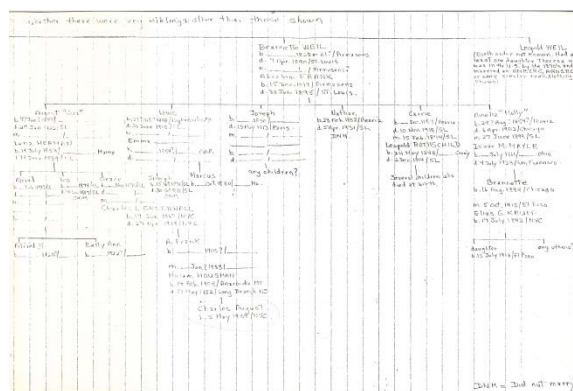




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A Finding Aid to the Frank and Greenhall Family Papers Manuscript Collection No. 292



Collection Summary

Title	Frank and Greenhall Family Papers
Dates	1853-1987
Collection Number	MS-292
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Frank family Greenhall family
Extent	0.4 linear feet (1 Hollinger box)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch	<p>The Frank and Greenhall Family papers contain information on the Frank, Greenhall and Silverstein families of St. Louis, Missouri.</p> <p>By far the most famous of those included in this collection is Nathan Frank (1852-1931). Frank was an attorney, former Congressman, former owner of the St. Louis Star and one of St. Louis' most distinguished civic leaders. He was a philanthropist, author, legislator and political leader. He was a foe of prohibition and was looked upon by the Jewish community as one of their foremost leaders.</p> <p>Frank was born in Peoria, Illinois, February 23, 1852, the son of Abraham and Branette Frank, who came from Germany in 1849. He received his early schooling in the public schools of Peoria. In 1867, upon graduation, his parents moved to St. Louis. Frank later attended Harvard University Law School where he received a bachelor of laws degree in 1871. After an additional year of work after graduation at Harvard, Frank returned to St. Louis where he was admitted to the bar in 1874. For several years he devoted himself to commercial and bankruptcy law, on which he became a renowned authority. He compiled and edited Frank's Bankruptcy Law, which was published in four editions, and later formed the basis of the Bankruptcy Act of 1898.</p> <p>Frank joined the Republican party as a young man, and after receiving the Republican nomination and unsuccessfully contesting the election of his opponent, John M. Gloyer, to the 50th Congress, he was elected to the 51st Congress from the central district of St. Louis.</p> <p>As a legislator Frank served on several important committees and was active in securing the passage of some notable legislation. He framed the bill for reapportionment of members to Congress based on the eleventh decennial census, the first reapportionment bill ever enacted by a unanimous vote of Congress. Chairman of the Republican State Committee in 1896, Frank joined the coterie of Republican leaders headed by Mike Hanna. Frank ran for United States Senate in 1910, 1916, and 1928, but failed to win the Republican primaries.</p> <p>Frank never married and was a life member of his father's Reform synagogue, Temple Shaare Emeth in St. Louis. He was a supporter of both local and national charities. In 1920 he served as general chairman of the Jewish War Relief Committee.</p> <p>Frank's last public appearance was just before his death when he, along with several thousand Jews from St. Louis, met to protest British policies forbidding further immigration or land purchases in Palestine. Although not a Zionist, Frank was tireless in his efforts to aid and support the homeless and displaced of Europe.</p> <p>Nathan Frank died on April 5, 1931 after bequeathing money for the construction of the Nathan Frank Chapel at Temple Shaare Emeth. He was buried in Mount Sinai Cemetery in St. Louis.</p>
Scope and Content	<p>The Frank and Greenhall Family papers contain information on the Greenhall and Frank families of St. Louis, Missouri. Prominent in this collection is information about and memorabilia on Nathan Frank, A. Frank Greenhall and Charles Greenhall. Quite notably, there is a signed letter to Nathan Frank from then president Benjamin Harrison and several from John W. Noble, the Secretary of the Interior (1889-1893).</p> <p>The bulk of the collection is correspondence to and from family members. There is also genealogical information for the Blumenthal, Rozand, Hausman, Grossman, Neuman, Weinberger and Weil families.</p>
Arrangement	This collection is arranged alphabetically.
Terms of Access	The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.

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