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INTRODUCTION
The collection consists of correspondence, photographs, legal documents, journals, newspaper clippings, World War II materials, and various other papers belonging to the members of Stigliani, D’Andrea, and Vincitorio families, from the period c. 1900-2003. The documents produced by Louis F. Stigliani include his correspondence from 1934 to 1945, photographs taken during his military service in Italy, as well as other writings and legal documents. The collection also includes photographs, piano making manuals, and personal papers of Leonard Stigliani, Louis’s father. There are photographs of the members of the related families of D’Andrea and Vincitorio, from the period c. 1900 to 1973, and genealogical records about the Stiglianis.

DONOR INFORMATION
The Stigliani Family Papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Joan Stigliani, daughter of Louis F. Stigliani, on September 4, 2004 (Accession no. 6057). An addition to the collection was made on December 13, 2005.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
Leonard Stigliani was born on March 30, 1898 in the Gargano province of Italy. In 1906, he moved with his family to Chicago Heights, Illinois. After a short period of service in World War I, Leonard gained a certificate of naturalization and became a citizen of the United States. He was employed at Wurlitzer Company as a piano-maker, and became a foreman of piano production and the head of the Action Regulation Department. In 1924, he married Lucille D’Andrea of Chicago Heights, with whom he had already had a son, Louis. In 1949, he became a Noble of the Shriners at the Tebala Temple in Illinois. Leonard lived in DeKalb, Illinois, until his death in 1964.

Louis Frank Stigliani was born July 25, 1921 in Chicago Heights. He spent his early childhood in North St. Paul, Minnesota, until his family moved to DeKalb in 1937. After studies at the DeKalb Teachers College, Louis joined the 15th Air Force, 340th Bomb Squadron and served in Italy, the Balkans, and the south of France during 1944 and 1945. He was a cryptographer at the rank of sergeant. After the war, he graduated from dental school at Loyola College in Chicago in 1950, and ran a private practice for the next two decades. In 1948, he married Lillian Kaufmann, a nurse, with whom he had two daughters, Kay and Joan. He was a member of the American Legion and Masonic Lodge 145. Louis Stigliani died in 1973. Lillian married Robert Swanstrom and lived with him in Minnesota, but later divorced him and died in 2003.

Of the related families, Irma D’Andrea was the sister of Lucille D’Andrea. They had three brothers: Leonard, Anthony, and Joe. Leonard and his wife Jenny had three children: Donald, Lennie, and Paula. Anthony and his wife Florence had a daughter, Beverly. Joe D’Andrea was married to Pat. Louisa Stigliani, sister of Leonard Stigliani, married into the Vincitorio family.
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Stigliani Family Papers have been arranged into four series according to the family member or branch that produced them: Leonard Stigliani Papers, Louis Stigliani Papers, Stigliani Family Legal Documents and Genealogical Information, and D’Andrea and Vincitorio Family Photographs.

The Leonard Stigliani Papers series consists of the documents pertaining to the life of Leonard Stigliani and his work as the foreman at the Wurlitzer piano factory. They include various piano making manuals and promotional material for the Wurlitzer Company, financial records, a Freemason handbook, his obituary, photographs from his workplace, and photographs taken during his youth and military service.

The Louis Stigliani Papers series includes papers created and collected by Louis Stigliani during his education, dental career, and service in Europe during World War II. The documents have been divided into two subseries: World War II Papers and Personal Papers.

The World War II Papers subseries documents Louis’s WWII service. It includes his Balkan flight mission plans and photographs, newspaper clippings from DeKalb newspapers about his service, discharge information, military ID, a Wurlitzer company war bulletin, various essays and poems he wrote during the war, address books, a journal, war portraits, postcards, various advertisements and theater programs, and photographs from his travels in America and Italy.

The Personal Papers subseries contains correspondence between Louis Stigliani and various relatives and friends from 1934 to 1945. These letters offer a very personal insight into the life of an American youth in the late 1930s and the events on the Mediterranean front during the war. The subseries also includes various personal papers from before and after the war and a collection of photographs of his wife, Lillian.

The Stigliani Family Legal Documents and Genealogical Information series contains legal certificates pertaining to various members of the Stigliani family. It also includes the original passport which the Stigliani family used when they arrived in the United States in 1906, a family tree book, and a letter and several documents containing genealogical information on the Stigliani family. The documents have been arranged according to the family member to whom they belonged.

