it to be suicide over losing Grace. After his death, Grace had the divorce annulled and utilized the Woodbury name for the rest of her life. Her final husband, Troy Valentine McKelvey (m. 1938 & ?) was an alcoholic and she actually married him twice. Both divorces were because of his alcoholism and lack of help in raising his sons. Grace’s ashes were placed in Sloan’s Lake (Denver) after her death.

Grace’s son, William Eugene Steinke (b.1914, Denver) earned his engineering degree from the University of Colorado and worked many years for the Martin Marietta Aerospace Companies, later becoming a Civilian Representative to the U.S. Air Force and N.A.S.A. for RocketDyne. His most famous project was working on the Apollo 11 Spacecraft that landed on the moon.

Grace’s daughter, Sophia Steinke (1918-2010, Denver) as known as a world-renown pianist, opera singer, and ballet dancer. She studied under Lillian Cushing and finally abandoned her dance career upon getting struck by rheumatoid arthritis at age 18 thus turning her career toward voice. She started teaching piano at age 12 and continued teaching both piano and voice for the remainder of her life at the Chopin Music Club originally founded by her mother.

She studied french at the International Club sponsored by the University of Denver, voice with Madame Lucy Lennox D’Arcy in New York City, and was planning on continuing her voice studies in Italy when she learned she was pregnant. She performed with the original Denver Civic Opera, Denver Grand Opera Company, the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra and Choir, the Cheesman Park Pavilion, as well as under Dr. Antonia Brico, Madame Haika Morrill and others. She was also president of the Denver Musician’s Society, Colorado Federation of Junior Music Clubs, an honorary member of SAI (Sigma Alpha Iota) Music Sorority and won first place for her classical piano performance and narration in the 2000 Silver Queen Pageant of the Colorado State Fair.

First married at age 16, her four husbands were: Dr. Bruce Doty Smith (m. 1935), an Air Force Surgeon who upon retirement opened a private practice in Denver, and who after their divorce, moved to New Hampshire; and second marriage, Russell Dean Cornelius (m. 1945). They first met while in French class and he was very supportive of her music. They both performed as exhibition dancers (in ballroom dancing, tango, and square dancing) at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colo. After leaving the military, he went on to become a court reporter in Colorado Springs and Seattle Washington while also owning an antique import store. They later divorced and he moved to Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico where he committed suicide in 1987. Bruce Edmonson (m. 1953), husband number three, had a bachelor’s
degree in chemistry from Colorado State University and worked for the Gates Rubber Co. with Gates owning the rights to many of his patents. He was a radar man on the U.S.S. Essex (before and during the Korean War), and played the French horn extensively. He performed with Dr. Antonia Brico’s Denver Businessmen’s Symphony, the Denver VFW Band, the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra, the Lakewood Symphony Orchestra, and the Denver Concert Band. And finally, Sophia married Edward J. Talbot (m. 1996) with the marriage getting annulled two years later.

Stephanie Cornelius (1948-2009, Denver), Sophia’s daughter, continued the musical legacy of the family. While at Lincoln High School (Denver), she participated in the Citywide Symphony Orchestra (playing violin), performed in Roger’s and Hammerstein’s Oklahoma, performed in the Stars of Tomorrow sponsored by the S.W. Denver Kiwanis Club, played violin in the All-City and All-State Symphony Orchestra, played violin in the Denver Businessmen’s Orchestra, earned 4-years of superior ratings on the violin in the Colorado NFMC Junior Festivals and served as the federation’s junior president- the first to be given that title while in high school. Also while in high school, she participated in the String Orchestra Camp at the University of Wyoming, which claims to be “the only camp devoted exclusively to strings” (String Orchestra Camp brochure). She continued her studies at Northwestern University and finally the University of Denver where she sang in the choir.

Mystic skills also graced Stephanie as she continued the work (teachings, etc.) of her grandmother and mother. She too wrote extensively on the subject and many of her writings can be found in the collection. She was especially interested in the beliefs of American Indians. She also maintained a membership in the Daughters of Job’s while continuing her own teachings and writings on mystic subjects.

Caitlin Schwartz (b.1983) is the daughter of Stephanie and is the donor of this collection. She also excelled in high school being named to the National Honors Society while only a sophomore. She received many awards for her academics, athletics (swimming) and musical talents including Who’s Who of American High School Students, All-American Award (awarded by the National Intercollegiate Swimming Coaches Association) Brighton High School’s Athlete of the Year (Brighton, Colo.), Western State College Honor Band, and as a member of the 19th Skyline Honor Band. In 2009, she married Matthew Donald Rumery.

