Guide to the James Robert "Bob" Leffler Collection

COLLECTION SUMMARY

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Creator: James Robert "Bob" Leffler

Title: James Robert "Bob" Leffler Collection

Dates: ca. 1920 – 2000 (some materials photocopies of earlier documents)

Quantity: 1 Box, 20 folders

Abstract: The James Robert "Bob" Leffler Collection contains some of the personal notes, correspondence, and clippings of singer, conductor, teacher, and Monroe County historian, Bob Leffler. Leffler's correspondence with Monroe County historians, such as Julian Livingston, and information about historic Bloomington buildings comprise the majority of the collection.

Identification:

Languages: English

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

PREFERRED CITATION

James Robert "Bob" Leffler Collection, Monroe County History Center Research Library, Box #, Folder #.

RESTRICTIONS

RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS & USE

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

James Robert "Bob" Leffler (1914 – 2001) was born in 1914 in Bloomington to James P. and Helen Leffler. His musical talent led him to become a professional singer, conductor, and teacher, most notably with the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. He also was appointed head of the Vocal and Choral Departments at The New York Institute for the Education of the Blind in 1960. Leffler retired in Bloomington in 1976 where he pursued his passions for local history and historic preservation, serving as an authority on county history and local theatrical buildings. Leffler completed a study of historic overlays of downtown

Bloomington and was active in the development of historic preservation interim reports. Leffler died in Bloomington in 2001.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

ARRANGEMENT

The James Robert "Bob" Leffler Collection is arranged into 5 series by historical subject, as follows:

OUTLINE OF SERIES ARRANGEMENT

SERIES 1: BOB LEFFLER – 2 FOLDERS (BOX 1)
SERIES 2: MONROE COUNTY HISTORY AND HERITAGE – 7 FOLDERS (BOX 1)
SERIES 3: HISTORIC PRESERVATION – 6 FOLDERS (BOX 1)
SERIES 4: BLOOMINGTON MAPS – 2 FOLDERS (BOX 1)
SERIES 5: CORRESPONDENCE – 3 FOLDERS (BOX 1)

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

SERIES 1 – Bob Leffler. The first series contains clippings about the life and death of Bob Leffler, including: photographs, copies of theatrical photographs, programs, obituaries, and other items.
SERIES 2 – Monroe County History and Heritage. The second series contains Bob Leffler's research on Monroe County history and heritage (including Indiana University), ephemera, photocopies of histories of Monroe County/Bloomington by other authors, and Leffler's handwritten notes.
SERIES 3 – Historic Preservation.The third series contains photocopies of/Leffler's notes on Bloomington historic preservation interim reports (1989), historic Bloomington brochures, reports on Bloomington's historic buildings, and Leffler's research about historic Bloomington properties.
SERIES 4 – Bloomington Maps. The fourth series contains maps of Bloomington, including: maps of the Bloomington town square lots, lot maps of Bloomington township, and listings of the first lots sold in Monroe County/Bloomington in 1818 (beginning of the county).
SERIES 5 – Correspondence. The fifth series contains portions of Leffler's correspondence with prominent Bloomington historians and genealogists (Henry & Cecilia Wahl, Julian Livingston, and Myra Baker).

ALTERNATE FORMS AVAILABLE

View selections from the collection in digital format at:

Contents of this collection are not available in this format at this time.

ACQUISITION INFO

Provenance/donor unknown. Originally belonged to Bob Leffler.

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PROCESSING INFO

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RELATED MATERIAL

For additional publications about Bob Leffler and the Monroe County Historical Society, please search the Monroe County History Center's catalog at:

http://monroehistory.pastperfect-online.com/30572cgi/mweb.exe?request=ks

Or, search the index to the Monroe County History Center Research Library's indexes and resources:

Family files:

http://monroehistory.org/sg_userfiles/familyfiles.pdf

Vertical files:

See Monroe County Museum—T.O.L.I.
Monroe County Libraries—Carnegie Library
Theaters—Leffler Photo Essay
Theaters—Princess Theater
http://monroehistory.org/sg_userfiles/Vertical_File_Index_1.pdf

INVENTORY

BOX 1 – 20 folders

SUBJECT TERMS

PERSONAL NAMES: Leffler, James Robert "Bob," 1914 – 2001
Waldron, John, 1827 – 1899
Hite, Kate
Wahl, Henry E., 1914 – 2008
Wahl, Cecilia Hendricks, 1916 – 1998
Baker, Myra
Livingston, Julian

ORGANIZATIONS: Monroe County Historical Society (Ind.), Bloomington (Ind.), Indiana University

GEOGRAPHIC NAMES: Bloomington (Ind.); Monroe County (Ind.)

SUBJECTS: Banks and banking, Historians, Historic preservation, Historical societies, Local history, Indiana--History, Indiana University, Bloomington (Ind.), Monroe County (Ind.), Monroe County Historical Society Ind.), Maps, Buildings, Correspondence, Theaters, Tours (Indiana)—Maps, Tourist.

BOX / FOLDER LIST

BOX 1

SERIES 1: BOB LEFFLER

FOLDER 1: LIFE OF BOB LEFFLER
FOLDER 2: LEFFLER'S MISCELLANEOUS EPHEMERA

SERIES 2: MONROE COUNTY HISTORY AND HERITAGE

FOLDER 3: HISTORICAL NOTES: MONROE COUNTY, IN
FOLDER 4: MONROE COUNTY FAMILY HERITAGE
FOLDER 5: MONROE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FOLDER 6: INDIANA UNIVERSITY
FOLDER 7: KATE HITE'S HISTORY OF BLOOMINGTON
FOLDER 8: SHOWERS FAMILY
FOLDER 9: HISTORIC BLOOMINGTON CALENDARS

SERIES 3: HISTORIC PRESERVATION

FOLDER 10: CITY OF BLOOMINGTON INTERIM REPORT
FOLDER 11: HISTORIC PRESERVATION WALKING TOUR BROCHURES
FOLDER 12: MONROE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
FOLDER 13: JOHN WALDRON/FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
FOLDER 14: WALDRON BUILDING
FOLDER 15: HARRIS GRAND THEATER

SERIES 4: BLOOMINGTON MAPS

FOLDER 16: BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP LOTS/DOWNTOWN MAPS
FOLDER 17: IN-LOTS SOLD ON BLOOMINGTON SQUARE (1818)

SERIES 5: CORRESPONDENCE

FOLDER 18: LETTERS TO HENRY AND CECILIA WAHL
FOLDER 19: LETTERS TO JULIAN LIVINGSTON
FOLDER 20: LETTERS TO MYRA BAKER