

**McLean County Museum of History**

**C.W. Klemm Family Collection**

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**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	One Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1894-2001
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	See also-Photo Collection-People: Klemm

### **Brief History**

C.W. Klemm was born in Haynade, Germany in 1845. He immigrated to the United States in 1868 settling originally in Springfield, Illinois with his cousin and business owner C.A. Gehrman. Mr. Klemm came to Bloomington, Illinois, in 1873 and rented a store east of the intersection of Center and Jefferson Streets. He later bought a store from A. Fitzwilliam; the store, C.W. Klemms, remained open until 1973. After the 1900 fire the store building was rebuilt into a modern department store located on North Center St. between Jefferson and Monroe.

C.W. Klemm was married first to Augustana Seibel in 1874. She died in 1886 leaving children Mrs. Helen Howard, Mrs. Clara Agle, and Carl H. Klemm. His second wife Emilia Bender, of Peoria, Illinois, bore him a son, Julius P. Klemm, and passed away May 7, 1921.

C.W. Klemm died February 22, 1930 in Bloomington, Illinois.

### **Scope Note**

The C. W. Klemm collection contains a variety of genealogical information about the Klemm, Howard, Gehrmann and Brown Families, newspaper clippings, diaries and school notebook of Marilyn Jean Christ, great-granddaughter of C.W. Klemm, plus correspondence and wills.

## **Folder 1: Genealogy**

- 1.1.1 Klemm coat of arms on parchment.
- 1.1.2 Hand drawn map of Klemm family property in Haynrode, Germany 1809-1909
- 1.1.3 Handwritten account of C.W. Klemm mentions C.A. Gehrman and Will Herndon Springfield, IL
- 1.1.4 Typewritten biography of C.W. Klemm
- 1.1.5 Typewritten biography of C.W. Klemm
- 1.1.6 Handwritten note regarding Klemm Family Haynrode, Germany- note name change from typed biography of C.W. Klemm
- 1.1.7 The Klemm family tree, handwritten by Julius Klemm March 30, 1927
- 1.1.8 Photocopy of Klemm Family Tree by Julius Klemm written in German-scanned 2014 by Patty Hume
- 1.1.9 Personal family tree created by Marilyn Jean Christ incl. Klemm, Howard, Brown and Christ families
- 1.1.10 Klemm Family Tree hand drawn by Margaret Heck, nee Klemm October 1989
- 1.1.11 Klemm Family Tree photocopy of October 1989 tree hand drawn by Margaret Heck,
- 1.1.12 Klemm Family Tree hand drawn by Margaret Heck, nee Klemm December 1989
- 1.1.13 Klemm Family Tree photocopy hand drawn by Margaret Heck, nee Klemm December 1989
- 1.1.14 Klemm Family Tree hand drawn by Margaret Heck, nee Klemm 1990.
- 1.1.15 Letter from Robert Wachob to Marilyn Anderson including 11 pages of photos of the Klemm family tree, Sauer family, Klemm family, Howard family, and Klemm home in Haydnrote, Germany. February 15, 1998
- 1.1.16 Copy Biographical record of the Brown Family regarding Marilyn Anderson's, nee Christ, Great grandfather George W. Brown.
- 1.1.17 Hand written family history of Gehrman family May 1998- 5 pgs.
- 1.1.18 Translation of Handwritten history of Gehrman Family May 1998- 3 pgs.
- 1.1.19 Handwritten Edward Howard history on Tarbolton Lodge paper. 1 pg. front and back
- 1.1.20 Howard Family genealogy handwritten on Motorola Hotel Sales sheets 3 pgs.
- 1.1.21 Howard Family small sheet genealogy starting with Richard Howard
- 1.1.22 Handwritten complete record of Edward and Helen Howard Families Dec 14, 1961.
- 1.1.23 Marilyn Christ Anderson hand written notes about Cousin Erika Eichel Hamburg, Germany in 1992.