** Most of this information comes from the family history collected, and written down, by Grace’s Granddaughter, Ms. Stephanie Cornelius. **

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** Scope and Contents note **

The Lobach Family Papers (1830-Present) presents the papers, files, photographs, books, and other memories of six female generations of the Wagner, Lobach, Steinke, Sutfin, Cornelius, and Schwartz family. The collection is broken down into twelve series each detailing the lives of that particular generation or family. Series I details general genealogy of the entire family and their Saxon roots. Series II details the Wagner family from their migration from Saxony to Vinton, Iowa. Series III details the Lobach Family starting in Vinton Iowa to their lives in Denver, Colorado. Series IV details the life of
Grace Lobach including her involvement in music and music education, becoming world-renowned for her Mystic teachings and her personal writings. Series V details the multi-generational teachings and studies into the mystical and spiritual including the founding of the non-denominational Temple of the Divine Brotherhood. Series VI details the life of Sophia Steinke, her involvement in dance, music and the occult, and her personal life. Series VII details the musical life of Sophia's daughter, Reneta Smith and her daughter. Series XIII details the life of Stephanie Cornelius, her involvement with American Indians, her work within her grandmother’s Temple, and her life working mostly in the hotel industry. Series IX contains miscellaneous papers pertaining to distant or unidentified members of the Lobach family. Series X is more unpublished writings of various family members. Series XI includes the books, and other published materials, collected by various members of the family over the numerous generations. And finally, Series XII contains various scrapbooks collected by Lobach family members.

While many of the series contain information relating to one generation, others- like Spiritualism/Mysticism- are multi-generational.

Series

I Genealogy
II Wagner Family
III Lobach Family
IV Grace E. Lobach Woodbury
V Spiritualism and Mysticism
VI Steinke Family
VII Sutfin Family
VIII Cornelius Family
IX Lobach Family Miscellaneous
X Unpublished Writings
XI Published Books
XII Scrapbooks
XIII Photographs: Unprocessed

Arrangement note

This collection is arranged both generationally (by family), chronologically, and by material type. When possible, original order was maintained.

Administrative Information
Publication Information

History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center

Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers without restrictions.

Provenance

This collection was donated by Caitlin (Schwartz) Rumery, the great granddaughter of Grace Lobach Woodbury, in August 2012. She also aided in the family research and organization of the collection.

Processing Information note

Processed by Todd Ford, February 2014; Kevin Smith, July 2014; Kalyani Fernando, July 2014

Processing Information note

Certain materials removed from museum and disposed of, August 1, 2014.

Related Materials

Mixed Collection note

The Lobach Family Collection is part of a larger donation (Accession 2012.79) of material that includes artifacts and photographs. Click here to see Lobach Family related material. Contact the Research Center staff for more information.

Related Archival Materials note

See also Roger Woodbury Autograph book, Mss 02611(Accession Number 2012.79). Other Woodbury family collections can be found at the Western History/ Genealogy Center of the Denver Public Library (DPL), the University Archives at the University of Colorado Boulder, Colorado Historical Newspaper Collection, Connecticut Historical Society, University of California, William R. Coe Library at the University of Wyoming, Autry National Center at the Museum of the American West, and the Colorado School of the Mines.
Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Abraham Lincoln High School. (Denver, Colo.)
- Academy of American Poets.
- Colorado Poetry Association.
- Daughters of Job (Denver Colo).
- East High School (Denver, Colo.).
- Lobach Hardware Store. (Denver, Colo.)
- Musicians Society of Denver.
- National Federation of Music Clubs.
- Northwestern University. (Evenston, Ill.)
- Sloan Lake Neighborhood. (Denver, Colo.)
- Temple of the Divine Brotherhood. (Denver, Colo.)
- University of Denver.
- Woodmen of the World.

Genre(s)

- Autobiographies.
- Autograph books
- Autographs.
- Business cards
- Calling cards
- Cards, Sympathy
- Correspondence.
- Death certificates
- Death records
- Deeds.
- Email correspondence
- Family papers.
- Family trees
- Genealogies.
- Ledgers
- Ledgers (Accounting)
- Legal documents
- Marriage certificates--1870-1880.
• Marriage licenses.
• Newspaper clippings.
• Obituaries--Colorado.
• Obituaries.
• Photo albums
• Photocopies.
• Photographs.
• Postcards.
• Prayer cards
• Programs.
• Proposal
• Receipts.
• School photography.
• School records
• Scrapbooks.
• Sheet music
• Telegrams

**Geographic Name(s)**

• Colorado Territory (U.S.)
• Denver (Colo.)
• Denver County (Colo.)
• Iowa.

