

## Robert J. Mielke Collection

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### Scope Note

This collection contains papers, photographs and documents from the Mielke family, from the estate of Robert J. Mielke (1938-2007). Items relate to **Robert J. Mielke**; **William Mielke** (father); **Ethel Van Aernam Yates Mielke** (mother); **James R. Yates** (father of Ethel Van Aernam Yates Mielke); **Park W. Van Aernam** (grandfather of Ethel V.A. Yates Mielke, and Civil War Veteran); **Emil E. Dettbarn** (second cousin of William Mielke; includes immigration papers and other documents from Germany); **Frances Yates Herron** (sister of James R. Yates) and **Nelson Yates Herron** (son of Frances); **Ralph and Florence VanAernam Turner** (Florence was daughter of Park W. VanAernam); **Drees family** photographs (unknown family connection); concert programs from 1920s-1940s and **Zion Lutheran Church** programs and bulletins from 1920-1952, from the collection of William Mielke.

### Biographical Notes:

#### **Robert J. Mielke** (1938-2007)

Robert J. Mielke was born March 24, 1938, in Schenectady, NY. to William Mielke and Ethel Van Aernam Yates Mielke. He was a lifelong area resident, and a graduate of Nott Terrace High School, Class of 1956. He earned his AB from Union College, followed by his masters in history from the University of Pennsylvania. He subsequently earned his MLS from SUNY Albany School of Library Science, and his certificate in Accounting from Siena College.

Robert taught history at the Concordia Teachers' College in Seward, Nebraska, and at Ballston Spa High School. He was a cataloger at RPI Library, and later at Schenectady Public Schools Federal Project. In 1973 he was employed by the Fort Plain Central School District as the High School librarian until his retirement in 2000. During his tenure at Fort Plain, Robert was active in the Fort Plain Teachers' Association and many aspects of the Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery School Library System.

A lifelong member of Zion Lutheran Church, Robert was the church archivist and the church librarian, as well leader of their book group. He was enrolled in the Crossways Bible Study and was a member of the Hardy Perennials group at Zion. As an alumni of Union College, he was chairman of the Steering Committee for UCALL (Union College Academy for Lifelong Learning), treasurer of the Union College Club of Schenectady, a member of the Union Alumni Council and the Terrace Council. He served as secretary of the Upper Montgomery Retired Teachers' Association, and was a part-time evaluator of teacher exams and videos for National Evaluation Systems. Robert was very interested and well-versed in local history, so very naturally was a member of the Schenectady County Historical Society.

Throughout his life Robert was an avid gardener. He also enjoyed listening to music, attending musicals, opera, and concerts (note the influence of his father, William, whose collection of concert programs is contained in this collection). He loved fishing with his friends and spending restful, quality time at his camp in the Adirondacks, and with his cat, Prism. He was a man of gentle, kind and friendly nature.

At the time of his death on May 28, 2007, he was betrothed to Evelyn M. Thode. His funeral service was held on June 2, 2007 at Zion Lutheran Church, followed by burial in Zion Lutheran Cemetery on Albany Street, Schenectady, NY.

**William Mielke (1903-1985)**

William Mielke, father of Robert J. Mielke, was born in Schenectady, NY. He attended Horace Mann Elementary School in Schenectady, and was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church. He was a machinist at General Electric, retiring in 1968. A violinist, he taught violin, and often performed violin solos at Zion Lutheran Church. He and his family attended many concerts throughout the years, leaving the quantity of concert programs found in this collection.

The house at 883 Stark Avenue was built by William in 1950, with some assistance from young son Robert; William also built the family camp at Friends Lake in 1945. He was executor of the Emil E. Dettbarn estate (Emil Dettbarn was William Mielke's second cousin); hence the Dettbarn papers. Mr. Mielke is buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Schenectady, NY.

**Ethel Van Aernam Yates Mielke (1905-2000)**

She was Robert J. Mielke's mother, descended from a branch of the noted Yates family of Schenectady. She graduated from Excelsior High School in Schenectady in 1924, and Albany Business College, with Shorthand certification, in 1925. For a time she was secretary for the Standard Oil Company of New York, Albany, NY. She is buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Schenectady, NY.

**Park W. Van Aernam (1842-1918)**

Robert J. Mielke's maternal great grandfather. Mr. Van Aernam enlisted as a Private, Co A 134 Regt NYS Vol, 1 Aug 1862 during the Civil War. He married Mary Jane Truman (1842-1930). Park W. and Mary Jane are buried in Park View Cemetery in Schenectady, NY. Interesting items from the family Bible are located in Box 7, Folder 1.

**Maud M. Van Aernam Yates (1875-1950)**

The daughter of Park W. VanAernam, Maud married James R. Yates on Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1897, at 637 Terrace Place, Schenectady, NY. She is buried in Park View Cemetery, Lot 85, section D.

**James R. Yates (1876-1967)**

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Robert J. Mielke's maternal grandfather, James R. Yates married Maud M. Van Aernam on Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1897, at 637 Terrace Place, Schenectady, NY. He was a member of Woodlawn Reformed Church and is buried in Park View Cemetery, Schenectady, NY.

For **Yates** family information dating back to 1664, see Frances Yates Herron, Box 7, Folder 10

### **Frances Amelia Yates Herron (1893-1975)**

Sister of James R. Yates, Frances married Lyman B. Herron\* (b 1891 in Nebraska; d 1973) 11Nov 1914 in Schenectady, by the Rev. Chauncey B. Magill.

\*see Biographical Notes, Box 5, Folder A for additional Herron information

### **Emil E. Dettbarn (1888 -1977)**

Emil E. Dettbarn was born in Abtshagen, Germany Sept. 21, 1887, the son of Wilhelm Dettbarn, b. 7/11/1855 and Johanna Kruger Dettbarn, b. 6/6/1853. He was educated in Germany, and became a naturalized citizen of the USA on Nov. 14, 1919 at age 32. He retired from GE in 1952, where he worked in the shipping department. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, and the first resident of the Good Samaritan Home in Delmar; also was a member of the GE Quarter Century Club, and of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. Mr. Dettbarn was a second cousin of William Mielke. He died in Schenectady on Dec. 7, 1977, and is buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Schenectady, NY.

Sisters of Emil Dettbarn are named in documents in the Dettbarn papers: (1) Agnes Dettbarn Willner, d. July 9, 1972, Germany (Agnes' issue: Alma Willner Grazikowske, Herta Willner Mews); (2) Margaret Dettbarn Luttschwager, Germany (Margaret's issue: Wilna, Erich, Luzi Luttschwager Marschall, Konrad)

Brothers of Emil Dettbarn: (1) Albert Dettbarn b.Jan. 2, 1885, d. Aug 29, 1978, Germany (Albert's issue: Hildegard Dettbarn Brandis); (2) Walter Dettbarn (d.1967), Germany (Walter's issue: Ulrich, Heinz)

Cousins living at time of his death (7): Irene Heck, Esther Heck, Ernest Heck, Alfred Heck, Rev. Henry Heck, Mrs. Marie Heckeler, Mrs. Ruth Ference

Cousins deceased at time: Albert Heck, d. May 10, 1977

Genealogy: For additional Mielke, Yates, VanAernam family genealogy, see Box 5, Folder A

## **Related Collections**

SCHS Library, 32 Washington St.:

- Digital copy of 1800s family photo album – Pearson computer external drive; see library collections/SCHS family photos file. Box 13: original photos and tin types from this album.
- Lithograph: "Picture of Easel-Shaped Monument" - Civil War memorial lithograph, conserved; contains hand-written military record of Park W. Van Aernam, including all Civil War battles in which he fought, and discharge record, 1895 [Library map cabinet, drawer 3]

- Ethel Van Aernam Yates – Albany Business College Shorthand diploma, May 9, 1925  
[housed with diplomas, below library map cabinet]

SCHS Museum, 32 Washington St.:

- Music rack – William Mielke, Director, Schenectady, NY – accessioned in 2008 to SCHS Museum Collection
- Silver polish, Park W. Van Aernam – in custody of the Museum curator
- Square dance dresses, two, from Ethel Mielke

Mabee Farm, Rotterdam Junction, NY:

Cider press – accessioned in 2008 for the Mabee Farm Collection

**Series**

1. Emil E. Dettbarn items; Drees family photos
2. Emil E. Dettbarn - photographs, slides, correspondence
3. Emil E. Dettbarn - papers
4. Church and Concert programs (collection of William Mielke)
5. Robert J. Mielke
6. William S. Mielke; Ethel VanAernam Yates Mielke
7. Maternal relatives of Robert J. Mielke
8. Paternal relatives of Robert J. Mielke; friends of Mielke family; local cities and villages; map collection
9. Items relating to 883 Stark Ave, Niskayuna, NY; and GE Federal Credit Union #1411
10. William and Ethel Mielke - correspondence, postcards, calling cards
11. Emil E. Dettbarn - correspondence, postcards
12. Mielke family - photographs and slides
13. VanAernam/Yates family album photographs and tin types; Mielke family photographs and negatives
14. Oversize items - Mielke family and friends; other
15. Ethel Yates Albany Business College certificate
16. Civil War Memorial lithograph

**Box List**

**Box 1** – Emil E. Dettbarn; Drees Family

Book from funeral, in separate box, 1977

Blueprints for house at 853 Chrisler Ave; Otto Frank, architect, See Box 5, folder 7 – mortgage for Chrisler Ave.

