

Collection #
M 1238
OM 0615

MAX EINSTANDIG COLLECTION ADDITION, 1883–2008

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 half-size manuscript box, 1 black and white photograph folder, 3 oversized folders

COLLECTION DATES: 1883–2008

PROVENANCE: Elaine Zukerman, Indianapolis, IN; January 2012

RESTRICTIONS: None

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RELATED HOLDINGS: Max Einsteadig Collection M 0842; Max Einsteadig Addition M 1015; Indiana Jewish Historical Society Collection M 0743; Indiana Jewish Historical Society Addition M 1016, M 1023, M 1193, M 1230, M 1231, M 1233, M 1236; Indiana Jewish History Printed Materials Collection, M 0929

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NOTES: This forms part of the Max Einsteadig Collection and the Indiana Jewish Historical Society Collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Max Einsteadig was born in Vienna, Austria on 15 June 1912, to Jacob and Yetta Einsteadig. He came to the United States on 10 July 1914, with his mother and his sister, Rose, on the *S.S. France*, one of the last ships to leave Europe before World War I. The Einsteadig family settled in Indianapolis, where Max graduated from Emmerich Manual Training High School, on 14 June 1929, then attended Butler University. He continued on to graduate work at the Graduate School for Jewish Social Work and the New York School of Social Work, received his Master's degree, and spent a year working at the Kirshbaum community center before turning to business. In 1934 Max married Bess Peltz; they had three children, Jerry, Barbara, and Elaine. He sold furniture in South Bend and Chicago, then in 1946–47 opened JEBB's, the name created from the first names of his wife and his three children, in Terre Haute, Indiana. JEBB's initially offered upholstery repair and sold gas stoves, but their package deal offer of propane to go with the stoves turned Jebb's into a propane distributor, which now sells over 1.25 million gallons of propane a year.

Max Einsteadig was heavily involved in Jewish community organizations at the local and national levels. He joined B'nai B'rith Indianapolis Lodge #58 in 1935, served as President of Terre Haute's Gan Eden Lodge #110, joined the Indiana State directors in 1958, was elected as third Vice President of the B'nai B'rith state association in 1964, and became State President in 1968, the 100th anniversary of his Gan Eden Lodge. A member of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, as an adult he was elected president of Hillel Foundation of Indiana, Inc. for 1966 and 1967. He served the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith as a member of its Regional Advisory Board, the District Board of Governors, and the B'nai B'rith task force. Einsteadig was one of the founders of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, and worked to collect materials relating to Indiana's Jewish history until his death in 2006.

Sources:

Materials in the collection

1920 Census

<http://www.ellisland.org>

“Marketer Profile: Jebb's Inc.”

http://ngl.conocophillips.com/contents/propane/newsletter_wn03/mark_profile.asp

Interview with Max Einsteadig, 28 June 2005

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection is an addition to Manuscript Collection M 0842, the Max Einsteadig Collection, 1929–2005 and also forms a part of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society Collection M 0743. This addition includes Einsteadig family materials, such as birth and death certificates, family photos, estate settlements, correspondence, and a naturalization certificate. The addition also includes materials from the Woidowsky family, friends of the Einsteadigs. Woidowsky materials include birth and death certificates, naval service materials, paperwork on name changes, and estate settlements. Other materials in the addition are a convention program, lease and partnership contracts, a certificate of recognition, two issues of the Indiana Jewish Chronicle, newspaper clippings, and polish birth and marriage certificates.

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