**Occupation(s)**

• Educators--Colorado
• Musicians.
• Teacher
• Traveling musicians

**Personal Name(s)**

• Brico, Antonia, 1902-1989
• Cornelius, Stephanie, 1947-2010
• Edmondson, Bruce
• Edmondson, Irvin F., (Irvin Francis), 1881-1958
• Edmondson, Laurene, 1907-2003
• Edmondson, Mark Osborne
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- Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963
- Lobach, Carl
- Lobach, Eugene B., (Eugene Blair), 1869-1958
- Lobach, Grace Elizabeth, (Gracie), 1889-1982
- Lobach, Louis Earl, 1882-1893
- Lobach, Lulu Pearl, 1881-1892
- Lobach, Sophia Dorothea, (Adah), 1861-1933
- Martin Luther King, Jr., 1929-1968
- Matheny, Shirley C.
- Schwartz, Caitlin, b.1983
- Schwartz, Frank W.
- Smith, Bruce Doty
- Smith, Rennetta, (Renee), b.1938
- Steinke, Dorothy Sophia, (Sophia), 1918-2010
- Sutfin, Jennifer
- Wagner, Adalene
- Wagner, Christian, b. 1836
- Wagner, Francis A.
- Wagner, George A., (George Alexander), 1878-1935
- Wagner, Kenneth
- Woodbury, Frank Stillman, 1860-
- Woodbury, R. W. , (Roger William), 1841-1903

Subject(s)

- Hotels--Colorado.
- Inventions--1900-1910.
- Medical care--Colorado.
- Meditation.
- Military service
- Music--History and criticism.
- Musical instruments
- Mysticism
- National Historic Landmarks Survey (US)
- Numerology.
- Poetry.
- Presbyterian Church
- Property tax--Colorado.
- Religion.
- Report cards.
- Rocky Mountain news.
- Spiritualism.
- Travel--19th century.
• World War II, 1939-1945.
• Yoga.
• Yogananda, Paramahansa, 1893-1952--Teachings.

Accession number

2012.79
Collection Inventory

Series I Genealogy 1993-2006, undated  5.0 File folder(s)

Scope and Contents note

Series I contains files detailing the genealogy for the various lines of the Lobach family including such items as maps of Saxony (the family homeland), blank pedigree charts, and correspondence of family members as they aided each other in learning more about the family.

Lobach Family Genealogy

I. Charles and Elizabeth Wagner married in Vinton, Iowa. They had three children, of which George Wagner (1878-1935) is one. He married Mae in Vinton, Iowa.

II. George and Mae Wagner had two children, Adalene and Kenneth.

III. Another child of Charles and Elizabeth Wagner is Sophia Dorothea "Adah" (1861-1933). She married Eugene Blair Lobach (1869-1935) in Vinton, Iowa and they migrated to Denver Colorado in 1889 where he established the Lobach Hardware Store in the Windsor Hotel (18th and Larimer Sts.).

IV. Eugene and Adah had three children, Lulu Pearl (1881-1892), Louis Earl (1892-1893) and Grace Elizabeth "Gracyie" (1889-1982). The first two children died young, but Grace lived a full life.

V. Grace was actually born in Nebraska as the family was migrating to Colorado. Grace married five times: Arthur Chase Bowman (divorced 1909), Fredrich Guntave Steinke (m. 1913), Frank Stillman Woodbury (m. 1924, d. 1935), Troy Valentine McKelvey (married and divorced, then remarried). Frank Woodbury is the son of U.S. Civil War Captain Roger W. Woodbury.

VI. Grace had three children: William Eugene (1914-1996), Dorothy "Doty" Townsend (d.1997), and Dorothy Sophia Steinke (1918-2010).
VII. Sophia married four times: Bryce Doty Smith (m. 1935), Russell Dean Cornelius (m. 1945), Bruce Irvine Edmonson (m. 1953), and Edward J. Talbot (m. 1996). Bruce Edmonson's mother is Laurene Edmonson.

IX. Sophia had a daughter, Renetta Smith "Renee" (1938- ) and married John Sutfin and William Borton. Renee and John had two children, William and Jennifer.

X. Sophia and Russell Cornelius had a daughter, Stephanie Cornelius (1947-2009) who married Richard Schwartz, and had a life partnership with Frank Shier and Paula Gruentzel.

XI. Stephanie's daughter, Caitlin Renee (Cornelius) Schwartz was born in 1983 and she married Matthew Rumery in 2009.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Brighton Genealogy Society.

Genre(s)

- Email correspondence
- Family papers.
- Family trees
- Genealogies.

Geographic Name(s)

- Germany.