Book: *The New American Citizen* (2010.105.11)

Book: *Studies in English* (2010.105.12)

Book: *English for Foreigners* (2010.105.13)

**Box 1A** – Drees Family photographs

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Folder 1, late 19<sup>th</sup> century – mid-20<sup>th</sup> century

Photographs with some identification, which include the following information:

- Group of 7 photographs from Philippines; Uncle Will Drees; June 12, 1932 - Sept. 1932
- Wm F Wild
- Paton (Taton?) Crook; Died Oct. 29, 1902
- Rev. Geo. Drees - 3 photographs, at 3 different ages
- Walther & Elizabeth
- Miss Jones, Mr. Richardson, Mr. M ? - in an office? Philippines?
- The Dettbarn Family
- Kitty, Carl & Henry
- August & Bertha (Philippines)
- Louis W. Heydenrich (great-grandfather)
- Iris (?) wedding; sent by Aunt Mary
- Asher & the bear
- Esher Minna Carolina Haushalli
- Tante Hilda, Uncle Ernst, Mamme (sp?)
- Euicle (sp?) (male)
- Dot 1922
- Mrs. Van Denburgh
- W.F. Drees
- Uncle Will Drees Sept. 1932
- Papa, Geo Klaumer (sp?), Adolph, Andrew, Rockman (tin-type)

Folder 2, late 19<sup>th</sup> century – mid-20<sup>th</sup> century

Photographs with no identification

Folder 3, late 19<sup>th</sup> century – mid-20<sup>th</sup> century

Photographs with no identification

**Box 2** - Emil E. Dettbarn – Slides; Photographs; Correspondence

Folder 1, 1972-1977

Slides of Emil E. Dettbarn

2/17/1975 - opening of Good Samaritan Home, Madison Ave, Albany; Emil Dettbarn, first resident, cutting ribbon; Mrs. Fox, head nurse.

Pictures of Emil Dettbarn

Pictures of interior of rooms at Good Samaritan

Folder 2, 1956-1974

Photographs, letters (German and English)

Letter on legal pad sheet; mentions Bill Mielke

Letter dated Sept. 15, 1974 to “My Dear Uncle Emil”; some family names listed; from niece Herta Mews (sp?); mentions William Mielke

Black-outlined funeral/mourning card (German); Charlotte Berner geb. Willner, 16.2.1911 - 4.1.1969

Photographs: 1 wedding photograph with writing; 16 smaller photographs; one with mother and 2 children

Letters in German to “dear brother” and “uncle”; sorted chronologically when possible; envelopes, when available are placed on top of letter

Many envelopes contain German postage stamps

Folder 3, 1963-1970

Letters, mostly in German

Some photographs, with letters/envelopes, German postage stamps

Folder 4, 1929-1966

Letter, in German, dated 3.9.(19)58

Deutsches Reich (booklet) - Reise-Pass 8 April 1913

Photos from Dettbarn family; some dated, some with names; many or most are in Germany; weddings; photographs are apparently those sent to Mr. Dettbarn in Schenectady from relatives in Germany. Someone reading German could decipher the written notes on photos, and the letters

Post card - Italian Swiss Colony Winery, San Francisco, July 29, 1952

**Box 3** – Emil E. Dettbarn papers

Folder 1, 1907-1974

Social Security card

Last Will and Testament - Emil E. Dettbarn, April 9, 1973

Last Will and Testament - Emil E. Dettbarn, Sept. 5, 1972 (William Mielke, second cousin; Heck family, second cousins)

Last Will and Testament - Emil E. Dettbarn, April 14, 1971 (brother Albert Dettbarn; sister Agnes Dettbarn; sister Margareta Dettbarn Luttschwager; deceased brother Walter Dettbarn)

Last Will and Testament - Emil E. Dettbarn, Sept. 12, 1952

Codicil to Last Will and Testament, Nov. 1, 1976

Obituary of Edward Weber, his attorney

German document Geburts Zegnifg(?) 21 Jan 1907(?)

Meister Prufung cabinet-maker certificate Germany 1907

Certificate of Naturalization (Age 32) 14 Nov 1919

newspaper article: Emil Dettbarn, GE shipper, retires (n.d.)

newspaper article: 2/17/1975 Emil Dettbarn first resident of Good Samaritan Home

newspaper article: 8/18/1974 about Good Samaritan Home

blue pamphlet about Good Samaritan Home

blue envelope with cemetery lot information, Zion Lutheran Cemetery

list - contents of safe 10/19/1976

Schenectady Trust

- letter - 12/22/1944
- Assignment of Life Insurance Policy as Collateral 6/15/1944
- 2 checks - June 15, 1944 (\$600); Sept 15, 1944 (\$200)
- statement of borrower - \$600
- release of assignment

Death notice card - Agnes Dettbarn Willner (sister) 9 July 1972

Death notice card - Walter Dettbarn (brother) 27 Sept 1967

Magdalena B. Pross

- obituary, April 19, 1974
- probate notice of Last Will and Testament w/envelope 4/22/1974
- power of Attorney (Magdalena B. Pross to Emil E. Dettbarn) 31 Dec 1962
- letters from MBP to Emil E. Dettbarn, 1956-1959

Folder 2, 1887-1977

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Obituaries; Memorial Gift card for Immanuel Lutheran Church

Two photos of Emil E. Dettbarn

Hand-written pages (2) by William Mielke w/information for funeral home

Hand-written page (5/25/1967) w/names and addresses of relatives in Germany

Two copies of death certificate (12/7/1977)

Letter to Mr. Ham (attorney) from Irene Heck w/information about Heck relatives and connection to Emil Dettbarn (April 10, 1978)

County of Schenectady Surrogate's Court (April 1978) affirms information in Irene Heck's letter

Letter to Mr. Ham from William Mielke (9/27/1978); German information regarding death of Albert Wilhelm Otto Dettbarn (1885-1978); letter to Mr. Ham

Hand-written notes from William Mielke to Mr. Ham

Schenectady Granite and Marble Works receipt for Emil E. Dettbarn (1887-1977) for cemetery granite marker

Emil Dettbarn official family tree

Immanuel Lutheran Church letter listing contributors to the Memorial Fund in memory of Emil Dettbarn (January 18, 1978)

Letter to Raymond P. Ham from Hildegard Brandis (niece in Germany) w/family information  
Folder 3, 1973-1977

Correspondence from relatives in Germany; many envelopes with German stamps

Folder 4, 1976-1980

Correspondence from relatives in Germany; death notices; Christmas cards; many envelopes with German stamps

Envelope with pictures of brother Albert (age 91) and niece Hildegard (age 50); Emil ready for excursion train; Herta in Germany; pencil drawing by Hildegard; obituary; death notices.

Folder 5, 1959

Glossy photographs and newspaper photo/article of St. Paul Lutheran Dart Bowling team regaining trophy (stoneware jug) from Emanuel Lutheran team of Schenectady

Folder 6, 1933-1977

Zion Lutheran Benefit Society, receipt books, 1945-1975

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners: Constitution and Laws; 5 dues and assessment books (1933-1975); quarterly work cards, postcard notices of meetings

Folder 7, 1925-1932

Mont Pleasant Shooting Club membership card, Aug. 26, 1943

Department of Public Instruction, Schenectady, N.Y., Evening School Report Card, 1911-1912

Bond - Emil E. Dettbarn to Charles F. Glindmyer, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1925 - \$3500.00

Mortgage - Emil E. Dettbarn to Charles F. Glindmyer, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1925 - Chrisler Ave (see Box 1, Blueprints for this house)

Contract to Convey - Grand Boulevard Estates, Inc. to Emil E. Dettbarn, June 4, 1932

Folder 8, 1909-1918

1906, 1907 German certificates

German passport, 1909

Notice of Enrollment Under Military Law, 1917

Registration Certificate, June 1917

Alien Registration Card, Feb. 16, 1918

United States passport, May, 1921

War Ration Book No. 3

Permit to continue to reside within ½ mile radius from, and be employed within General Electric

Folder 9, 1923-1959

Correspondence and other items relating to various Lutheran churches

Folder 10, 1872-1966

Dettbarn family vital records from Zion Lutheran Church; includes Dettbarn, Hanke, Lohr, Schairer, Post, Klapper, Tressman

**Box 4** – Church and Concert programs - collection of William Mielke; Civil War items - Park W. VanAernam

Church and Concert programs – William Mielke

Folder 1, Concerts (Schenectady) Civic Music Association, 1930s-1940s

Contains many concerts given by world-renowned musicians (Heifetz, Horowitz, Friedman, Isaac Stern, Marian Anderson, others). Most of the programs are from the Civic Music Association; many are undated; some contain flyers about up-coming concerts. Some programs from the Schenectady Choral Society and the Schenectady Civic Symphony Orchestra.

Folder 2, Concerts, Schenectady-Albany, 1920s-1930s

Famous musicians

Concerts of the Schubert Club of Schenectady, N.Y.

