

A GUIDE TO THE PAPERS OF
THE BLACKWAY COLLECTION

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INTRODUCTION

The records of the Blackway/Schlaefle family were given to the Colorado Historical Society by Donald Earl Blackway, a Denver resident. Items in the collection include: Correspondence in English and in German; school and church records; birth, death and marriage certificates; deeds and leases; accounts and ledgers of the family truck farm in Valverde; military records; personal papers; household accounts; and photographs. There are over 700 items in the collection, arranged in two boxes and three manuscript folders. Listed at the end of this guide are items from the collection that were transferred from the collection to the Stephen Hart Library general collection and the Material Culture Department of the Heritage Center.

BIOGRAPHY

On November 20 1886, Jacob Schlaefle filed a Certificate of Declaration of Intention to become a Citizen in Marshall County, Kansas, listing his native residence as Switzerland. In the Denver Directory for 1889, he is listed as a resident at 1935 Gallup Avenue, Highland; Occupation: Laborer. The Directory of 1898 lists Jacob Schlaefle's address as 775 S. 11th (S. Jason), Valverde. Schlaefle appears to be the commonly accepted spelling of the name, although Schafle and Schlaefli are also noted.

Jacob, his wife Lena (Lina) and daughter Marie became owners of various pieces of property in the Valverde area. Deeds in the collection range from 1895 to 1941. Names of those who sold property to the Schlaefles are: Louise Illiff, Martha Jordon, Charles Munz, James M. McDowell and Herman Fetilman. It appears that the properties had two uses, rentals and truck farming.

The collection contains correspondence in German between what appears to be Jacob Schlaefle and various family members in Switzerland, Yankton, South Dakota and Burns, Kansas. Dates of the letters range from 1902 to 1908.

A death notice appears in the Denver Post for Jacob Schlaefle. The funeral was held at Hacketbal Brothers Funeral Parlors, 1451 Kalamath. Internment was Wednesday, November 5 1908 at Fairmount Cemetery, Northwest quarter, Lot 97, Block 57.

Marie Schlaefle married Percy Ludlow Blackway August 1 1923. The marriage certificate lists Percy's place of birth as Wilmington, Delaware and Marie's place of birth as Denver. Percy also used the name of Paul. In 1929, Percy leased land from the City of Denver for truck farming. The Denver Directory of that same year lists Paul L. Blackway as a gardener at 775 S. Jason. He died, evidently, in an industrial accident while employed at Bell Plumbing and Heating Co., February 13 1962. Burial was in Fort Logan National Cemetery.

Donald Earl Blackway was born to Percy and Marie, March 3, 1928. He attended Valverde Elementary School and received a Certificate of High School Equivalency on December 6 1946. He served in the Navy in 1945 and 1946 and was discharged from the Marine Reserve in 1950. The Denver Directory of 1962 lists D.E. and Judith L. Blackway residing at 25 W. Ellsworth Avenue. Donald's occupation is noted as a drain layer for Bell Plumbing and Heating. Marie Blackway and Donald are listed in the 1963 Directory as residents at 4565 S. Lipan Ct., Englewood.

Items in the collection refer to other family members: Albert and Pauline Schlaefle, who, according to the Denver Directory owned a bakery at 2111 Virginia and resided at 500 S. High. Also a reference in the collection mentions Imogene Lucille Schlaefle.

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CONTAINER	FF	No. of ITEMS	DESCRIPTION
Box 1	1	3	Jacob Schlaefle, Citizenship papers, 1886 Interment Record, 1908
	2	20	Lena (Lina) Schlaefle Germania Life Insurance Co. Policy 1903, 1905-07, 1909-16
	3	5	Lena Schlaefle Stock Certificates 1920, 1930 Albrt Schlaefle Stock Certificates 1920
	4	5	Lena Schlaefle Estate Papers 1941
	5	3	Albert Schlaefle School Records
	6	9	Marie Schlaefle (Blackway) Church Records 1903 School Records 1914, 1917
	7	1	Percy L. Blackway—Marie Schlaefle Marriage Certificate 1923
	8	6	Percy and Marie Blackway Wage and Income Tax Records 1944, 1947, 1949, 1955
	9	14	Percy Blackway Death Records 1962
	10	18	Sympathy cards 1962

Box 1	11	18	Sympathy cards 1962
	12	15	Sympathy cards 1962
	13	3	Donald Earl Blackway Birth Certificate 1928
	14	1	Donald Blackway War Ration Book 1943
	15	3	Donald Blackway Certificate of High School Equivalency 1946 Misc. School Records
	16	22	Donald Blackway Navy & Marine Corps Papers 1945-1955
	17	33	Donald Blackway Earning Statements 1945-1958
	18	11	Warranty Deeds 1895-1939
	19	1	Abstract of Title, Lots 21 to 24, Blk 14 Valverde 1865-1902
	20	1	Land Lease, City of Denver to Paul Blackway 1929
	21	10	Misc. Property Records 695 So. Jason 775 So. Jason 1938-1940, 1947, 1956, 1959, 1961
	22	10	Property Tax Records Marie and Percy Blackway 1933, 1935, 1937, 1941, 1944-1948
	23	10	Property Tax Records