Personal Name(s)
Wagner Family

- Lobach, Eugene B., (Eugene Blair), 1869-1958
- Wagner, Christian, b. 1836

FF1 Genealogy- General Undated

FF2 Family Correspondence Feb. 1997-Feb. 2006

FF3 Brighton Genealogy Society 1993-1998

FF4 Dresden & Saxony Information 1996-1999

FF5 Gypsy (Romanies) Information 1999

Series II Wagner Family 1830-1995  5.0 File folder(s)

Scope and Contents note

Series II details various Wagner family members and their move from Vinion, Iowa west to their final destination of Denver Colorado. File Folders found within this series include general Wagner Family genealogy, the lives of Christian and Elizabeth Wagner, the lives of Francis A. Wagner, George A. Wagner, Adalene Wagner, and Kenneth Wagner.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Cards, Sympathy
- Correspondence.
- Death records
- Family papers.
• Family trees
• Genealogies.
• Marriage licenses.
• Prayer cards

Geographic Name(s)

• Colorado Territory (U.S.)
• Denver (Colo.)
• Denver County (Colo.)
• Germany.
• Iowa.

Personal Name(s)

• Lobach, Eugene B., (Eugene Blair), 1869-1958
• Wagner, Adalene
• Wagner, Christian, b. 1836
• Wagner, Francis A.
• Wagner, George A., (George Alexander), 1878-1935
• Wagner, Kenneth

Subject(s)

• Commencement
• High school

FF6 Wagner Family - Genealogy 1980-1999
| FF7 Christian & Elizabeth Wagner 1898-1941 |
| FF8 Francis Wagner Oct. 17, 1898 |
| FF9 George A. Wagner 1896-1913 |
| FF10 Kenneth Wagner 1925 |

**Series III Lobach Family 1861-1985  41.0 File folder(s)**

**Scope and Contents note**

Series III tells of the Lobach family of Denver, Colorado starting with their departure from Vinton, Iowa to their brief stop in Kernsey, Nebraska for the birth of Adah's daughter, Grace, and concluding with their lives in Denver, Colo. Files within the series include genealogy on the Lobach family back to Saxony, the Lobach Hardware Store (located within the historic Windsor Hotel) in Downtown Denver, information on their home on Perry Street in Northwest Denver, information on A.W. and Carl & Etta Lobach, the life of Eugene Lobach (including his numerous inventions and personal writings), information on Adah Lobach and separate files for both Pearl and Earl Lobach who both died as children.

**Controlled Access Headings**

**Corporate Name(s)**

- Lobach Hardware Store. (Denver, Colo.)
- Sloan Lake Neighborhood. (Denver, Colo.)

**Genre(s)**
• Advertisements
• Autobiographies.
• Business cards
• Calling cards
• Correspondence.
• Death certificates
• Death records
• Deeds.
• Family papers.
• Family trees
• Genealogies.
• Ledgers (Accounting)
• Legal documents
• Marriage certificates--1870-1880.
• Newspaper clippings.
• Obituaries--Colorado.
• Obituaries.
• Photocopies.
• Photographs.
• Postcards.
• Proposal
• Receipts.
• School records
• Telegrams

Geographic Name(s)

• Colorado Territory (U.S.)
• Denver City (Colo.)
• Denver County (Colo.)
• Germany.
• Iowa.
Occupation(s)

• Educators--Colorado
• Teacher

Personal Name(s)

• Lobach, Carl
• Lobach, Eugene B., (Eugene Blair), 1869-1958
• Lobach, Grace Elizabeth, (Gracie), 1889-1982
• Lobach, Louis Earl, 1882-1893
• Lobach, Lulu Pearl, 1881-1892
• Lobach, Sophia Dorothea, (Adah), 1861-1933

Subject(s)

• Drawing.
• Hotels--Colorado.
• Inventions--1900-1910.
• Medical care--Colorado.
• National Historic Landmarks Survey (US)
• Poetry.
• Property tax--Colorado.
• Report cards.
• Rocky Mountain news.

FF11 Genealogy- Lobach Family 1889-1941

FF12 Lobach Hardware 1827-1948
| FF13 2851 Perry Street, Denver Colorado 1895 |
| FF14 2851 Perry Street, Denver Colorado 1915-1950 |
| FF15 2851 Perry Street, Denver Colorado 1912-1978 |
| FF16 2851 Perry Street, Denver Colorado 1980, undated |
| FF17 Mrs. A.W. Lobach 1900 |
| FF18 Carl Lobach & Etta Jean Roberson 1977 |
| FF19 "Pete" (Shirley C.) Matheny 1884-1956 |
| FF20 Eugene Blair Lobach 1880-1998 |
| FF21 Eugene Blair Lobach- Correspondence 1903-1957 |
| **Flat-Box** |
| FF22 Eugene Blair Lobach Writings [1925-1928] |
| FF23 Eugene Blair Lobach Writings undated |
| FF24 Eugene Blair Lobach Writings-Poetry 1890-92, undated |
| FF25 Eugene Blair Lobach Writings-Poetry 1880-1894, undated |
FF26 Eugene Blair Lobach Writings-Short Stories [1920-1930]

FF27 Eugene Blair Lobach Writings-Short Stories [1920-1930]