Union College concerts

Boston Symphony concerts

Folder 3, Concerts, Schenectady, misc. organizations, 1920s-1930s

Programs from various local churches

Folder 4, Zion Lutheran Church: organ rededication; church dedication; various church organizations, 1920-1943

Organ rededication, October 1929; organ recitals

Church dedication; rededication; anniversary services

Searchlight Bowling League, April 1, 1933 – William Mielke, conductor, Searchlight Orchestra

Other bowling league materials

Choral Society

Lutheran Fellowship

Zion Young People's Society; Feb. 1924 – William Mielke, orchestra leader

Men's Social Club of Zion

Walther League

Folder 5, Zion Lutheran Church: bulletins, 1922-1952

Many list William Mielke as violin soloist

April 6, 1952 – Robert Mielke's confirmation

Civil War items – Park W. VanAernam

Folder 6, Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. document, Jan. 1 1896

Document of appointment of C.W.R. VanArnam as Seargant [sic] of Guard for Schenectady County

Folder 7, envelope addressed to Park W. Van Aernam, 1860



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Folder 8, envelope addressed to Park W. Van Aernam; contained *Gettysburg: The Pictures and the Story*, 1913

Folder 9, *Gettysburg: The Pictures and the Story*, 1913

**Box 5 – ROBERT J. MIELKE (1938-2007) papers**

Folder A – Notes and Information re: Mielke family

Folder 1 – Early years: Birth, baptismal, and confirmation certificates; photos; more:

Birth certificate, March 24, 1938 - Baby Book with information, including birth announcement - Baptismal card, Zion - Cradle Roll card, Zion - Memento and Certificate of Baptism book - Confirmation certificate/book (April 16, 1952) - greeting cards from parents - 1940 Santa postcard from Grandpa and Grandma Yates - 21st birthday letter from Grandpa Yates - confirmation photos - baby and early years photos - “The Story of Me” booklet

Folder 2 – Van Antwerp School years – various certificates and organizations:

Two report cards - Commencement program, June 19, 1953 - Certificate from Van Antwerp School, June 19, 1953 (entitles admission to Senior High School) - National Y.M.C.A Progressive Aquatic Tests, test sheets #3 and #4, w/Fish Club card (Apr. 27, 1949) and Minnow Club card (Sept. 28, 1948) - Awards of Merit from Schenectady Automobile Club, Inc. for School Boy Patrol, 1948-1949 and 1949-1950 - University of the State of New York SED Preliminary Certificate for Regents preliminary examinations, June 19, 1952 - Van Antwerp Class Prophecy, 1953 - Class picture in front of school (RJM row 5, 2nd from right) - letter from class of 1953 reunion committee

Folder 3 – Nott Terrace High School, Schenectady, NY:

RJM name cards - senior picture - graduation photos w/cap & gown - S.S.N.S. Cub Reporter card - Nott Terrace HS Student Activities card w/stamps - Press Card for Nott Terrace Tribune - 3 report cards - letter re: election of Robert Mielke to Nott Terrace Guard Reserves, Feb 1, 1954 - letter from Stanley Solomon, Adviser, Terrace Tribune - 2 copies of Terrace Tribune - Commencement programs, June 23, 1956 - diploma, in hard folder, w/graduation announcement - 2 varsity letters - reports: Ancient and Modern Greece, and The Crusades - Newspaper articles: regents scholarships; Miss Posson, history teacher (1986); Nott Terrace Variety Show relived (2004) - cards of congratulations (one from Mrs.J. Yazum: son was victim of violent crime; marker in Central Park Rose Garden)

Folder 4 – Nott Terrace High School Reunions:

Newspaper article re: planning reunion, Sept. 6, 1976 - group photo: 25th reunion, w/names (1981) - 45th reunion book - Class of 1956 photo, outside of school - 50th reunion book and papers (2006) - photos: reunion 2006

Folder 5 – Education and Employment: Union College; Siena College; Concordia Teachers College; RPI; Niskayuna Public Schools; Schenectady Public Schools:

Union College: photos, military uniform - graduation photos, cap & gown - senior pictures - copies of newspaper Dean’s List, 1959 and 1960 - copies of newspaper articles with graduation pictures of Union graduates, 1960 - 1960 reunion photo - alumni photo: alumni event at Mohawk Golf Club

Note: many RJM materials relating to Union College are housed in Special Collections at the Schaffer Library at Union College, including his original diplomas from Union College and post graduate work; copies are included in this collection. Union College Garnet Yearbooks, 1958 and 1960, are housed elsewhere in the SCHS library.

Siena College: newspaper Dean’s List articles, 1972 and 1973

Concordia Teachers College: record of enrollment form - photo of RJM, Instructor in History, from Tower (yearbook) - letter regarding copy of Tower - letter of thanks for service at Concordia, with guest list, 1965

RPI: appointment letters re: cataloger, Special Department in RPI Libraries, 1966

Niskayuna Public School: appointment letters, salary notices, 1967

Schenectady Public Schools: appointment, 1968 - Annual Directory of Officers and Teachers of City School District of the City of Schenectady

Robert J.Mielke - resume

Folder 6 – University of Pennsylvania:

Graduation photos - copies of newspaper graduation notice and graduation photo (same one as Union College senior photo) - Commencement invitations for June 5, 1961 and for May 21, 1962 - copy of diploma (May 21, 1962) [original is in Special Collections, Schaffer Library, Union College]

Folder 7 – Certificates and Diplomas:

- National Geographic Society - original member certificate - Jan. 1,1954, in original envelope, with information about NGS (he continued to receive this all his life)
- Union College Bachelor of Arts diploma - 1960 (original is in Schaffer Library, Union College)
- [University of Pennsylvania diploma(copy) - 1961- in Folder 6, University of Pennsylvania]
- University of the State of New York Permanent Certificate as teacher of social studies - 1964
- SUNY Albany MLS diploma - 1966 (original is in Schaffer Library at Union College)
- University of the State of New York - Extension of Certificate (Provisional); teacher of social studies extended to include service as a school librarian - 1967
- University of the State of New York - Public Librarian's Professional Certificate - 1969
- University of the State of New York - Public School Teacher Certificate; permanent; Library Media Specialist - 1977
- New York State Education Department and The Effective Schools Consortia Network - certificate for Summer Principals' Academy - 1989 (framed-at back of folder)
- Niskayuna Adult Education Department - Certificate of Completion for Introduction to WorkPerfect 5.1 - May 15,1991
- New York State United Teachers - Leadership Achievement certificate for new local presidents of NYSUT - July 16, 1991

Folder 8 – Fort Plain Central School:

FPHS photos: FPHS library, colleagues, map case made by technology students for library - 2 FPCS ID cards - appointment letters, 1973 - yearbook dedication - yearbook proof photos - Information Network newsletter from Fort Plain Central School District noting memorial book for Robert Mielke in high school library - retirement speech given for Robert Mielke - newspaper articles: retired librarians; DAR donates books - letter, and certificate of merit from Senator Farley upon retirement - plaque from FPCS Student Council

Folder 8a – Fort Plain Central School: Retirement book w/letters from, and photos of, colleagues; retirement cards

Folder 9 – Memberships, selective service, Concordia, correspondence, more:

RJM letter-writing paper - selective service cards and letters - Schenectady County Historical Society membership cards and letters - Schenectady County Public Library card - NYSUT card - NYSHA membership cards - Board of Elections registration card, Oct. 10, 1959 - fishing licenses - Concordia Historical Institute membership cards - copy of The Broadcaster

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from Concordia Teachers College, 1975 - Concordia Seminary Chorus Epiphany service, 2003  
- driver licenses - letter and photos (Frank Taormina) - 6 postcards - other correspondence  
Folder 10 – Obituaries: U Albany magazine w/obituary - other obituaries - photos of RJM's  
cat, Prism

### Folder 11 – Photos:

Baby picture - 3 copies  
March, 1940 - age 2 - 3 copies  
1946 - age 8  
1949 - age 10  
Zion Lutheran Church confirmation - 1952  
High School graduation - 1956  
photos from Fort Plain school - 1992  
photos from Zion church book - 1996  
photos from Fort Plain school - 1998  
photo of RJM and Evelyn Thode - Union College, 2006

Robert Mielke - Funeral book – in white box within Box 5; contains: bulletins from funeral  
service - floral cards - obituaries - clergy record card - funeral notes - funeral cards

### **Box 6 – WILLIAM S. MIELKE; ETHEL VAN AERNAM YATES MIELKE (parents of RJM)** William S. Mielke:

#### Folder 1 – William Mielke - Birth and death certificates, various cards and letters:

William Mielke birth certificate, May 17, 1903 - cards from Robert Mielke, son; some made by  
Robert - card from Ethel - "letter" from niece Marilyn - holiday postcards (1925-1930) -  
cards: birthday, Christmas, Easter, New Year's (1925-1926) - [in plastic sheets: Bond Clothes  
note pad with addresses; souvenir of tour of United States Capitol, 1951; National Academy of  
Music, Carnegie Hall; "William Mielke, Violinist"; William Mielke; "William Mielke" name  
cards; WM address labels; GE pay stub; Ethel V.A. Yates name card; various business cards] -  
newspaper ad for "William Mielke – Teacher of Violin" - Department of Public Instruction  
Schenectady, NY Division of Evening Schools, 1918-1919 for course in Shop Math -  
confirmation paper (in German); also hand-written prayer - death certificates - card from Zion  
- obituaries

#### Folder 2 – William Mielke - Licenses; many and various other items:

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company envelope w/two 3c stamps, 1936 - ink blotter - report  
of accident witnessed by Wm Mielke, w/newspaper account of accident, 1936 - Western Union  
telegram, 1928 - GE travel: Hotel Van Orman envelope w/train tickets - GE Quarter Century  
Club letters, 1953 and 1954 - Haubner's News Room envelope with: chauffeur licenses, 1928,  
1929, 1930; car registrations; passenger car registrations; {R.S. Connor, Jeweler, 340 State  
Street, receipt for diamond ring ("Dia .47 213.98 - guaranteed white and perfect")}, Feb 15,  
1930; military training commission card; pistol permits; hunting, trapping, fishing licenses,  
1927-1933; Dept. of Public Instruction, Schenectady, NY, 2 cards from Division of Evening  
Schools, March 21, 1923 - small notebook pages containing journal of work record at GE -  
vehicle and boat registrations

#### Folder 2A – William Mielke - Music-related items:

1929 organ recital program: \*William Zeuch, assisted by William Mielke - Zion Lutheran  
Church Christmas bulletins: 1934, 1935, 1937, (William Mielke, violinist) - music-related

articles - local orchestra personnel lists (1928) includes names, addresses, phone, and instrument played - lists of some of the music portfolios owned by WSM - folder labeled "William Mielke". ["Wells Orchestra", and "Frank Wells" are written on some of the actual orchestra music used by William Mielke - not in SCHS collection]

\*Zeuch 1929 organ recital: 2 larger posters are located in Box 14

[William Mielke's collection of church and concert programs - Box 4, Folders 1-5]

