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Introduction
Approximately .1 cubic foot

The Schopp Family Collection contains photographs, probate records, pension and marriage certificates, as well as Musicians’ Club and Musicians’ Mutual Benefit Association membership cards of Valentine and Victor Schopp.

Valentine Schopp was born on September 2, 1843, in Baden, Germany. He immigrated to the United States and settled in Saint Louis, Missouri, sometime in 1846. During the Civil War, Schopp served in the 9th Regiment, Illinois Infantry, and later in the 2d Regiment, Missouri Infantry as a musician. After the war, he married Caroline Uhrich and went on to conduct the St. Louis Symphony Grand Orchestra, and later played the violin with his son, John P. Schopp, in the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. Valentine Schopp also played the second violin in the Mendelssohn Quintet.

After the death of his wife, Caroline, on January 2, 1893, he remarried to Carrie Hoffman on December 13, 1894. The couple had several children, including Victor Philip Schopp, who was born on August 21, 1898. After a long career as a St. Louis area musician, Valentine Schopp died on May 9, 1926. Victor himself would go on to become a professional musician as a violinist and later married Isabelle Bareis; they had three children—Victor, Herbert, and Kenneth. Victor Philip Schopp died in December 1977.

Donor Information
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Box List

Box 1
Medical certificate, probate records, and pension and marriage certificates of Valentine Schopp (1 folder)
Victor Schopp Moolah Temple Wallet, 1923-1957
Missouri Consistory Membership Cards
Musicians’ club membership cards
Musicians’ Mutual Benefit Association membership card
Photographs of Valentine Schopp
Social Security Card
Wallet identification card
Photographs of Victor and Martha Schopp, no date
Photographs of Victor and Isabella Schopp, no date
Photographs of Isabella Schopp, circa 1920s
Photograph of a Child Named Minerva, no date
Photograph of Carrie and Valentine Schopp
Appointment Book, Musicians Mutual benefit Association Directory, and Mississippi Valley Trust Company Deposit Book of Vincent and Isabella Schopp, 1919-1940
Certificate of Marriage, Funeral notices, Musicians’ Club Membership Card, and a Money Loan Statement of Valentine Schopp, 1864-1919

Oversize
Photograph of Poepping’s American band of St. Louis
Panoramic Photograph of the Moolah Temple Band of St. Louis, taken at Des Moines, Iowa, June 1921
Panoramic Photograph of Members of the MMBA, Local No. 2, AFM, St. Louis, Standing in Front of the Marine Recruiting Station in St. Louis, Missouri