FF28 Eugene Blair Lobach Writings-The Comic Valentine [1891-1958]

FF29 Eugene Blair Lobach Writings-The Creation of Man and Animism in Man [1891-1958]

FF30 Eugene Blair Lobach Writings-Goddess of the Isle [1891-1958]

FF31 Eugene Blair Lobach Writings-The Paradise Club [1891-1958]

FF32 Eugene Blair Lobach Writings-The Paradise Club [1891-1958]

FF33 Eugene Blair Lobach Writings-The Kangaroo [1891-1958]

FF34 Eugene Blair Lobach Writings-The Kangaroo [1891-1958]

FF35 Eugene Blair Lobach Writings-The Kangaroo [1891-1958]

FF36 Eugene Blair Lobach Writings-Universal Peace Plan 1923

FF37 Eugene Blair Lobach Writings-War, Depression, World Peace and Unemployment 1934

FF38 Eugene Blair Lobach Writings-Incomplete or Untitled Works 1887-1891, undated
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Series IV Grace E. Lobach Woodbury "Gracie" 1889-Present  47.0 File folder(s)

Scope and Contents note

Series IV discusses the various activities of Grace Lobach throughout her life. These include her involvement in music (and music education) through her self-created Woodbury Studios, her writings (both personal poetry and writings on the occult/spiritual/mystic), to her involvement in the creation and running of the Chopin Music Club, the Colorado Poetry Association, and becoming the oldest active member of the National League of American Pen Women at her death. Also included is information about her ex-husbands, Fredrick Steinke, and Frank Woodbury (son of celebrated Civil War Captain, Roger W. Woodbury). The series concludes with file folders concerning Woodbury Hall (the Woodbury family home until its destruction in the mid-20th Century), the Woodbury Branch of the Denver Public Library (named after Frank's father, Roger), and the oratory award created by Frank, The Woodbury Medal, at East High School (Denver).

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Academy of American Poets.
- Colorado Poetry Association.
- East High School (Denver, Colo.).
- Lobach Hardware Store. (Denver, Colo.)
- Woodbury Library. (Denver, Colo.)
- Woodbury Medal. East High School (Denver).
- Woodmen of the World.

Genre(s)

- Autobiographies.
• Books.
• Brochures
• Cards, Sympathy
• Certificates
• Church Bulletins
• Correspondence.
• Death certificates
• Death records
• Deeds.
• Email correspondence
• Family papers.
• Family trees
• Genealogies.
• Ledgers (Accounting)
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• Marriage certificates--1870-1880.
• Newspaper clippings.
• Obituaries--Colorado.
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• Scrapbooks.
• Sheet music
• Telegrams

Geographic Name(s)

• Colorado Territory (U.S.)
• Denver (Colo.)
• Denver County (Colo.)
• Germany.
• Iowa.

**Occupation(s)**

• Educators--Colorado
• Musicians.
• Teacher
• Traveling musicians

**Personal Name(s)**

• Lobach, Eugene B., (Eugene Blair), 1869-1958
• Lobach, Grace Elizabeth, (Gracie), 1889-1982
• Steinke, Dorothy Sophia, (Sophia), 1918-2010
• Woodbury, Frank Stillman, 1860-
• Woodbury, R. W., (Roger William), 1841-1903

**Subject(s)**

• American Civil War, 1861-1865
• Bands (Music)
• Choirs (Music).
• Civil War, U. S., 1861-1865
• Drawing.
• Military service
• National Historic Landmarks Survey (US)
• Poetry.
• Presbyterian Church
• Property tax--Colorado.
• Rocky Mountain news.
**Travel--19th century.**

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Series V Spiritualism and Mysticism 1889-2010  17.0 File folder(s)

Scope and Contents note

Series V discusses the religious and mystic teachings of numerous Lobach women (Grace, Sophia, and Stephanie) stemming from Grace's creation of the Temple of the Brotherhood, to various teachings and writings by all three women. Grace became, through her teachings, world-renowned, and her writings were well sought out. Specific topics highlighted in this series are astrology, mystic astrology,
numerology, the temple, metatopics, writings about ways, gifts, and skills, and writings from her friend, the Indian Yogi, Yogananda. Additional related unpublished writings by these women can be found in Series X (unpublished writings). To view Spiritual/Mystic books collected by the woman, please see Series XI (Published Books).

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Temple of the Divine Brotherhood. (Denver, Colo.)

Genre(s)

- Account books.
- Brochures
- Correspondence.
- Ledgers (Accounting)
- Legal documents
- Newspaper clippings.
- Pamphlets.

Geographic Name(s)

- Colorado Territory (U.S.)
- Denver (Colo.)
- Denver County (Colo.)