Folder 3 - William Mielke - Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery papers, property transfer: Photos of William/Ethel/Robert's gravestone at Zion Lutheran Cemetery - Zion Lutheran Cemetery: paid \$20.00 for grave 3-iv-A, June 14, 1934 - Zion Lutheran Cemetery Perpetual Care Certificate for Lot No. 236, owned by Mrs. Ida Mielke, April 12, 1948 - Mohawk National Bank checks for lots and perpetual care, 1947 and 1948 - information on lots 236 and 357A & B - envelope contains Perpetual Care Certificate/receipts for Lot 357A (ZLC), owned by William Mielke - K & A Memorials papers - Batesville Casket papers

Papers from property transfer at Wm's death: map of 883 Stark Ave, 1985 county tax bill, real estate appraisal, property description, will, letters testamentary, Griswold Funeral Home papers  
Folder 4 - William Mielke - Materials relating to General Electric and WM's employment there: GE postcard - retirement party photos (1968) - Local 301 membership small booklets (2) w/colored stamps - GW Works News - some small blueprints - 3 small notebooks w/work notes

GE - related items from William Mielke:

Binder: GE Federal Credit Union #1411 - Liquidation - Box 9

Slides: GE Quarter Century Club - Box 12C

Folder 5 - William Mielke - Photos:

Playing violin (1979)

Collection of small photos of 1920s-1940s in the Adirondacks (in photo pages)

Picture of William Mielke's Zion Lutheran Church confirmation class

Young man - White Studio (larger size)

Young man - White Studio

w/men's group (WSM back row, 2nd from right)

w/band and instruments (WSM back on left, w/violin) (2 copies)

w/violin, by piano (framed)

Funeral book - William Mielke: in white box within Box 6; contains obituaries, floral cards

William Mielke: Mailing tube from National Academy of Music w/1-1/2 cent stamp

William Mielke - Related oversize items:

National Academy of Music certificate of membership in the Extension Department - Box 14

(see also NAM card in William S. Mielke, Box 6, Folder 1)

Horace Mann Elementary School Certificate, Jan 28, 1918 - Box 14

Confirmation certificate, Zion Lutheran Church, April 1, - Box 14

William & Ethel Mielke:

Folder 6 - William & Ethel - photos of William & Ethel (4 copies) - also photos of William & Ethel w/Vivian & James Rowland (White Studio)

Folder 7 - William & Ethel - Wedding certificate and articles, photos, honeymoon:

Wedding certificate book, Sept. 28, 1935 - letter from Van Curler Hotel re: wedding reception, dated Sept 26, 1935 - Hotel Statler and other Boston information from honeymoon - Gazette,

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Sept 30, 1935: marriage license listed for Wm and Ethel (p.13, bottom of column 5) - calling cards: Ethel Yates, Mr. and Mrs. William Mielke - "Hotel Van Curler The Tap Room" stirring stick - newspaper article from Crippen Open House, 2/5/1973 - WSM & EYM social security cards - two photos (could be wedding photos?)

Folder 8 - 922 Delamont Ave rental; Land purchase - Stark Ave:

Photo of 922 Delamont Ave, a former family residence - Daily Gazette article (2 Jul 1991) relates to homes in Delamont Ave area - rent receipts for 922 Delamont Ave - lease from Ida Mielke to William Mielke, 1949 - mortgage agreements with Old Ladies Home - amortization schedules - envelope w/letters re: mortgage - assessment cards from Town of Niskayuna - Lulu Smith to William and Ethel, agreement to purchase property on Stark Ave - letter re: 922 Delamont garage lease, June 1, 1950 - Sunday Gazette article re: Home for the Ladies, Jan. 27, 2008 - Stark Ave property map - deed transfer of 883 Stark Ave from Ethel to Robert, Sept. 27, 1990 - photos of 883 Stark Ave

Folder 8A - William & Ethel: Correspondence (see also Box 10, Correspondence, Post cards)

Folder 9 - William & Ethel: Maroon book with household information, addresses, receipts, interesting recipes; more

Folder 10 - William & Ethel - Family information:

Blue spiral notebook: birthdays, anniversaries, appointments

Black 7x10 notebook: recipes, some w/source; menus; early household purchases

Folder 11 - William & Ethel - Family information: GE 1965 Log Book w/addresses and more

Folder 12 - William & Ethel - Round and square dancing:

Square dance and round dance flyers, letters and more

Related square dance items:

Dresses, Ethel's (2): in the SCHS Museum on Washington Street

Slides from dance banquets - Box 13C

[Recordings of square dance and round dance sessions were not selected for acquisition]

Folder 13 - William & Ethel - Pictures of honeymoon, includes photo of Hotel Statler room

William & Ethel - Correspondence: many cards, letters, postcards to the Mielkes - Box 10

William & Ethel - Photographs - Box 12A; Box 12B

William & Ethel - Slides - Box 12C; Box 12D

Ethel Yates Mielke:

Folder 14 - Ethel Yates Mielke - Certificates, other items:

Birth certificate, July 23, 1905 - "Baby's Diary" book, includes family names - hand cut-out, 5 years of age - blonde hair, cut on June 28, 1911 - Excelsior High School *The Annual*, 1924 (2 copies) - confirmation certificate, Zion Lutheran Church, April 8, 1936 - obituaries - death certificate - driver licenses

Folder 15 - Ethel Yates Mielke: Excelsior School "The Annual" 1924 Yearbook

Folder 16 - Ethel Yates Mielke - Cards and other items:

Hand-written name card: L. Preston Hamilton, 115 St Street - cards from Robert (homemade and other), William, and her parents - postcards sent from Park Avenue Hotel to Ethel and to James (Ethel's father), from Ethel's mother Maud - Valentine postcard - postcard w/leather canoe attached - 1939 Corlaer Chapter Treasure Book, Ethel Mielke listed on p. 5

Folder 17 - Ethel Yates Mielke - Photos; blonde hair:

Photos, 1909, 1912, 1914, baby photos; with parents, grandparents; house at 12 Chiswell Street - blonde hair in envelope

Folder 18 – Ethel Yates Mielke - Photos: as a young lady, graduation, w/Vivian Yates; more  
Funeral book – Ethel Yates Mielke: in white box within Box 7; contains floral cards, funeral  
cards, acknowledgement notes

Ethel Mielke - Related oversize items:

Excelsior High School graduation class photo, with names on back – Box 14

Brown background w/white silhouette bust of Ethel Mielke – Box 14

Excelsior High School diploma, June 24, 1924; 16” x 21”; w/gold seal – Box 14

\*Albany Business College diploma, May 9, 1925; w/gold seal, red & gray ribbons - housed in  
map case in SCHS library, with diplomas

### **Box 7 – MATERNAL RELATIVES of Robert J. Mielke**

Folder 1 – Park W. VanAernam (Great-Grandfather of RJM) – Photos; other items - Also,  
ephemera which was inserted in the large family Bible (Bible not included in SCHS collection)

Photos of 4 generations of VanAernams, including Grandma (MaryJane) VanAernam, and  
pictures of Ethel Truman VanAernam

These papers were found in the family Bible [Phinney Cooperstown Bible; no information was  
actually written in the Bible]: papers with family records - poem: “Never Mind” - card:  
“These Things Do Not” - Western Union Telegraph Co. envelope to Mrs. Clark (Park) W.  
VanAernam, 638 Terrace Place - Western Union message, dated Apr 14, 1897: Mother dead  
funeral friday ten am, Alvah Truman [Mrs. Park W. Van Aernam was Mary Jane Truman,] -  
music: “Swing! Ring! Sabbath Bells”, Schenectady, N.Y. - Children’s Day programs:  
*Anniversary Greetings - On to Victory*; and *Dike Builders*, June 10, 1894 - bulletin from First  
Presbyterian Church, Schenectady, N.Y., Jan. 28, 1894 - “Memorial Service for the Unknown  
Dead” - “Under the Search-Light” address delivered March 5, 1914, with excerpts from “The  
Confederate Veteran” (1913 dates)

Postcard: Lookout Mountain, Tenn.; from Park W. to James R. Yates; Park W. signed his name  
in the “Big Book” at the (Civil) War Museum - 1910; from a visit to commemorate his  
participation in the Civil War; also included - a copy of a similar postcard found on-line, with  
legible print

Park W. Van Aernam – related items:

- Civil War memorial document - housed in map case in SCHS library
- Photos from Civil War era family photo album; includes Civil War reunion picture of PWVA -  
Box 13
- Civil War reunion photo – Park W. VanAernam, seated, middle right – Box 14
- Folders 6-9, Box 4 – relating to the Civil War
- VanAernam’s Champion Silver Lustre, Schenectady, NY. Park W. VanAernam’s name is on  
the box. Located in SCHS museum on Washington Ave.

