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**A Finding Aid to the  
Bloom Family Papers**

**Manuscript Collection No. 842**

## Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Bloom Family Papers
<b>Dates</b>	1875-1980 (bulk 1901-1940)
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS-842
<b>Repository</b>	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Bloom Family
<b>Extent</b>	1.6 linear feet (4 Hollinger boxes)
<b>Language of the Material</b>	English

## Administrative Information

### Biographical Sketch

Nathan Bloom was born in Bavaria in 1827 and immigrated to the United States sometime in the 1840s. He married Rosina Kling, in January 1851. Rosina Kling was born in Bavaria in 1827 and came to Louisville, Kentucky in 1847. Nathan Bloom was head of the wholesale dry goods firm of Bamberger, Bloom, & Co. Nathan Bloom died in 1887 and Rosina Bloom died in 1911, in Louisville, Kentucky.

Jacob N. Bloom, son of Nathan and Rosina Bloom, was born in Louisville, Kentucky in 1856. He married Sallie Thurnauer on July 11, 1881. Sallie was born in 1858 in Cincinnati, Ohio and attended Vassar College in New York, N.Y. The Blooms lived in New York City where Jacob worked in investments and Sallie eventually became the principal of The Hebrew Technical School for Girls.

Clarisse Bloom, daughter of Jacob N. Bloom and Sallie (Thurnauer) Bloom, was born in 1882 in New York, N.Y. Clarisse married Alfred M. Hellman, a well-known obstetrician, on October 12, 1908 at Temple Emanuel with Joseph Silverman performing the ceremony. She was the only woman on the Board of Directors for the Sydenham Hospital from 1917 until 1929. Clarisse Bloom Hellman died in 1973.

Alfred Myer Hellman was born on September 8, 1880 in New York, N.Y. to Myer and Amelia (Bernheim) Hellman. He attended Columbia University and became a well known obstetrician/gynecologist in New York. Hellman was chairman of the medical board for the Young Women's Hebrew Association. He was also an avid collector of historical books. He died in January 1955.

Clarisse Doris Hellman, daughter of Alfred M. Hellman and Clarisse (Bloom) Hellman, was born on August 28, 1910 in New York City. She was known as Doris to her close friends and family. After graduating from the Horace Mann School, she attended Vassar College, where she studied mathematics and astronomy and graduated with honors in 1930. She then went on to Radcliffe College as a Vassar College Fellow and received one of the country's earliest advanced degrees in history of science, a master's degree, in 1931. From Radcliffe, she returned to New York, where she received a prestigious Columbia University Fellowship and went on to complete her Ph.D. at Columbia in 1943. In 1933, she married a prominent New York attorney, Morton Pepper, and together they raised two daughters, Alice (b. 1937) and Carol (b. 1940). Clarisse Doris Hellman died in New York City, on March 28, 1973. (Adapted from "Clarisse Doris Hellman," by Joseph W. Dauben (<http://jwa.org/encyclopedia/article/hellman-clarisse-doris>) Accessed November 8, 2011.)

Alice Pepper, daughter of C. Doris Hellman and Morton Pepper, was born in 1937. She married Robert L. Cooper.

### Scope and Content

This collection consists of correspondence, diaries, miscellaneous papers, and photographs of the Bloom family dating back to 1875. Correspondence starts with Jacob N. Bloom and his daughter Clarisse in 1875 and continues through later generations up to Alice Pepper Cooper in 1980. The bulk of the correspondence consists of letters between Alfred M. Hellman and his wife Clarisse Bloom Hellman from roughly 1901-1940. Also included are diaries of Sallie Thurnauer, ca. 1870s, Alfred Hellman, 1913, and one unidentified diary from 1949. The photographs in this collection include members of the extended family not mentioned in the correspondence.

### Arrangement

This collection is arranged in one (1) series: A. General.

### Terms of Access

The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.

**Preferred Citation** Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Bloom Family Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:  
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**Provenance** Received from Alice Pepper Cooper, Los Angeles, Calif., June 1991.

**Processing Information** Processed by Michelle Wirth Detroit, November 2011.

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## Index Terms

**Subjects** Jews -- Kentucky -- Louisville / Jews -- New York (State) -- New York  
**Personal Names** Bloom, Jacob N. / Cooper, Alice Pepper / Hellman, Alfred M. / Hellman, Clarisse Bloom / Hellman, Clarisse Doris / Pepper, Morton  
**Corporate Names** Bloom Family  
**Media** Photographs

## Series A. General, 1875-1980

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