Occupation(s)

- Educators--Colorado
• Teacher

Personal Name(s)

• Cornelius, Stephanie, 1947-2010
• Lobach, Grace Elizabeth, (Gracie), 1889-1982
• Steinke, Dorothy Sophia, (Sophia), 1918-2010

Subject(s)

• Astrology.
• Meditation.
• Mysticism
• Numerology.
• Presbyterian Church
• Religion.
• Rocky Mountain news.
• Spiritualism.
• Yoga.

FF99 Grace Lobach- Religious 1925-1973, undated

FF100 Temple of the Divine Brotherhood 1925-1939

FF101 Astrology Undated

FF102 Numerology [1930-1940]

FF103 Numerology Undated
FF104 Yogananda 1928-1932, 1968, undated

FF105 Yogananda-Course Teachings/Lectures on Metaphysics 1926-1932, 1968, undated

FF106 Notebook on Spiritualism 1925

FF107 Notebook on Spiritualism 1925

FF108 Automatic Writing and Drawings 1923-1925

FF109 Automatic Writing and Drawings-Japan Book/Scrapbook 1922-1931

Conditions Governing Use note
This Automatic Writings book is in fragile condition; please consult library staff for proper handling.

FF110 Automatic Writing and Drawings-Back Inside Cover of Japan Book 1922-1931

FF111 Pamphlets/Leaflets 1911-1920

FF112 Pamphlets/Leaflets 1921-1929

FF113 Pamphlets/Leaflets 1930-1946

FF114 Pamphlets/Leaflets Undated
Series VI Steinke Family 1918-2010  31.0 File folder(s)

Scope and Contents note

Series VI discusses the life of Sophia Steinke, daughter of Grace Lobach, and her involvement in music, dance, and the mystic beliefs. This series includes information on the Musician's Society of Denver, the National Federation of Music Clubs, and information of Laurene Edmonson (the mother of Bruce Edmonson, one of Sophia's husbands). Also included in this series is Sophia's music training under world-renown conductor, Dr. Antonio Brico and Sophia's performance at the First Baptist Church of Denver on April 16, 1962, when Dr. Martin Luther King, jr. preached. Another husband of Sophia's, Bruce Doty Smith, is also included in this series.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Laurene Edmonson Elementary. (Denver, Colo.)
- Musicians Society of Denver.
- National Federation of Music Clubs.

Genre(s)

- Church Bulletins
- Colorado--Newspapers.
- Correspondence.
- Death certificates
- Death records
- Family papers.
- Family trees
• Genealogies.
• Ledgers
• Marriage certificates--1870-1880.
• Marriage licenses.
• Obituaries--Colorado.
• Obituaries.
• Photo albums
• Photocopies.
• Photographs.
• Receipts.
• School photography.
• Sheet music

Geographic Name(s)

• Colorado Territory (U.S.)
• Denver (Colo.)
• Denver County (Colo.)
• Germany.

Occupation(s)

• Educators--Colorado
• Musicians.
• Teacher
• Traveling musicians

Personal Name(s)

• Brico, Antonia, 1902-1989
• Edmondson, Bruce
• Edmondson, Irvin F., (Irvin Francis), 1881-1958
• Edmondson, Laurene, 1907-2003
• Edmondson, Mark Osborne
• Martin Luther King, Jr., 1929-1968
• Smith, Bruce Doty
• Steinke, Dorothy Sophia, (Sophia), 1918-2010

Subject(s)

• Ballet
• Bands (Music)
• Choirs (Music).
• Community churches.
• Horn (Musical instrument)
• Musical instruments
• National Historic Landmarks Survey (US)
• Presbyterian Church
• Property tax--Colorado.
• Rocky Mountain news.
• World War II, 1939-1945.

FF116 Sophia Steinke 1939-2000

FF117 Sophia Steinke-Correspondence with George O'Leary Jan-May 1944

FF118 Sophia Steinke-Correspondence with George O'Leary Jun-Dec 1944, undated

FF119 Sophia Steinke-Correspondence with Russell Cornelius Jan-Sept 1945

FF120 Sophia Steinke-Correspondence with Russell Cornelius Oct-Nov 1945
FF121 Sophia Steinke-Correspondence with Family 1926-1999

FF122 Sophia Steinke-Correspondence with Friends and Acquaintances 1932-1945, 1967-1968, undated

FF123 Sophia Steinke- Dance 1934-1952

FF124 Sophia Steinke- Music 1941-1977, undated

FF125 Sophia Steinke-National Federation of Music Clubs 1955-1996, undated

FF126 Sophia Steinke-Colorado State Federation of Music Clubs 1944-1971

FF127 Sophia Steinke-The Steinway Club 1950-1976


FF129 Dr. Antonia Brico-Notes, Letters, and Programs 1946-1982

FF130 Dr. Antonia Brico-Newspaper Clippings and Booklets 1946-1989

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Series VII Sutfin Family 1938-Present  2.0 File folder(s)