Folder 2 – Florence VanAernam (Great-aunt of RJM; daughter of Park W. VanAernam)  
& William Churchill - Papers:

Deed for property in Town of Rotterdam, to William and Florence Churchill 12 June 1912 -  
Summons and Complaint 1 Nov 1913 - envelope w/ petition for divorce 6 May 1914, divorce  
papers 30 Aug 1926, related letters written by Florence - Insurance policy for William  
Churchill - Sanders/Clute Referee’s Deed 6 Nov 1908 - Clute/Churchill Land Contract 2 May

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1910 - Mynderse Deed 24 Apr 1922 - City Tax bills for 1922, 1923, 1924 - State and County Tax and Water Rents for 1923, 1924, 1925 - City Treasurer's Office notice of assessment 15 Feb 1923 - envelope w/Adirondack Power and Light Corporation receipt 24 Apr 1925, photos of William Churchill, photo of Florence VA Churchill, newspaper notice - photo of Florence VA Churchill - wedding photo of Florence & William Churchill

Folder 3 – Florence Van Aernam Turner & Ralph Turner - papers, correspondence, cards, obituaries:

Florence Van Aernam Turner: Photo of Florence in 1973, age 94 - clipped papers: birth certificate and search, Census Report 1892, death certificate - Certificate of Social Insurance Award, 12 June 1947 - Social Security Board acknowledgment of claims - 15 Oct 1950 letter from Ethel M. Filkins, niece of Florence - 1950-1951 Ellis Hospital billings - 1952 Tax Bill City of Schenectady, 10 Hawk St., Schenectady, NY - 15 Aug 1972 10 Hawk Street purchase offer; household goods appraisal - various documents re: 10 Hawk Street - Shamrock Poultry Farm, Duanesburg Road, Schenectady, NY calendar picture

Ralph N. Turner/Florence L. Churchill: wedding book/certificate 15 Nov 1931 w/guests; wedding card

Ralph Turner birth certificate: 9 Feb 1884, Plattsburgh, New York

Envelope w/Ralph N. Turner obituary notices, County Clerk's office receipt 15 May 1947

Ralph Turner death certificate April 11, 1947

Today and Tomorrow booklet from Baxter Funeral Home

Assortment of vintage sympathy cards - funeral floral cards

Folder 4 – Maud VanAernam Yates (Grandmother of RJM; daughter of Park W. VanAernam) - Photos - Funeral book - obituary - communicant book - other:

Wedding invitation - wedding certificate (Maud & James, 9 June, 1897) - wedding photo - photos of Maud - photo of Maud and James - book: Plain Words to a Young Communicant; insert in book is First Presbyterian Church, Schenectady, N.Y. bulletin from Dec. 3, 1893 - Memorial Record book for Maud M. Yates Oct. 11, 1950 contains names of family members attending funeral; obituary - receipts from funeral flowers and Griswold Funeral Home - copy of framed picture, which was inscribed on the back: "To Maud From James, June 7, 1926"

Maud VanAernam Yates/James R. Yates – Wedding picture – Box 14

Folder 5 – James R. Yates (Grandfather of RJM) - obituary - photos - articles - Woodlawn Reformed Church - correspondence - Park View Cemetery - Griswold Funeral Home, Inc. - obituaries:

Photos from JRY's photo album

Photos of JRY at various stages of life - articles: JRY promoted to superintendent of money order department at Schenectady Post Office (n.d.); Senior Citizens Cited (1966) - Woodlawn Reformed Church: articles about 35th anniversary plans, new JR Yates room in church (1961), burning mortgage (1965); bulletin from June 30, 1940 - correspondence: March 28, 1898 Dear Uncle, re: father dying, wants Aunt Hattie to come, signed James R. Yates - postcard: Lichtenstein, shoppers club postcard from Camp Cosco to JR Yates (1910?); - letter from Libby, McNeill & Libby, with prayer - Park View Cemetery: Deed to Ralph Turner and James R. Yates (Section D, Lot 85); receipts for payment of lot, sodding lot - Albany Art Memorials design and billing for monument; receipts - Griswold Funeral Home receipt and flowers receipt - obituaries (Oct 25, 1967) - will, and other legal papers - card w/menu from Many Glacier Hotel, from JRY's travels - traveling notes from various trips (see also slide collection)

Folder 6 – James R. Yates - Yates family records - photos - correspondence - articles: Births, Deaths, Marriages, Memoranda - copied from family Bible [this Bible is missing -not available]

Found in Bible: Certificate of Marriage for Frank Yates and Amelia Morenus, 20 Oct 1874 - Public School No. 21 certificate, Dora Yates, Feb 14, 1890 - obituary for Amelia Yates  
Other Yates items: [photos: Aunt Libby and Uncle Albert; Frank and Amelia's grave monument (Scotia Reformed Church Cemetery); Frank and Amelia Yates, also the negative; Clare, 1908; grandmother Morenus] - typed biography of James R. Yates, Oct. 8, 1956 - correspondence - articles - plastic ruler, The Maccabees, with which he had insurance (was secretary/treasurer 1946) - postcard: Lichtenstein, shoppers club

Folder 7 – James R. Yates - Yates genealogy - Yates family notes - Yates family crest - various articles:

Binder, small – James R. Yates:

Looseleaf binder, 7 1/4" x 10" - "My travels during "1951" "1952" "1953" "1962" - typed journal of travels to L.A., Florida, more; mentions relatives he visited along the way; list of slides.

Folder 8 – Vivian Yates Rowland (Aunt of RJM; daughter of James and Maud Yates) - newspaper wedding picture - James R. Rowland ordination bulletin 6 Apr 1957; also ordination invitation/announcement - obituary for Rev. James Rowland - correspondence from Vivian, and from Betty (wife of Clayton, Vivian's son) w/photos of Clayton, Betty, Vivian and Douglas (Vivian's son)

Folder 9 – Vivian Yates Rowland - photos: baby, with mother, young girl, older, graduation. Vivian Yates & James Rowland - wedding picture (2), 1941; Ethel Yates Mielke in photo

Folder 10 – Frances Yates Herron (Great-aunt of RJM; sister of James R. Yates) - DAR application and worksheet, for which supporting materials include: Yates genealogy - articles and notes - birth certificate, death certificate, obituaries (Dec 20, 1975)

Folder 11 - Frances Yates Herron - Items from family Bible: obituaries; church bulletin; Herron family record; Herron family scrapbook:

Bible, dated Dec. 25, 1949 – Frances Yates Herron; Bible contains family records and inserts  
Herron family scrapbook

Page list:

1. Letter from Van Antwerp School, Sept. 26, 1933 – Mrs. Herron donated victrola  
Post card – Brant lake NY  
A&P article, Oct. 20, 1921, w/photo of baby Nelson Yates Herron after diet of A&P

Wheat Farina

2. Greeting cards; newspaper article re: 9<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Nelson Herron
3. Handmade valentine; card for mother; newspaper birth announcement for Nelson
4. State St. Presbyterian Church, Schenectady, NY Children's Day June 13, 1926
5. Photo; other papers
6. State St. Presbyterian Church, Schenectady, NY Children's Day June 18, 1933
7. West High School commencement announcement, Eastman Theatre
8. Theta Tau, Sigma Chapter, Ohio State Univ. Mother's Day invitation, May 14, 1939
9. Western Union telegram; change of address card
13. Congratulations note



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15. Wedding invitation: Frances A. Yates to Lyman B. Herron, Nov. 11, 1914  
Society notice of the wedding includes many Yates names
  16. Rev. Chauncey B. Magill, pastor of State Street Presbyterian Church, Schenectady
  17. "Rev. C.B. Magill Found Dead as Service Waits"
  18. State Street Presbyterian Church newspaper article
  20. 24 - Grand Court Order of the Amaranth, Inc , May, 1928; St. George's Court notices and papers
  25. Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute – Convocation announcement  
Nelson Herron newspaper notices
- Loose articles in scrapbook:  
Newspaper article w/photo – 50<sup>th</sup> anniv of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman B. Herron  
Other articles

Frances Yates Herron - Slides - see Box 12C; Box 12D

Joseph W. Armstrong, distant cousin of RJM - This folder is located in Special Collections at Schaffer Library, Union College. Contents of the folder at Union College: photo of JWA by his elaborate Eastlake bookcase - photos of his home - article about his retirement as long-time copy editor of Schenectady Gazette - obituaries for JWA and wife Christine Armstrong - photo of JWA and wife Christine - funeral /service bulletin - correspondence between JWA and RJM, with interesting book discussions }

Note: Robert Mielke's maternal great-grandfather, Frank Yates, was a brother of Joe Armstrong's grandmother - this information is from an Armstrong letter in the above collection, dated 3 March 1985.

**Box 8** - PATERNAL RELATIVES of Robert J. Mielke; FRIENDS of Mielke family; Local Cities & Villages; MAP collection

Folder 1 – Otto W. Mielke & Ida Dettbarn Mielke (Grandparents of RJM) - (German document: small brown book, possibly passport? dated 1888; DOB 18 April 1868) - Mielke genealogy information - obituaries for Otto (Dec. 2, 1946) and Ida (Sept. 17, 1953) - photos of Otto and Ida's headstone and flat stones at Zion Lutheran Cemetery Schenectady - photos of Ida, Otto, William, Ethel & Robert Mielke, Ruth Mielke and children - obituaries of interest to family

Folder 2 – Walter Karl Reinhold Mielke & Susan H. Yoder Mielke (Walter: paternal half-uncle of RJM; son of Otto W. Mielke and Minna Rohlhoff, Otto's first wife)

[Information told by Kenneth Mielke, Walter's son, to Evelyn Thode, in 2014: Walter was born in Schenectady; left after WWI. Took a course at GE; went to Ohio. Married Sue Yoder Dec. 13, 1919. Sue (Susie) was head cook at a nursing home; she knew Burl Ives.]

Mielke family genealogy - copy of Walter Mielke's birth certificate 7 July 1894 - 26-page copy of records from Zion Lutheran Church, Schenectady, NY - correspondence - photo of Walter and Sue Mielke - other photos - cards - items regarding Sue Mielke's 100th birthday - Sue Mielke funeral notes

Folder 3 - Family of Kenneth Mielke (b. 3 Nov 1922; son of Walter & Susan Mielke) - [mother of Kenneth's children is first wife, Norma \_\_\_\_; Kenneth married Mary \_\_\_\_ in 1981) - correspondence - cards - photos

Folder 4 – Ruth Mielke Gustafson Aldrich (daughter of Otto W. & Ida Mielke - materials from Ruth Mielke's family include: [photos: Ruth's children, daughter Kay's wedding, farm] - cards

- family correspondence - articles - Ashland Berry Farm materials - Epiphany Lutheran Church Week of Dedication booklet - cancelled checks from William Mielke family to Ruth and family

Folder 5 – Otto E. Mielke (Uncle of RJM; son of Otto W. & Ida Mielke) - items from Otto E. Mielke's family include: photos - cards - family correspondence - postcard:

“Notwithstanding”, from Greenfield Center - cancelled checks from William Mielke family

Folder 6 – Hilda Mielke Plusch (Aunt of RJM; daughter of Otto W. & Ida Mielke) - materials from Hilda Mielke Plusch's family include: photos - wedding photos - cards - family correspondence - cancelled checks for various family members from William Mielke family - 50th anniversary article for Mr. & Mrs. Alexander J. Plusch - obituary for Almerin A. Plusch (father of Hilda Mielke's husband Al Plusch)

Hilda Mielke & Almerin Plusch – wedding picture; William Mielke is behind bride and groom

Folder 7 - Almerin Plusch family (son of Hilda Mielke Plusch)

Emil Dettbarn (Paternal cousin of RJM)

See Box 1; Box 2; Box 3; Box 12 for documents, correspondence, post cards and more information about Emil Dettbarn.