## **Folder 2: Klemm Family Newspaper Clippings**

- 1.2.1 Handwritten list of Klemm Family Clippings in *Daily Pantagraph*. 3 pages
- 1.2.2 "Klemm Woods" article paper and date unknown
- 1.2.3 Photo Klemm Family Farm Haynrode Thüringen Germany 1894 pictured Julius Klemm with son Hugo and daughter Ida.
- 1.2.4 "C.W. Klemm Pioneer Merchant Here, Dies" *Daily Pantagraph* Feb 22, 1930 and "C.W. Klemm City's Oldest Active Business Man 83 years old today" *Daily Pantagraph* May 1, 1928.
- 1.2.5 Miss Clara Howard/ Mr. Harold Christ Wedding Announcements *Daily Pantagraph* Monday August 17, 1925
- 1.2.6 "Mrs. Harold Christ, nee Clara Howard, Granddaughter of C.W. Klemm, Dies," *Daily Pantagraph* November 3, 1931

- 1.2.7 Harold Christ Union Gas and Electric Company Business Card, date unknown
- 1.2.8 Photo Harold Christ scrap drive at Union Gas and Electric *Daily Pantagraph* October 7, 1942.
- 1.2.9 "German Youth Successful Here" *Daily Pantagraph* April 10, 1949
- 1.2.10 "Christ Sisters Wed June 28 in Double Rites" *Daily Pantagraph* July 15, 1952
- 1.2.11 Type written wedding announcement for Patricia Ann and Marilyn Jean Christ date unknown
- 1.2.12 "E.L. Howards Hold Party" *Daily Pantagraph* May 28, 1956
- 1.2.13 "Mrs. Howard Dies—Klemm Director" March 9, 1959 Paper unknown
- 1.2.14 "Mrs. Edward Howard obituary *Daily Pantagraph* March 10, 1959 and unknown paper for second copy "Mrs. Howard Dies"
- 1.2.15 "Family to Share \$100,000 Estate of Mrs. Howard" *Daily Pantagraph* April 17, 1959
- 1.2.16 "Mrs. C.F. Agle, Klemm Company Officer, Dies" *Daily Pantagraph* November 30, 1959 2- copies
- 1.2.17 "Taxes Place Howard Estate at \$243,530" *Daily Pantagraph* Sept 9, 1960
- 1.2.18 "Edward Howard, Retired Klemm Executive, Dies" *Daily Pantagraph* February 21, 1962.
- 1.2.19 "Edward Howard Leaves Estate Worth \$175,000" *Daily Pantagraph* March 12, 1962. Original is back side of 1.2.17
- 1.2.20 Claim Day and Estate Sale notices for Edward Howard *Daily Pantagraph* May 7; May 18 and 19<sup>th</sup>, 1962.
- 1.2.21 "Carl H. Klemm Dies at 84" *Daily Pantagraph* June 18, 1964
- 1.2.22 "Cousins Visit Here From Germany" *Pantagraph* September 6, 1966.
- 1.2.23 "Mrs. McDaniel dies; C.W. Klemm daughter" *Pantagraph* April 18, 1971
- 1.2.24 "Mrs. Julius (Carita) Klemm Dies" *Pantagraph* May 16, 1971
- 1.2.25 "Julius and Carita Klemm (estate) Antiques and Household Goods" *Pantagraph* May 12, 1972
- 1.2.26 "Bought for Lot" picture of 806 N. Main Bloomington IL home of Mr. Mrs. Julius Klemm *Pantagraph* November 15, 1972
- 1.2.27 "German subculture his topic" mentions Klemm family *Pantagraph* December 2, 1979
- 1.2.28 "Good Neighbor" request for picture of C.W. Klemm in front of his store *Pantagraph* November 12, 1981
- 1.2.29 Obituaries for Jeanne Stevenson and Charles Agle dates and paper unknown.

### **Folder 3: Correspondence**

- 1.3.1 Sympathy acknowledgement Helen Klemm Howard
- 1.3.2 Sympathy acknowledgement Edward L. Howard family
- 1.3.3 Letter from Edward L Howard to Mrs. Henry E. (Marilyn) Anderson Dec 12, 1961.
- 1.3.4 Letter from Charlotte Howard Best to V.A. Washington D.C. May 27, 1968
- 1.3.5 Letter from Aunt Jane to Marilyn Anderson (nee Christ) Sept 15, 1984
- 1.3.6 Printed e-mails from Margaret Heck (nee Klemm) to Marilyn Anderson (nee Christ) September 5, 2001

### **Folder 4: Family Wills**

- 1.4.1 Helen. A. Howard Will April 14, 1959.
- 1.4.2 Edward L. Howard Will April 15, 1959

1.4.3 Charles E. Howard Will April 25, 1962

**Loose Items**

Baby Book Marilyn Jean Christ 1925 includes pictures and letters

Bloomington Wonder Composition book Marilyn Jean Christ (date unknown)

Clara Howard Diary 1925 Jan 4-March 16

Marilyn Jean Christ diary 1939- 43 includes picture postcards

Marilyn Jean Christ diary 1946-51