Scope and Contents note

Series VI tells of Sophia Steinke's daughter, Renata "Renee" Smith Sutfin and grand-daughter, Jennifer Sutfin and their extensive involvement in the music community of Denver, Colo.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Brochures
- Church Bulletins
- Colorado--Newspapers.
- Correspondence.
- Family papers.
- Family trees
- Flyers, Advertising
- Genealogies.
- Ledgers (Accounting)
- Legal documents
- Marriage certificates--1870-1880.
- Marriage licenses.
- Obituaries--Colorado.
- Obituaries.
- Photo albums
- Photocopies.
- Photographs.
- Receipts.
- School photography.
• Sheet music

Geographic Name(s)

• Colorado Territory (U.S.)
• Germany.

Occupation(s)

• Educators--Colorado
• Musicians.
• Teacher
• Traveling musicians

Personal Name(s)

• Smith, Rennetta, (Renee), b.1938
• Sutfin, Jennifer

Subject(s)

• Bands (Music)
• Choirs (Music).
• Horn (Musical instrument)
• Musical instruments
• Property tax--Colorado.
• Weddings.
• World War II, 1939-1945.
Series VIII Cornelius Family 1947-Present 23.0 File folder(s)

Scope and Contents note

Series XIII details the life of Stephanie Cornelius and her involvement in music, writing, and the mystic. Beginning like all the other series, this series starts with some general genealogical information on the Cornelius family. It then chronicles Stephanie's life through Lincoln High (Denver), Northwestern University, the University of Denver (Denver, Colo.) into her adult life mainly in the hotel industry. Her involvement in the occult/mystic/spiritualism is also explored though file folders on the Daughters of Job, and in her writings. She married Russell Dean Cornelius (2 File folders), and file folders on Frank Schwartz (Stephanie's ex-husband), and Caitlin Romery Schwartz (her daughter) are also found within this series. The series concludes with the file of Paula Gruentzel, who was Stephanie's life partner. In Stephanie's folder is a preprinted card from Mrs. Kennedy thanking Stephanie for her card, and kind words, following the assination of her husband, President John F. Kennedy.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Abraham Lincoln High School. (Denver, Colo.)
- Daughters of Job (Denver Colo).
- Northwestern University. (Evenston, Ill.)
- University of Denver.

Genre(s)
• Correspondence.
• Death certificates
• Death records
• Family papers.
• Family trees
• Genealogies.
• Ledgers (Accounting)
• Legal documents
• Marriage certificates--1870-1880.
• Marriage licenses.
• Obituaries--Colorado.
• Obituaries.
• Photo albums
• Photocopies.
• Photographs.
• Receipts.
• School photography.
• School records
• Sheet music

Geographic Name(s)

• Colorado Territory (U.S.)
• Denver (Colo.)
• Denver County (Colo.)
• Germany.

Occupation(s)

• Educators--Colorado
• Musicians.
• Teacher
• Traveling musicians

Personal Name(s)

• Cornelius, Stephanie, 1947-2010
• Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963
• Schwartz, Caitlin, b.1983

Subject(s)

• Bands (Music)
• Choirs (Music).
• Community churches.
• Freemasons.
• Hotels--Colorado.
• Musical instruments
• Presbyterian Church
• Property tax--Colorado.
• Rocky Mountain news.
• World War II, 1939-1945.

FF149 Cornelius Family-Genealogy 1998-1999

FF150 Stephanie Cornelius 1947-2009

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### Series IX Lobach Family Misc. 1931-1989  2.0 File folder(s)

**Scope and Contents note**

Series IX contains miscellaneous material pertaining to distant or unidentified members of the Lobach family.

### FF172 Lobach Family Papers-Misc. 1957-1989

Flat-Box

### FF173 Circular Cardboard Map 1931

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### Series X Unpublished Material 1840-2013  23.0 File folder(s)

**Scope and Contents note**

Series X contains the unpublished writings, and various other items, of Eugene Lobach, Adah Lobach, Grace Lobach, Sophia Steinke, Bruce Edmonson, and Stephanie Cornelius. These writings are both poetry, prose and religious/mystic writings and contain all types of subject matters. For other writings
of these people, please see Series III for Eugene Lobach and Adah Lobach, Series IV, V, and VI for the personal and religious writings of Grace Lobach and Sophia Steinke, Series VI for Bruce Edmonson, and Series VIII for the personal writings of Stephanie.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Books.
- Journals.
- Notes

Personal Name(s)

- Cornelius, Stephanie, 1947-2010
- Edmondson, Bruce
- Lobach, Eugene B., (Eugene Blair), 1869-1958
- Lobach, Grace Elizabeth, (Gracie), 1889-1982
- Lobach, Lulu Pearl, 1881-1892
- Lobach, Sophia Dorothea, (Adah), 1861-1933
- Schwartz, Caitlin, b.1983
- Smith, Bruce Doty
- Steinke, Dorothy Sophia, (Sophia), 1918-2010

Subject(s)

- Poetry.
FF 174 Journals and Calendar [1901-1907]

Scope and Contents note

These files (FF112-114) contain the calendars, leather folders, and Sympathy Book for Eugene Lobach.