### FRIENDS of William & Ethel MIELKE

Note: In addition to friends included here, other close friends were Clarence and Eleise Bodenstab; Alice & Paul Peletier, and Henry & Catherine Primmer. See Photos and Slides for pictures of many of William and Ethel's friends.

Folder 8 – Christison, Alexander & Gladys - neighbors from Friends Lake: correspondence, obituaries

Folder 9 – Tubbs, Francis A. and Maybelle

Francis (Frank) Tubbs: 15 June 1916 [or 29 Oct 1919] - 25 Feb 1998; obituary; application for admission to Ingersoll Home, 3421 State Street, Schenectady, NY; House Rules for Ingersoll Home. Maybelle C. Tubbs: 29 Oct 1919 - 31 Jan 1998; obituary; funeral mass bulletin; funeral card. Francis & Maybelle married 28 Jun 1952

Folder 10 – Horstman, Emma; Quellhorst, William - various papers

### FRIENDS of Robert J. Mielke:

Folder 11 – Thomas, Dave - colleague from Fort Plain High School: correspondence

Folder 12 – Trimmer, Robert W. - classmate from Nott Terrace High School: clippings, 9 postcards from Bob Trimmer to Bob Mielke - correspondence, photos, obituary for Charles Trimmer, father of Robert Trimmer

Folder 13 – Sylwester, Harold J. - colleague from Concordia Teachers College: correspondence - cards - photos

Folder 14 - Zinn, John: correspondence and research regarding Dettbarn genealogy

### LOCAL CITIES AND VILLAGES

Folder 15 - Albany, NY: articles and information regarding Cherry Hill; articles about Yates House (Governor Yates is mentioned in Yates genealogy); article about Christmas Past in Albany; regarding Fort Craillo: article; also a booklet entitled “*Souvenir of the Old Dutch Mansion, Riverside Avenue, Greenbush, N. Y.*”

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Folder 16 - Cherry Valley, NY Presbyterian Church: “*An Historical Account of the Presbyterian Church at Cherry Valley, N. Y.*” Cherry Valley, N.Y., “*Gazette*” print, 1876; photocopy of Limited Reprinting, 1973; 47 p.

Folder 17 - Glenville, NY: *Historical Gleanings from Old-Time Maps and Deeds* (report, 1928) - *Glenville - Past and Present*, Sesquicentennial Celebration, August 16-22, 1970

Folder 18 - Schenectady, NY: photos - GE postcard - card: Brown & Wick - envelopes from local churches and businesses - obituaries and articles -

A Guide to Historic Schenectady

Town of Niskayuna Transfer Station cards - 2

Town of Niskayuna Land Fill tipping fee coupon

Mohawk Drama Festival Magazine, Union College, July 23, 1940

Mohawk National Bank 1807-1957 Sesqui-Centennial book

The Schenectady Gazette Goes to Press

[Things Human by Daniel J. O’Connor, Schenectady author; signed – housed in library collection]

Folder 19 - Scotia, NY:

(1904-1954) Scotia’s Golden Jubilee wooden nickel (2)

An Overview of Scotia and Glenville History as Told by the Spirit of Alexander L. Glen

“Dutch Touch” article on Holland House

Glen Sanders: postcard -

*Glen Sanders Story*

*A Chronological History of the Glen-Sanders Family Mansion and Collection 1973*

Various copies and articles

MAP COLLECTION - various maps from the past: local and New York State

Folder 20 – Maps - Albany, Schenectady, Troy, #1A

Folder 21 – Maps - Albany, Schenectady, Troy, #1B

Folder 22 – Maps – Fulton, Montgomery Counties

Folder 23 – Maps – New York State, #1A

Folder 24 – Maps – New York State, #1B

**Box 9** - Relating to 883 STARK AVE; G.E. Federal Credit Union #1411

Folder 1 – Stark Avenue lot, surveys, etc.; neighbors and homes on Stark Avenue (Original address was 10 Stark Avenue)

Folder 2 – Town of Niskayuna – Assessment

Folder 3 – House and property

Folder 4 – Property maps

Folder 5 – Garage construction, building receipts

Folder 6 – House construction

Folder 7 – House information

Folder 8 – House receipts, mortgage, etc.

Booklets – Wiring

Binder and Ledger – personal notations of building project (883 Stark Avenue)

G.E. Federal Credit Union #1411: Binder (1953-1958); (Oct 1958 - June 1959: liquidation)

Includes: application cards w/DOB to 1934; names and numbers of shares held; financial & statistical reports; ledger accounts. William Mielke was treasurer of the union.

**Box 10 – William and Ethel Mielke - Correspondence, Postcards, Calling Cards**

Correspondence: Folders 1-6

This collection contains many letters and cards, most of which still include their stamped envelopes. Genealogical information can be gathered from wedding and graduation invitations, in addition to the family “news” written in the large quantity of letters (and on the postal cards, below), from both the Yates relatives and the Mielke relatives.

Postcards: Folders 1 & 2

Postcards from the Adirondacks, various cities and many more places

Postal cards, with letters written on the back

Calling Cards: Folders 1 & 2

34 fancy name cards (or Valentines?) - from about the 1920s, since William’s sister, Hilda, is included in the group, and she was born in 1908

**Box 11 - Emil E. Dettbarn– Correspondence, Postcards**

The Emil Dettbarn correspondence collection contains:

- 1921 correspondence re: his trip to Germany
- German correspondence
- correspondence 1916 - 1940s
- greeting cards 1920s -1970s
- correspondence from Margaret (Magdalena B. Pross) [more in Group 1, Box 5 at SCHS]
- cards from Margaret (Magdalena B. Pross)
- cards and notes from Frances X. Gruber

Correspondence: Folders 1 & 2

Correspondence: Folders 3 – 3D (from Margaret)

Correspondence: Folders 4 – 4C (German)

The Emil Dettbarn postcard collection contains 106 postcards (1910s -1920s). Subjects: Schenectady; Adirondacks; Lake George; Saratoga; Featherstonhaugh Mansion; DC; various states; holidays; 36 of the total are German postcards

Postcards: Folders 1 & 1A (German)

Postcards: Folder 2 (from Margaret)

Postcards: Folder 3 (Assorted)

**Box 12 – PHOTOGRAPHS; SLIDES - Mielke family**

**Box 12A and Box 12B – PHOTOGRAPHS:**

Early 1900s to 2006. Mielke family, friends, travels; Schenectady, Albany, Friends Lake camp. Early 1900s outings in the Adirondacks: some with dates, initials on the back of the photos, or captions. Outings at Mariaville Lake, Saratoga Lake, Schroon Lake, Friends Lake, Lake George, Potterkill Falls, Black Mountain. Much more.

Box	Folder	Title	Description	Subject Details
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12A	1	Mielke, William and Friends – Camping (1920s-1930s)	This folder contains photos of camping in the mountains: tents, campsites, lakes, canoeing, giant fish caught – enjoying the outdoors; initials on back of many photos	Adirondacks: Mileaway Beach; Sabbath Day Point; Deer Leap; Black Mt and Vicars Island; Rockhurst Camp
12A	2	Mielke, William and Friends – Camping (1920s-1930s)	This folder contains photos of camping in the mountains: cabins, tents, swimming, boating, canoeing, tour boat, lakes; initials on back of many photos	Vicars Island and Black Mt; Tower on Black Mt; Two cabins on Black Mt; Fred Ossenfort; Al Plusch; William Mielke
12A	3	Mielke, William – Camping & Outings (1920s-1930s)	This folder contains photos of camping, outings at various lakes, musicians (Waterbury)	Mariaville Lake; Pilot Knob Mt; Potterkill Falls; Lake George steamboat; Camp at Saratoga Lake; Rube Orchestra
12A	4	Mielke, William – Various subjects (1920s-1930s)	This folder contains photos of unidentified family groups and individuals, cars and a coal truck of the era, young men, horse and buggy w/couple, more	Early stone house; Coal truck; Cars; Horse and buggy; Niagara Falls
12A	5	Mielke, William – Family & more (1922-1926)	This folder contains photos of a locomotive, city views, unidentified individuals, various outings (see Details, right)	Lake George, Rainbow Bch; Rustic Bridge, Decoration Day; Old Mohawk Trail; Ethel Yates, William Mielke, Hilda Mielke, Al Plusch; Hazel Van Aernam
12A	6	Mielke, William – Family & friends (1927-1929)	This folder contains photos of outings at various lakes; cabins, group photos	Caroga Lake, Oneida Lake, Pine Lake, Mariaville Lake; Ethel Yates, William Mielke, Hilda Mielke, Al Plusch, Vivian Yates, Mr.&Mrs. James Yates, Dora Chase

