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Finding aid for the Hattem family records Collection 340

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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids History Center
Title:	Hattem family records
ID:	Collection 340
Date [inclusive]:	1882-1998
Physical Description:	1.8 Linear Feet Five boxes
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Hattem family owned and operated Hattem's Cafe in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Moses Hattem was the proprietor and Maxine, his wife, played the organ at the restaurant. The property, at the corner of Division Street and Wealthy, was originally acquired by Moses' father, Deeb Hattem, who came to the United States from Lebanon. This collection includes advertising material, ephemera, photographs and documents relating to Hattem's Cafe, as well as a few family papers and items relating to the Syrian Orthodox Church.

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Publication Statement

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Moses and Maxine Hattem and family, accession numbers 2003.097, 2004.044.

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Related Materials

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Coll. 125. Robinson Studio Collection. Some images of Hattems Cafe are included in the Robinson Studio Collection. In some cases these duplicate the copy negatives provided for this collection. In other cases, the Robinson contains unique images not included in Coll. 340.

A small file of newspaper clippings related to the Arab American community in Grand Rapids, as well as other newspaper sources may provide access to article or ads related to the restaurant or family. For an index to these collections see Coll. 353.

Coll. 353, Arab American Community in Grand Rapids Collection, is a small collection, also in process, which contains an oral history from members of the Hattem family.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Restaurants -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Immigrants -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- History
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Arab Americans -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Hattem

Collection Inventory

Series I. Biographical and Historical Information.

Biographical Information, Moses Hattem

Title/Description	Instances	
Mar. 16, 1988 Jerry Ford letter.	Box 2	Folder 9

"Spotlight on ... Hattem, Moses D. '59" Has image	Box 2	Folder 9
Obituaries.	Box x	

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Series II. Advertising Mementos from Hattem's Cafe

Title/Description	Instances
Shot Glass with white lettering. "Hattem's Café. Cocktail Room. Fountain Service, Grand Rapids, Mich."	Box 1
Paper Napkins (2): "Hattem's. Finest in foods and liquors. Wealthy at Division, Grand Rapids, since 1910."	Box 1
Match books (4, heads removed): "Hattem's. Division and Wealthy, Grand Rapids, Mich. Finest in foods and liquors, since 1910."	Box 1
Pencils (3): "Hattem's Inc., 400 Division Ave., S., Grand Rapids 3, Mich."	Box 1
Letterhead paper (5 sheets): "Wealthy and Division. Telephone GL88178, Cocktail Room, Fountain Service. Hattem's Café, Grand Rapids, 3, Michigan"	Box 2

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Series III. Photographs

Scope and Contents

Note: Currently, access to the printed images is via photocopies. Film negatives are available.

Title/Description	Instances
Funeral. Oversized Camera Shop photo.	Box 4
Photocopies of Photos	Box 2 Folder 8

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Series IV. Documents

Subseries A. Documents Related to the restaurant and it's building

Pre-Hattems building documents

Title/Description	Instances
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Article of Agreement, June 8, 1882. Thomas McLeon and James H. Brown. RE Party wall.	Box 4	
Abstract of Special Improvement Tax Sales, Sept. 10, 1897 ... to June 7, 1998.	Box 4	
Discharge of Mortgage, Michigan Trust Co. Trustee to Thomas McLean. Nov. 13, 1914.	Box 4	
Title Abstracts	Box 4	
Property Transaction Correspondence.	Box 2	Folder 15
Land Contract, Delaney to Deeb and Latife Hattem, 1922-1930	Box 3	
Receipt. 1930. Received of William Delaney, by Latife Hattem, for abstract and tax history on the Hattem property.	Box x	
Tenant Release, Dec. 6, 1932, for street improvements on Division.	Box 3	
Hattem Delaney Mortgage, June 2, 1933	Box 3	

Miscellaneous

Title/Description	Instances
Check from Moses D. Hattem, Feb. 6, 1933 for \$6,723.00 to Barnes Bros. Construction Co., on the Grand Rapids National Bank, including an illustration of the bank on the check.	Box 4
Sales receipt of equipment. May 1928. William Hulbert, Agent for Louie Levinsohn of Saginaw, Mich. Paid to Sam Maloley.	Box 4

Subseries B. Family Documents

Title/Description	Instances
Citizenship papers of Deeb Hattem, 1904/1908.	Box 4
Probate Documents. Estate of Deeb M. Hattem to Latife Hattem, Nov. 3, 1926.	Box 3
Name Doodles	Box 2 Folder 9.5

C. Other documents

Title/Description	Instances
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church. Silver Jubilee Souvenir Booklet. Sept. 4, 1949. Includes a Hattem ad near the front. Includes images of local religious leaders.	Box 3

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Title/Description	Instances	
Menus	Box 4	
Menus	Box 2	Folder 2
Menus	Box 2	Folder 3
Menus	Box 2	Folder 4
Placemat (laser copy): "Hattem's Café & Cocktail Bar ... " Includes the image of the Café, with street representations of Wealthy St., and South Division Avenue / Route U.S. 131	Box 4	
Toothpick? Folder (Photocopy): 6 plastic items in a match book type folder with a decorative cover for Hattems	Box 2	Folder 7

Maxine Hattem Advertising (Photocopies)

Title/Description	Instances	
Business Card	Box 2	Folder 5
Clipping, source unknown, ca. 1950's showing her image.	Box 2	Folder 5

Miscellaneous Advertising

Title/Description	Instances	
Clipping. Oct. 13, 1937, Grand Rapids Herald [Possible separated from the scrapbook below]	Box 2	Folder 6
Scrapbook of Hattem Advertising (11 Photocopies)	Box 4	

Programs

Title/Description	Instances	
Syrian Orthodox Youth Organization. 4th Annual Banquet. Pantlind Hotel, July 1, 1951. Includes Menu. Maxine Hattem is on the program.	Box 4	
Order of the Eastern Star. Grand Chapter. 79th Session, Oct. 9-11, 1945	Box 2	Folder 10
St. Nicholas Annual Festival. St. Nicholas Church. Dec. 22, 1946.	Box 2	Folder 11
"In Commemoration of the Grand Breaking Ceremony of the new St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Boston, street, S.E. ... " May 26, 1957.	Box 2	Folder 12

A.S.C. Veteran's Banquet, June 30, 1946. American Organization of Syrians. The "Am-O-Sy Club" of young Syrian Catholics. Affiliated with the Midwest Federation of Syrian Lebanese Clubs. Includes images of Syrian men who died in WWII: Nick F. Nicola; Leo Najjar; Micky Nassar; Kalled Vern Kalled; William Hoffer	Box 2	Folder 13
St. George Syrian Orthodox Church, Detroit, Mich. 24th Anniversary Banquet, June 1, 1941. Photocopy of title page and ad for Alleck Mallick family only.	Box 2	Folder 14

Other Ephemera

Title/Description	Instances	
Religious poem card. "On Easter Day" Signed by Rt. Rev. Ellis Khouri	Box 2	Folder 12
South High School Memorabilia: 1928 Football season score sheets for 2 different games, Cheer sheets	Box 3	

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Box 5

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