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## Guide to the William Haas Papers, 1873-1936

### Collection number: 72/11

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** William Haas Papers,

**Date (inclusive):** 1873-1936

**Collection number:** 72/11

**Creator:** Hass, William

**Extent:** 4 folders

**Repository:** The Western Jewish History Center.

Berkeley, California 94705

**Language:** English

### Introduction

In 1972, Mr. and Mrs. James Gerstley and Mr. Ernest Lilienthal donated the material that comprises the William Haas Papers.

### Access

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### Brief Biographical Note

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William Haas was born in Reckendorf, Bavaria and emigrated to the United States at 14 with his brother, Abraham. They joined their brothers, Jacob and Sam, and older cousins, Charles, Samuel, and Kalman Haas, in establishing a grocery business on the newly expanding west coast. William associated with the firm of Loupe & Haas which later became the Haas Bros, a company in which William was described as the "moving spirit" (Obituary, "The Grocer" 1916). In 1880 William married Bertha Greenebaum, the daughter of one of his business associates.

#### **Scope and Content**

The collection contains assorted materials including copies of legal documents, a probate decree, a wedding scrapbook containing an invitation to William and Bertha's marriage, memorial tributes from Mt. Zion Hospital, the Northern California Wholesale Grocers' Association, Panama-Pacific Exposition, and Wells Fargo Nevada Bank, a eulogy, a pamphlet, "The Stone Which the Builders Rejected," by Monroe Deutsch, and a letter opener.

1. **Title:** Abraham Haas and Fanny Koshland Letters, 1885-1886.
1. **Identifier/Call Number:** 92/3
2. **Title:** Haas Family Papers, 1863-1869.  
Nine items.
2. **Identifier/Call Number:** 68/29
3. **Title:** Haas-Lilienthal Photo Collection.  
Ninety-nine photographs.
3. **Identifier/Call Number:** 95/1
4. **Title:** Rosalie Meyer Stern Collection, 1867-1996.
4. **Identifier/Call Number:** 71/3
5. **Title:** Elise Stern Haas Personal Papers, 1914-1957.
5. **Identifier/Call Number:** 92/7
6. **Title:** Haas Brothers Records, 1869-1919.  
Ninety-one items.
6. **Identifier/Call Number:** 88/7
7. **Title:** Genealogy of the Goldman, Levy, Wertheim, Kaufman, Fleishman, Haas, Koshland, Stern, Strauss, Meyer, Newmark families.  
Compiled by Douglas E. Goldman.
7. **Identifier/Call Number:** 85/17
  1. Richard Goldman
  2. Walter A. Haas, Sr.
  3. Elise Stern Haas

Box-folder 1/0 **Descriptive Guide**

Box-folder 1/1 **Legal Documents 1873-1917**

Box-folder 1/2 **Memorial Booklets 1916, 1927, n.d.**

Box-folder 1/3 **Miscellaneous 1936, n.d.**