12A	7	Mielke, William – Outings (1930-1931)	This folder contains photos of various outings (see Details, right)	Saratoga Racetrack; White Mtns, NH; Montreal, St. Anne de Beupre; Watkins Glen; Lake George; William Mielke, Ethel Yates, Hilda Mielke, Al Plusch
12A	8	Mielke, William – Family; outings (1932-1933)	This folder contains photos of family gatherings, outings, vehicles, picnics (clam bake, Chiswell St, Schenectady), snow	Hartford, Ct – Rose Sunday; DC; Saratoga Race Track; Port of Albany; Lake George
12A	9	Mielke, William – Family; outings (1933)	Photos of Central Park, Schenectady; various relatives (Al & Hilda Plusch family); outings (see Details)	Lake George; Caroga Lake; Canada Lake; Old Mohawk Trail; Bennington, VT;
12A	10	Mielke, William – Family; outings (1934)	This folder contains photos of picnics, Al Plusch's family, William w/ Ethel Yates; Vivian Yates (Chiswell St., Schenectady)	Sacandaga Reservoir; Mohawk Trail
12A	11	Mielke, William – Family; outings (1935)	This folder contains photos of William w/ Ethel Yates; vehicle; trips and outings; Aunt Mathilds's dinner party	Great Falls, Va; Lake George; Dam at Cooper's Cave, Glens Falls'; James R. Yates; Vivian Yates
12A	12	Mielke, William – Family; outings (1936)	This folder contains photos of Wm & Ethel's "2 <sup>nd</sup> Honeymoon"; group at beach	Plymouth Rock, Providence, RI; Springfield, MA; Atlantic Beach
12A	13	Mielke, William – Family outings (1937)	Family w/dog; at the beach; ocean views	Saratoga Spa; Manchester, Conn; coast of Maine cabin
12A	14	Mielke, William – Family (1938)	Birth of Robert James Mielke – baby pictures; Wm & Ethel Mielke	Schenectady, NY; Central Park; James/Maud Yates;
12A	15	Mielke, William – Family (1939)	Family photos: Robert, Wm & Ethel	Schenectady, NY; Central Park; Saratoga Spa
12A	16	Mielke, William – Family (1940)	Robert Mielke, baby pictures – wagon, tricycle, garden	Schenectady, NY
12A	17	Mielke, William – Family (1941)	Mielke family – outings at lakes	Saratoga Park; Schroon Lake

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12A	18	Mielke, William – Local outings (1920s-1948)	Baseball at Central Park; family at Central Park; Soap Box Derby, Fehr Ave; Lock 8, Mohawk River; State Capitol; Washington Park; Port of Albany; Saratoga Racetrack	Schenectady, NY; Albany, NY; Saratoga, NY
12A	19	Mielke, William – Family (1942-1943)	Robert Mielke, childhood; w/parents; Robert Bodenstab; vehicle	Schenectady, NY Friends Lake
12A	20	Mielke, William – Family & Friends (1944)	Mielkes; cousins; Bodenstabs; building lot at lake; birthday party	Friends Lake, Chestertown, NY; Schenectady, NY
12A	21	Mielke, William – Family & Friends (1945)	Fishing, swimming, building the camp	Friends Lake, Chestertown, NY
12A	22	Mielke, William – Family (1946)	Wm, Ethel, Robert: home; new camp	Schenectady, NY; Friends Lake, Chestertown; Fort Ticonderoga
12A	23	Mielke, William – Family (1947)	Family at camp; playhouse at camp; outing at Thatcher Park	Friends Lake, Chestertown; 922 Delamont Ave, Sch'dy; Lake George
12A	24	Mielke, William – Family (1948)	Family at camp – fishing, swimming; gardening at home; snow at Delamont Ave	Friends Lake ; Schenectady, NY. Mielke family; Ida Dettbarn; Mielke cousins
12A	25	Mielke, William – Family (1949)	Robert, William, Ethel; Ida & Otto Mielke	Schenectady, NY; Friends Lake, Chestertown
12A	26	Mielke, William – Family (1950, 1952)	Family at home (Stark Ave) and at the lake; family group at lake	Schenectady, NY; Friends Lake, Chestertown
12A	27	Mielke, William – Family visits in DC (1933-1953)	Mielke family w/Al & Hilda Mielke Plusch family; also Ida Dettbarn Mielke	Annapolis; Washington, DC – many locations and historical places
12A	28	Mielke, William – Family (1953)	Robert at home (Stark Ave); family at camp; family outings	Schenectady, NY; Friends Lake; Ausable Chasm; Whiteface Mountain; Cooperstown, NY
12A	29	Mielke, William – Family (1955)	Snow at home; Buick outing; fish hatchery; Mielke family	Schenectady, NY; Warrensburg, NY

Box	Folder	Title	Description	Subject Details
12B	A	Mielke, William – Various early photos (c 1925)	Unknown family; unknown river/road; (German?) soldier; machinist in shop; “Webus” (1925) – large group of men w/names	Unknown locations
12B	1	Mielke, William – Family (1961-1980)	Wm Mielke & siblings; Wm & Ethel, 40 <sup>th</sup> and 45 <sup>th</sup> anniv; Wm playing violin; Robert Mielke (1952 confirmation & more); Aunt Frances; Aunt Florence	Schenectady, NY
12B	2	Mielke, Ethel (1990-1998)	Photos of Ethel Mielke, and Robert	Schenectady, NY
12B	3	Mielke, William – Vehicles (1941-1995)	Photos of family vehicles	Schenectady, NY; Friends Lake, Chestertown
12B	4	Mielke, Robert – Christmas (1931-2000)	Photos of Christmas trees and Robert’s gifts over the years	922 Delamont Ave and 883 Stark Ave, Schenectady, NY
12B	5	Mielke, Robert – Pets (1936-2002)	Mielke family pets	Schenectady, NY
12B	6	Mielke, William – Camp (1955-1973)	The family camp, inside & out: Wm, Ethel, Robert; relatives; the lake, fishing, dock, boats	206 Hill Park Road, Friends Lake, Chestertown, NY
12B	7	Mielke, Robert - Camp (1995-2006)	The family camp: outside views; original wood stove; winter (sledding, skating); old dock/boat; new dock; Evelyn Thode w/new boat	206 Hill Park Road, Friends Lake, Chestertown, NY
12B	8	Mielke, William - Adirondacks (1958-2001)	Family outings in the Adirondacks; winter fishing (Lewey Lake)	Boris River; Frontier Town; Lake George (Minnie-Ha-Ha); Chestertown school & churches; Warrensburg (Oscar’s); North Creek depot and train ride
12B	9	Mielke, William – Local outings (1961-1973)	Family & friends: outings in the Adirondacks and Catskill area, and Union College, Schenectady	Warrensburg (Fish hatchery & Pack Forest); Catskill Game Farm; Mielkes; Tubbs’; Hughes



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12B	10	Mielke, Robert – Yates relatives (1981-2000)	Ethel and Robert w/Ethel's sister, Vivian Yates Rowland and her family – various visits	Schenectady, NY
12B	11	Mielke, Robert – Mielke relatives (1954-2001)	Wm, Ethel, Robert w/Wm's sister Ruth Gustafson & family; Allen (Wm's sister Hilda's son) & Sally Plusch	Silver Springs, MD Schenectady, NY
12B	12	Mielke, Robert – Mielke relatives (1982-1995)	Wm, Ethel, Robert w/Sue Mielke and family (Walter's wife)	Schenectady, NY; Albany, NY; Friends Lake
12B	13	Mielke, Robert – Mielke relatives (1941-1995)	Wm, Ethel, Robert w/Walter Mielke & family; Walter's home, grave, and descendants	Wheeler, IL
12B	14	Mielke, Robert – Mielke relatives (1999)	Sue Mielke's 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday gathering; home and buildings; Sue's family; Walter's grave; Robert attended	Wheeler, IL
12B	15	Mielke, Robert – Family friends (1981-1997)	Mielke family w/ friends; Frank & Maybelle Tubbs; Henry & Catherine Primmer; Joseph Armstrong (copy editor of Schenectady Gazette and distant relative of Ethel Mielke)	Various locations
12B	16	Mielke, Robert – Family friends (1981-2000)	Mielke family w/Sue Mielke; Frank & Maybelle Tubbs; Clarence & Eliese Bodenstab; Robert & Myrna Bodenstab	Schenectady, NY; Friends Lake
12B	17	Mielke, Robert – Family friends (1960-1982)	The Rendalls; John & Mildred Hughes; Nellie & Art Hammond; Pat Murphy; Alice & Paul Pelletier; Catherine & Henry Primmer	Various locations
12B	18	Mielke, Robert – Family friends (1977-1997)	Mielke family; Alex & Gladys Christison (neighbors at camp); Frank & Maybelle Tubbs	Friends Lake; Schenectady, NY
12B	19	Mielke, Robert (2002-2007)	Prints from film rolls	Various locations

Box 12C and Box 12D - SLIDES:

1950 - 1980. Mielke family and friends; activities at home on Stark Avenue, Schenectady, NY, and Friends Lake, Chestertown, NY; Frances Yates Herron's family

Box	Slide Box	Slide Number	Date	Description	Subject Details
12C	1	1-25	1968-1980	Wm, Ethel, Robert Mielke: at home, and traveling	Schenectady, NY and other locations
12C	2	1-23	1967-1980	Wm, Ethel, Robert Mielke: Christmas at home	Schenectady, NY
12C	3	1-9 10-18 19-25	1968-1971  1975	Wm, Ethel Square Dance costumes; NESQD Conv. Round Dance Convention Wm, Ethel 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary with Tubbs family	Schenectady, NY; Springfield, MA; Blue Creek School Schenectady, NY
12C	4	1-20	1969-1979	Mielke residence	883 Stark Ave., Schenectady, NY
12C	5	1-20	1968-1973	Mielke camp; fishing; new porch	Friends Lake, Chestertown, NY
12C	6	1-23	1968-1975	Mielkes at camp: winter; lake; geese	Friends Lake, Chestertown, NY
12C	7	1-13	1967-1977	Mielkes and relatives: Aunt Florence; Aunt Frances, Ethel & AJ Filkins	Schenectady, NY
12C	8	1-25	1959-1975	Mielkes; Vivian Yates Rowland's family; Tubbs family	Columbia, SC; Friends Lake; Schenectady, NY
12C	9	1-23	1968-1971	Walter Mielke family; William & Otto Mielke	Wheeler, IL
12C	10	1-21	1972-1980	Mielkes; Sue Mielke; Alex & Gladys Christison	Friends Lake; Schenectady, NY
12C	11	1-21	1968-1979	Wm Mielke's siblings & families: Ruth Mielke & Hilda Mielke	Maryland

