

Senechal Family Papers



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Summary Information

Repository	History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center
Title	Senechal Family Papers
Date	1898-1967
Extent	0.5 Linear feet
Language	English
Collection [Box]	0.5 lf
Abstract	<p>This collection contains the Senechal family papers, mostly relating to the military service and engineering career of Oliver LeBeau Senechal from 1901 up to his death in 1958. Oliver was a veteran of the Spanish-American War in 1898, and his second wife served in World War II. The type of materials include letters of correspondence, military records, stock certificates, engineering licenses, Masonic lodge and Union documents, travel records, tax records, estate records, and funeral and burial records. The collection also includes six folders of miscellaneous family photos. Oliver's first and second wives, Lilly and Thelma Jane, his daughter, Pearl, and other Senechal relations also have various records in the collection of similar types of material, going up to 1967.</p>

Preferred Citation note

Cite Collection as: Senechal Family Papers collection, Mss. 02322 (accession 2012.2), History Colorado.

Biographical note

This collection revolves around Oliver LeBeau Senechal and his immediate family from 1901 to 1967. Oliver was born on June 12, 1882 in Kansas City Missouri, but grew up in Illinois. Oliver served in the United States Army Signal Corps from 1898 to 1904. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War. In 1904 Oliver married his first wife, Lilly Tollerander, while in Alaska. Lilly was a Swedish immigrant, born in 1884. Oliver and Lilly moved to Denver shortly after they married and had two children, Pearl and Oliver, Jr. After Lilly's death in 1934, Oliver later married Thelma Jane Thomas. Oliver died in 1958; Thelma married Henry Leroy Anderson in 1959.

Professionally, Oliver worked as an engineer for Denver Public Schools from 1902 to 1921 and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad from 1922 to 1936. He also worked as a building inspector for the City and County of Denver from 1936 to 1958. Oliver served as a master mason for the South Denver Masonic Lodge from 1908 until his death. Thelma served as a Private First Class in the Womens Army Corps of the Army Air Force during World War II, from 1944 to 1945.

Scope and Contents note

The material in the collection covers much of the first half of the twentieth century. Many of the military records document Oliver Senechal's status as a veteran of the Spanish-American War in 1898, as well as Thelma Jane Senechal's service in World War II. Oliver's long career as an engineer from 1902 until 1936 is also documented, as well as his notable work as a building inspector for the City and County of Denver until his death in 1958. The collection as a whole gives a comprehensive outline of Oliver's life and career in Denver with his family.

Arrangement note

The collection is mostly organized by the individuals within the Senechal family: Oliver L. Senechal, Lilly Senechal, Pearl Senechal, and Thelma Jane Senechal. By individual, the documents are then organized by general type of document, i.e. military records, correspondence, etc. Documents pertaining to the Senechal family as a whole are organized in their own folders. The last six folders of the collection include family photos.

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers without restrictions.

Provenance

Material was originally found in a home in Lakewood, Colorado by a real estate company. Since the Senechal family owned property in South Dakota, the material was first offered to the South Dakota State Archives. The archives later donated the material to History Colorado due to the family's predominant life in Colorado.

Processing Information note

Processed by Kevin Smith, July 2013.

Related Materials

Mixed Collection note

The Senechal Family Papers are part of a larger donation of material (2012.2) that includes artifacts. Please contact the Research Center staff for more information. Click [here](#) for Related Materials Senechal Family Collection.

Indexing Terms

Subjects - Family Names

- Senechal family

Genres and Forms of Materials

- Correspondence.
- Family papers.
- Marriage certificates
- Photographs.
- Social security documentation
- Stock certificates

Occupation(s)

- Engineers.

Subjects - People

- Senechal, Jane, (Thelma Jane), 1919-1971
- Senechal, Lilly K., 1884-1934
- Senechal, Oliver L., (Oliver LeBeau), 1882-1958
- Senechal, Pearl K., 1905-?