FF175 Sympathy Book 1958

Sophia "Adah" Lobach

FF176 Autograph Book [1883-1885]

Scope and Contents note

These files (115-117) contain the autograph book, account book, and scrapbook of Adah Lobach.

FF177 Account Book [1918-1925]

Lobach Hardware Store

FF178 Business Ledger 1896-1908

FF179 Inserts for Business Ledger [1896-1908]

FF180 Inventory and Payment Book 1886-1887

Grace Lobach
### Scope and Contents note

These files (118-125) contain the notebooks & scrapbooks of Grace Lobach. These notebooks contain personal writings, quotes, quotes from other people, and the teachings of Grace Lobach.

| FF181 Notebook-Writings [1920-1921] |
| FF182 Notebook-Writings [1965] |
| FF183 Notebook-Writings, Loose Pages [1965] |
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| FF185 Notebook [1892-1904] |
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| Sophia Steinke |
| FF191 School Autograph Book [1926-1933] |
**Scope and Contents note**

These folders (126-127) contain the school/autograph book and school notebook of Sophia Steinke.

**Bruce Edmonson**

FF192 Court Reporters Notebook 1973

**Scope and Contents note**

File 128 contains the Court Reporter's Notebooks of Bruce Edmonson.

**Stephanie Cornelius**

FF193 Baby Book [1947]

FF194 Spiral Notebook [1966-1982]

FF195 Address/Telephone Book Undated

FF196 Telephone Book [1967-1970]

**Series XI Published Books 1866-Present**  
102.0 File folder(s)

**Scope and Contents note**

Series XI contains published books, divided by owner or author, of the various family members of the Lobach, Steinke, Sutfin, and Cornelius families- including Pearl Lobach, Earl Lobach, Grace Lobach, Frank Woodbury, Sophia Steinke, Stephanie Cornelius, Bruce Edmonson, and some of unknown ownership.
Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

• Bible.
• Poems
• Sheet music

Geographic Name(s)

• Denver City (Colo.)
• Denver County (Colo.)
• New York.

Occupation(s)

• Artist
• Musicians.
• Traveling musicians

Personal Name(s)

• Edmondson, Bruce
• Lobach, Grace Elizabeth, (Gracie), 1889-1982
• Lobach, Louis Earl, 1882-1893
• Lobach, Lulu Pearl, 1881-1892
• Steinke, Dorothy Sophia, (Sophia), 1918-2010
• Woodbury, Frank Stillman, 1860-
Subject(s)

- Agnosticism
- Children.
- Choirs (Music).
- Colorado--Social life and customs.
- Divine providence--Christianity.
- Divorce
- Etiquette.
- Freemasons.
- Manners and customs
- Musical instruments
- Mysticism
- Opera
- Piano
- Poetry.
- Religion.
- School children--Colorado.
- Spiritualism.

Sophia "Adah" Lobach

FF197 The Beautiful Story, Bible Book 1889

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FF198 Household Elegancies 1875

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FF204 The Greatest of These is Love [1926]

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FF205 Rosicrucian Christianity [1909]

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FF206 Power of Higher Thought Magazines 1923
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FF207 Ideal Marriage [1880]

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FF208 Colorado Research Club Yearbook 1926-1935

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FF209 His Glorious Appearing, Scripture Commentary 1896

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FF210 The Impersonal Life 1927

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FF211 Bible Stories Book [1919]
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FF212 The Inner Secret 1922

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FF213 God - A Present Help [1912-1922]


FF214 Practical Methods to Ensure Success 1908-1920

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FF215 In a Minor Key; Revealment 1938-1940

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FF216 Light from the Lamp of the Infinite 1927

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FF217 Love and its Relation to Success 1922

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FF218 Story of the Secret Vault 1941

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FF221 The Mystic Will [1903]
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FF222 Divine Love and Wisdom [1919-1920]

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FF223 Misc. Writings by Mary B.G. Eddy [1896-1935]

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FF226 In the Outer Court 1895

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FF229 Grapho Analyst's Manual 1955

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FF233 Voices from the Open Door 1912-1926

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FF234 My Poems (Grace Lobach) Undated

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FF235 The Perfect Whole 1896

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FF247 Laertes’ Seven Vital Vitamines of Life 1926

FF248 Into the Room Beyond 1949

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FF249 Winning Health & Great Aims with Waves of Mind Power 1923

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