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12C	12	1-22	1958-1964	Mielke relatives: Frances Yates Herron's family; Nelson Herron's family; 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	Schenectady, NY
12C	13	1-18	1961-1968	Retirement party; Herron family; Al & Dot Fazzone	
12C	14	1-22	1962-1971	Herron family	Home; gathering
12C	15	1-18	1961-1963	Herron family at Becker's Hotel, 4 <sup>th</sup> Lake	Party; fun night; church
12C	16	1-6 7-13	1950s 1960s	JR Yates' slides: Central Park; Jewish Temple. Stockade buildings (7-13)	Schenectady, NY
12C	16	14-17	1958	Route 146-Mohawk River	Schenectady, NY
12C	16	18	1957	Congressman Stratton	Schenectady
12C	17	1-24	1970	GE Quarter Century Club outing	Saratoga, NY
12C	18	1-14	1969-1971	Central Park Rose garden	Schenectady, NY
12C	18	15-19	1978	Clydesdales in Central Park	Schenectady, NY
12C	19	1-23	1971-1972	South Mall construction phases	Albany, NY
12C	20	1-4	1969-1971	Thatcher Park; Dunn Mem. Bridge; Capitol; Education Bldg.;	Albany, NY
12C	20	5-22	1976-1979	Mall and city views; Wm, Ethel, Robert, Susie Mielke	Albany, NY
Box	Slide Box	Slide Number	Date	Description	Subject Details
12D	1	1-25	1968-1979	Mielke family; Marge & George Prime; Clarence & Eleise Bodenstab - Card club New Year's parties	Schenectady, NY
12D	2	1-5	1974	Mielkes w/friends: Marge & George Prime's 50th anniv	Schenectady, NY
12D	2	6-12	1976-1980	Mielkes w/ Chris & Joe Armstrong	Schenectady, NY
12D	2	13-22	1970-1981	Mielkes w/ Clarence & Eliese Bodenstab	Schenectady, NY; Friends Lake

12D	3	1-21	1972-1977	Mielkes w/Art & Nellie Hammond	Springfield, MA
12D	3	22-25	1968-1979	Mielkes w/ Emma & Bill Horstman	
12D	4	1-21	1969-1978	Mielkes w/Alice & Paul Pelletier	
12D	5	1-18	1972	Mielkes w/ Alice & Paul Pelletier; Susie Mielke	Friends Lake; Pack Forest
12D	6	1-21	1968-1979	Mielkes w/ Catherine & Henry Primmer	Schenectady, NY
12D	7	1-22	1968-1978	Mielkes and card club: Catherine & Henry Primmer; Maybelle & Frank Tubbs	Friends Lake; Schenectady, NY
12D	8	1-24	1968-1978	Mielkes w/ Catherine & Henry Primmer: Maybelle & Frank Tubbs	Schenectady, NY
12D	9	1-25	1968-1978	Mielkes and Tubbs	Schenectady, NY; Friends Lake
12D	10	1-25	1975-1978	Mielkes; Tubbs 25 <sup>th</sup> anniv	Schenectady, NY
12D	11	1-12	1979-1980	Mielkes and Tubbs	Schenectady, NY
12D	12	1-17	1976-1977	Mielkes; Susie Mielke; Tubbs	Whiteface Mountain; Minerva Lake
12D	13	1-25	1968-1978	Mielke trips	Bennington, VT; Blenheim Bridge; Russian Church, Jordanville; Oswego Power Plant; Plotterkill Creek; Rhinebeck; Schoharie; St. Lawrence Seaway
12D	14	1-16	1968	Mielke trips	Hyde Park
12D	15	1-6	1968-1974	Colonial Arms; Oscar's	Chestertown, NY
12D	15	7-16	1971	Ski area	Gore Mountain
12D	15	17-24	1970-1977	Saratoga Battlefield	Saratoga, NY
12D	16	1-6	1971-1979	Steamboat Minnie-Ha-Ha; Courthouse	Lake George, NY
12D	16	7-17	1976	Lake views	Lake Placid, NY
12D	17	1-21	1968-1973	Brotherhood Winery	

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12D	18	1-11	1958-1960	Frances Yates Herron; 51 Eastholm; St. George's Court; Pat Murphy's; Ed & Evelyn	Schenectady, NY
12D	19	1-7	1958-1960	Nelson Herron's family; their church; Frances Yates Herron w/Joe & Chris Armstrong; Herron grandchildren	Cleveland, OH
12D	19	7-13	1959	Paul & Janice; reception	Rochester, NY
12D	19	14-17	1960	Brenda's wedding	Cleveland, OH
12D	20	1-22	1959-1960	Frances Herron at Becker's Hotel, 4 <sup>th</sup> Lake	Adirondacks

**BOX 13 – PHOTOGRAPHS and NEGATIVES**

PHOTOGRAPHS and TIN TYPES from VanAERNAM/YATES family photograph album of the 1800s –1920s

Folder A – Photographs from VanAernam/Yates family album

Folder B – Tin Types from VanAernam/Yates family album

PHOTOGRAPHS and NEGATIVES - MIELKE family

Folder C – Photos – Various unknown individuals; Niagara Falls

Soldier in (German?) uniform; gentlemen's group w/ curtains in back; lady with bonnet; young lady; young man; woman

Zion Lutheran Church: Basketball team\* (1910-1911); orchestra; Sunday School room

\*Large copy of this photograph is in Box 15

NEGATIVES

Folder 1 – Family & Friends, 1900s-1930s

Folder 2 – Adirondacks, 1920s-1930s; Washington, DC, 1950s

Folder 3 – Family, 1940s-1950s

Folder 4 – Family, 1930s-1950s

Folder 5 - Family – Home & Lake

Folder 6 – Robert Mielke, baby pictures; family

Folder 7 - Family

Folder 8 - Famil

Folder 9 – Family

Folder 10 – Negatives in strips

Folder 11 – Negatives in strips

**BOX 14 – OVERSIZE ITEMS**

William S. Mielke (Box 6):

Confirmation certificate, Zion Lutheran Church, April 1, 1917

Horace Mann Elementary School Certificate, Jan 28, 1918

National Academy of Music certificate of membership in the Extension Department March 10, 1926 (see also NAM card in William S. Mielke, Box 6, Folder 1)

William Zeuch 1929 organ recital; Wm Mielke, violinist

Ethel Yates Mielke (Box 6):

Excelsior High School diploma

Excelsior High School graduation photograph; names of classmates on back of photograph

Silhouette bust of Ethel Mielke, on brown background

Park W. VanAernam (Box 7):

Civil War reunion – Park W. VanAernam, seated, middle right

James R. Yates (Box 7): photograph as a young man

James R. Yates & Maud Van Aernam (Box 7): Wedding photo, 1897

Walter Ossenfort & Lillian Springer - Wedding photo, 1923; group photo with identification

Zion Lutheran Church - L.A.C. basketball team, 1910-1911 (small copy of this photo in Box 13, Folder C; also photo of Zion orchestra and Sunday School room in same folder)

Large group of men outside (church?)

Large group outside w/beer mugs

This Finding Aid for the Robert J. Mielke Collection was created by Evelyn Thode between 2007 and 2016, during the process of collecting, sorting and organizing the quantity of materials relating to the Mielke, Yates and VanAernam families.

ADDENDUM: These items were not accepted for inclusion in the Mielke Collection; in 2016 they were still in the custody of Evelyn Thode.

CASSETTE TAPES - Recorded by William Mielke, mostly in the 1970s-1981

These cassette tapes provide interesting detail, oral history, social customs and issues of their era; such as doctors speaking directly, and at length, with the patient or patient's family. The conversations are generally polite and respectful, and a bit on the formal side. The tapes give insight about the family and friends, dancing groups, and even a few radio ads and programs.

Personal tapes:

- Conversations regarding Emil Dettbarn and other relatives: various lawyers, doctors, nursing homes, nurses, undertakers; concerning surgeries and medical issues, hospital stays, placement in nursing homes, funeral plans, etc.

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- Many conversations (William and Ethel, mostly, but Robert appears occasionally) with Susie Mielke, Vivian Yates Rowland, several other relatives and friends. Some genealogy information was gathered here; there was mention of a fire at 924 Delamont Ave, which was next door to an earlier Mielke residence at 922 Delamont; much more
- New Year's Eve party - Guy Lombardo on radio (or TV?)
- Radio - Hank Coons, gardening questions
- Radio - WGY "Ethical Dimensions" program w/Surrogate Court re: Wills, Estates, etc.

### Round and Square Dancing tapes:

- Eight pages of details of the dance classes and practice sessions, written by William Mielke - they include dates, tape numbers, and all music from each session. Written on the back of "Schenectady G.E.A.&M. Employees Federal Credit Union No. 4111" stationery.
- One page of Evelyn's notes about the tapes
- Round and Square Dance tapes, mostly from 1972 - recorded by Wm Mielke, with music and calling, at group sessions. Probably the dancers individually recorded these sessions, as a few comments on the tapes are: "Needles on", and "Those of you who are recording"; listings of music in the recordings is included.
- Square Dance flyers and other dancing materials are located in Box 6, Folder 12. Ethel's square dance dresses are located in the SCHS Museum on Washington Street.