Subjects - Topics

- Freemasons.
- Funeral service.
- Military service

- Spanish-American War, 1898--Veterans--American.
- Women's Army Corp, Veterans

Accession number

2012.2

Collection Inventory

FF 1 Oliver L. Senechal - Military Records 1901-1904

FF 2 Oliver L. Senechal - Veterans Affairs 1929, 1931, 1935, 1938-39, 1950, 1957

FF 3 Oliver L. Senechal - Professional Licenses 1944, 1947, 1954, 1956-57

FF 4 Oliver L. Senechal - Union Dues Booklet July 1955-June 1959

FF 5 Oliver L. Senechal - Employment 1929, 1937, 1957-1958

FF 6 Oliver L. Senechal - Certificate of Social Insurance Award 1944

FF 7 Oliver L. Senechal - Colorado State University Vocational Education Certificate 1958

FF 8 Oliver L. Senechal - Burial and Obituaries 1958

FF 9 Oliver L. Senechal - Estate Records 1957-1958

FF 10 Oliver L. Senechal - Tax Records 1952, 1955-57

FF 11 Lilly Senechal - Funeral Book Jan 19, 1934

FF 12 Lilly Senechal - Train Passes, Passport 1925, 1929-1930

FF 13 Thelma Jane Senechal - Correspondence 1942, 1958, 1969, ND

FF 14 Thelma Jane Senechal - Marriage Records 1936, 1959

FF 15 Thelma Jane Senechal - Veterans Affairs 1952-1953

FF 16 Thelma Jane Senechal - Employment Application [1959]

FF 17 Thelma Jane Senechal - Tax Receipts 1957-1958

FF 18 Pearl Senechal - Correspondence to Oliver L. Senechal w/ attachments 1933-1934

FF 19 Other Senechal Relatives 1967, ND

FF 20 Senechal Stocks 1929

FF 21 War Ration Books 1944-1945

FF 22 Senechal - Photos, Oliver [1898-1957]

FF 23 Senechal - Misc. Family Photos [1949-1957], ND

FF 24 Senechal - Misc. Vacation Photos [1959], ND

FF 25 Senechal - Photos - House, 2635 N. Florida Ave. [1957]

FF 26 Senechal - Photos - House, 1906 S. Humboldt St. [1940]

FF 27 Senechal - Photos - Misc. House photos, Unidentified [1959], ND



Object ID: 2012.2.1
 Collection Type: MC
 Department: MC
 Dimensions: L: 11.50 x 5.00 cm, W: 2.30 cm
 Synopsis: tag ~ dog - material ~ metal



Object ID: 2012.2.2
 Collection Type: MC
 Department: MC
 Dimensions: L: 42.00 cm, W: 36.50 cm
 Synopsis: apron - material ~ fabric | material ~ leather



Object ID: 2012.2.3
 Collection Type: MC
 Department: MC
 Dimensions: L: 2.10 cm, W: 1.20 cm, D: .80 cm
 Synopsis: pin ~ military - New York, New York - New York, New York - New York, New York - material ~ metal



Object ID: 2012.2.4
 Collection Type: MC
 Department: MC
 Dimensions: L: 3.10 cm, W: 2.30 cm, D: .60 cm
 Synopsis: pin ~ military - material ~ plastic



Object ID: 2012.2.5
 Collection Type: MC
 Department: MC
 Dimensions: L: 2.40 cm, W: 2.20 cm, D: .80 cm
 Synopsis: pin ~ military - material ~ metal

Object ID: 2012.2.6
 Collection Type: MC
 Department: MC
 Dimensions:
 Synopsis: patch ~ military - material ~ felt



Object ID: 2012.2.6.1
 Collection Type: MC
 Department: MC
 Dimensions: L: 10.70 cm, W: 8.00 cm
 Synopsis: patch ~ military - material ~ felt



Object ID: 2012.2.6.2
Collection Type: MC
Department: MC
Dimensions: L: 10.70 cm, W: 8.00 cm
Synopsis: patch ~ military - material ~ felt



Object ID: 2012.2.7
Collection Type: MC
Department: MC
Dimensions: L: 11.40 cm, W: 4.90 cm, D: .60 cm
Synopsis: pin ~ military - material ~ metal | material ~ fabric



Object ID: 2012.2.8
Collection Type: MC
Department: MC
Dimensions: L: 7.00 cm, W: 3.70 cm, D: .30 cm
Synopsis: pin ~ military - material ~ metal | material ~ fabric