The D’Andrea and Vincitorio Families Photographs series consists of photographs of the members of the two families related to the Stigliani family. The photos span the period from c. 1900 to 1973.
FOLDER LIST

Leonard Stigliani Papers Series

The Leonard Stigliani Papers series consists of the documents pertaining to the life of Leonard Stigliani (1898-1964), and his work as the foreman at the Wurlitzer piano factory. The Wurlitzer papers folder includes various piano-making manuals and promotional materials of the Wurlitzer Company. The personal papers folder consists of Stigliani’s personal income tax forms for the period 1956 to 1961, statements of earnings, profit sharing yearly statements for the period 1952 to 1964, and miscellaneous other papers, such as his driver’s license and social security card, Catholic texts, letters from the Wurlitzer Company, and a letter to his wife Lucille from her brothers. The miscellaneous folder contains his Freemason handbook, a piano maintenance manual, a Wurlitzer advertisement about him, his obituary, photographs from his workplace, and photographs taken during his youth and the period of his military service. Besides testifying about the life of Leonard Stigliani, this series contains many important documents about the Wurlitzer Company and its products.

f. 1 Wurlitzer papers
f. 2 Personal papers, 1952-1964
f. 3 Miscellaneous, 1918-1964

Louis Stigliani Papers Series

The Louis Stigliani Papers series includes papers created and collected by Louis Stigliani (1921-1973), during his education, dental career, and military service in Europe during World War II. The documents have been divided into two subseries: World War II Papers and Personal Papers.

World War II Papers Subseries

The World War II Papers subseries contain the documents related to the war years. The flight missions folder includes maps of the flight missions over Balkans, photographs and slides taken from the airplane, and a map of southeast Europe. The newspaper clippings folder contains clippings from DeKalb newspapers about Stigliani’s service, as well as his discharge information and military ID. In the two copies of the Wurlitzer Company war bulletin, there is a photograph of Louis Stigliani on page 46.

The compositions and scrapbooks folder contains various essays and poems written by Stigliani during the war, a sketch portrait, and a scrapbook of newspaper clippings. The rest of the documents include address books, a journal, war portraits, postcards, various advertisements and theater programs, and over 500 photographs from his travels in America and Italy. These documents are a valuable source for studying the Allies’ military actions in Italy and the Balkans as seen through the eyes of an American soldier. The photographs also offer a glimpse of how American and Italian cities looked during the war years.

f. 4 Flight missions, 1944
f. 5 Newspaper clippings, 1942-1946
World War II Papers Subseries (con’d)

f. 6 Wurlitzer bulletin, 1945
f. 7 Compositions and scrapbooks, 1944-1945
f. 8 Photographs, address books and journal
f. 9 WWII miscellaneous
f. 10-12 Photographs, 1942-1945

Personal Papers Subseries

The Personal Papers subseries covers correspondence sent between Stigliani and various relatives and friends from 1934 to 1945. The subseries also include various personal papers from before and after the war. These documents include his high school certificate of advancement, high school diploma, an advertisement for his private practice, concert programs, an autobiographical sketch, his 1964 curriculum vitae, his obituary, and photographs from various periods of his life.

The subseries also includes a collection of photos of his wife, Lillian, taken during her education at Lutheran Deaconess Hospital’s Cadet Nursing Program in Chicago, from 1944 to 1947. The letters have been arranged according to whether Stigliani wrote or received them and then chronologically. They offer interesting and deep insight into the life of a young, provincial student in Midwest in the late 1930s, and later an American soldier in Europe during the final years of WWII.

f. 13 Miscellaneous, 1939-1973
f. 14 Correspondence to Louis Stigliani, 1934-1942
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Stigliani Family Legal Documents and Genealogical Information Series

The Stigliani Family Legal Documents and Genealogical Information series contains various legal documents pertaining to Leonard Stigliani (enlistment form, naturalization certificate, marriage certificate and death certificate), Lucille D’Andrea (death certificate), Irma D’Andrea (birth and death certificates), Louis Stigliani (birth certificate, honorable discharge and death certificate) and Lillian Kaufmann (death certificate). It also includes the original passport which the Stigliani family used when they arrived in the United States in 1906, a family tree book, and several genealogy forms containing information on the Stigliani family. These documents can serve as a very valuable means of reconstructing the family history of Stiglianis, from their arrival in America to the end of the 20th century.

f. 22 Legal Documents and Genealogical Information, 1905-2003
D’Andrea and Vincitorio Families Photographs Series

The D’Andrea and Vincitorio Families Photographs series consists of photographs of the members of the two families related to the Stigliani family. The photographs span the period from about 1900 to 1973. They have been arranged according to family member, while the unidentified photographs were arranged in a separate folder. The Vincitorio family folder contains only one photograph of this family.

f. 23  Lucille and Irma D’Andrea photographs, c. 1900-1950
f. 24  D’Andrea Brothers photographs, c. 1930-1973
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