			Marie Schlaefle Blackway 1949-1958
	24	4	Correspondence: Real Estate Roy Montgomery, attorney, to Marie Blackway 1955, 1958, 1960
	25	67	Canceled bank checks Jacob Schlaefle 1904-1906
	26	50	Canceled bank checks Jacob Schlaefle 1907-1908
	27	79	Misc. canceled checks Marie, Paul, Donald Blackway 1938, 1950, 1959
	28	13	Misc. Banking Records Schlaefle/Blackway 1934-1962
	29	8	Correspondence in German 1902-1903
	30	6	Correspondence in German 1904
	31	11	Correspondence in German 1905
	32	10	Correspondence in German 1906
	33	8	Correspondence in German 1907, 1908
	34	6	Misc. Correspondence in English Blackway/Schlaefle 1907, 1908, 1920, 1933, 1962
	35	9	Misc. postcards, greeting cards

			Undated, 1906, 1908, 1928
Box 1	36	6	Misc. items in German, French and Spanish
	37	40	Misc. receipts Various years between 1919 and 1963
	38	15	Misc. receipts Undated, 1931, 1939, 1945, 1946, 1949
	39	2	Form Letters 1934 Rocky Mountain Mausoleum Assn.
	40	11	Fraternal Lodge Manuals Misc. Lodge correspondence
	41	16	Misc. newspaper clippings
	42	3	Misc. address slips
	43	7	Photographs Jacob Schlaefle
	44	5	Photographs Variously identified
	45	8	Photographs Variously identified
Box 2	46	1	Photograph album Photographs unidentified
	47	7	Unidentified photographs
	48	8	Unidentified photographs
	49	9	Unidentified photographs
	50	10	Unidentified photographs

Box 2	51	7	Unidentified photographs
	52	4	Unidentified photographs
	53	39	Unidentified photographs
	54	67	Unidentified photographs
	55	20	Unidentified photographs
	56	1	Account Book Various years between 1923-1938
	57	1	Ledger: Misc. Accounts Various dates, 1920s, 1930s
	58	1	Ledger: Misc. Accounts Various dates, 1943, 1947
	59	1	Account Book & Misc. Associated Receipts Various dates, 1944, 1945, 1946
	60	1	Cash Book: Misc. Accounts 1946
	61	1	Cash Book: Misc. Accounts 1945-1946
	62	1	Household Accounts Ledger, Related Receipts 1959
	63	1	Funeral Register Percy Ludlow Blackway 1962
	64	1	Notebook, Millinery note, account records No date
Manuscript Folder 3		6	Set of amateur architectural drawings 1903 Confirmation Certificate

			Misc. other certificates
Manuscript Folder 4		3	Unidentified photographs
Manuscript Folder 5		2	Unidentified photographs

Items transferred from the Blackway Collection, Accession No. 63, to the Material Culture Section of the Heritage Center:

One (1) Gold Bond Stamp Book (empty)

One (1) empty Timberline Stationery (Rockmont) box

One (1) unused "Order of Praying Hands Family Album" (Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens)

One (1) paper envelope for passbook from 1st Nat'l Bank of Englewood

Envelope containing broken string of silver-colored metal (?) beads

Envelope with Swiss candy (?) box wrapper decorations (3), seven cigar bands, 1 cigar coupon

One (1) small gold-colored picture frame

One (1) black/white glass or plastic Deco picture frame

Items transferred from the Blackway Collection, Accession No. 63, to the general collection of the Stephen Hart Library Collection:

Audels Carpenters and Builders Guide No. 4. New York: Audels, 1945

Henderson, Porter. Gardening for Profit. New York: Orange Judd Co., 1889.

Hotel Monthly. The Vest Pocket Pastry Book, 6th Edition. Chicago: Hotel Monthly, 1905.

Interstate Commerce Commission. Statistics of Railways in the United States. Interstate Commerce Commission: Washington, 1906.

Palmer, A.N. The Palmer Method of Business Writing. Revised Edition. A. N. Palmer Co: New York, 1928.

Standard Brands Incorporated. The Basic Sweet Dough Formula. 8th Edition. [Place of publication ?]: Standard Brands Incorporated, 1924.

State of Colorado. Tenth Biennial Report of the State Engineers, 1899 and 1900. Denver: Smith-Brooks Printing Co., 1901.

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Year Book of the Department of Agriculture, 1911. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1912.

Wells, Richardson & Co. Every-Day Helps. Burlington, Vt.: Wells, Richardson & Co., 1892.

Other miscellaneous items:

1 page, Denver Post, Sept 18 1932.

1 page, Bonus Expeditionary Forces News, July 30 1932.

1 page, Bonus Expeditionary Forces News, August 6, 1932.

Pocket Guide to the City of Denver, no date.

“Joint Agreement, by and between, The Denver Master Plumbers Association and Drainlayers Local Union No. 331.” May 1948.

Manual of Interior Guard Duty, United States Army, 1914

The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company, Safety Rules, 1937.

“Master Sweet Dough and Danish Varieties.” (Typescript copy)

Appellant’s Brief, No. 4777 in the Supreme Court of the State of Colorado,
John W. Helbig, Attorney for Appellant.

Arth-Goldau Rigi-Bahn (Swiss railway pamphlet)

“Use Dr. Price’s Phosphate Baking Powder.” (Recipe book, cover missing)