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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids History and Special Collections
Source:	Wilson, R. Douglas
Source:	Wilson, Betsy
Source:	Wilson, John R.
Title:	Wilson and Seydel Family papers
ID:	Collection 497
Date [inclusive]:	1850-1991
Physical Description:	8 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Wilson and Seydel family papers contain material related to William Wallace Wilson (1899-1997) and Frances Louise Seydel Wilson (1901-1995) and their families. William's father, S.H. Wilson, is well known for platting and developing Wyoming Park, Michigan. These papers include plat maps of the areas he developed, real estate advertisements, business records, correspondence, ephemera, and photographs. William Wilson graduated from Grand Rapids Central High School in 1916. A portion of the collection relates to William's high school years and includes ephemera, yearbooks, speeches and photographs. There are also letters, diaries and photographs from Ethel Cornelia Peirce's (1879-1970, Frances Sydel's mother) family, most notably Colonel George G. Briggs's correspondence with major artists of the time, including Winslow Homer. The collection also includes some of R. Douglas Wilson's papers from the 1940s and 1950s.

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Biographical / Historical

Born in Paris Township, Kent County, Michigan in 1870, **Samuel H. Wilson** was one of seven children born to Civil War Veteran, William James Wilson (1854-1887) and **Sarah (Hanna) Wilson** (1837-1910), an Irish immigrant. William left his wife and children when Samuel was two and did not return. Sam completed his education through eighth grade in a one room school house and at the age of twenty, he accepted a position with the law office of J.T. Preston for the purpose of learning real estate

law. He then went into the real estate business with John W. Closterhouse and, eventually, with John's son, Leon Closterhouse. The firm of Closterhouse & Wilson platted and developed the Burlingame addition to Grand Rapids and the Hamilton Park addition. In 1910 the firm of S.H. Wilson & Company platted Wyoming Park. It was the largest, individual, plat-addition in the state of Michigan at the time, laid out exclusively for the purpose of building of high-grade houses.

In 1898 Wilson married **Edith Hope Cobb**, who was born in 1872 in New York. Edith and Samuel had one child, **William Wallace Wilson**, in 1899. Samuel Wilson died in 1931 and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Wilson Avenue, which runs through Wyoming Park and the Grandville, Michigan area, is named for him. After her husband's death Edith continued to live in Grand Rapids and ran a small restaurant for a time. In the 1950s she moved to Garden City, New York to live with her son, where she died in 1964.

William Wilson attended Grand Rapids High School and went on to Colgate University in Hamilton, New York. He was a leader in the 20th century army training program at Colgate and served a tour of duty after graduation in 1920. Following his military service, William attended Harvard Law School, graduated in 1926, and entered the practice of law in New York City. Eventually he moved into banking law and remained in that field until his retirement in the 1970s.

William married **Alice Elizabeth Corl** in 1925, after her graduation from the University of Wisconsin. A native of Grand Rapids, Alice was born in 1902 to Samuel Shirley Corl, Sr. and Glidden Roberts English. William and Alice had three children; David Bruce Wilson (1927-2008), John Roderick Wilson (1930-2017) and Robert Douglas Wilson (1935-). The family resided in Brooklyn, New York. Alice died at age 33 in 1935, following complications from the birth of her third son.

Robert Douglas Wilson (1935-) is the third son of William Wallace Wilson and Alice Corl Wilson. As a youth, Doug played the piano, was a soloist in the Cathedral Boys' Choir in Garden City and was an Eagle Scout. After graduating from Garden City High School in 1953, Doug attended Colgate University. He married Deborah Grigg (1935-1991) in 1958 and together they had three boys, Peter, Jamie and Ted. Doug worked for more than 30 years as a sports broadcaster for ABC's Wide World of Sports. In 2019 he was inducted into the Sports Broadcasting Hall of Fame.

Ethel Cornelia Pierce was born to Almy Legrand Peirce (1847-1914) and Ella Griffith Mathews (1857-1948) in 1879. She had one sibling, **Louise Mathews Peirce** (1881-1980). Louise traveled extensively in Europe from the late 1880s into the early 1900s and her experiences were published in the Grand Rapids newspapers. Louise married Thomas Augustus Remington in 1913 and they had one daughter, Ella Caroline Remington, who later changed her name to Carella Alden. Louise died in Florida in 1980.

Ethel Peirce married **Louise Victor Seydel** on New Year's Day, 1900. L. Victor Seydel, Sr. was born in East Gary Indiana in 1875. After marrying Ethel the couple lived in New York City and Chicago before settling down in Grand Rapids. Victor served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Pantlind Hotel in Grand Rapids, was a leader in obtaining funds for the YMCA building and was active in securing boulevard lights for Monroe Ave. He is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery. Ethel passed away in 1970. L. Victor and Ethel had two children, **Frances Louise Seydel** born in 1901 and Louise Victor Seydel, Jr. (1909-1973).

Upon graduation from Grand Rapids Central High School in 1919, Frances Louise Seydel attended Wellesley College and then the University of Michigan where she eventually earned a Ph.D. in physics

and astronomy. She was the first woman to go through the same U of M doctoral program as the men. Upon receiving her doctorate, she accepted a teaching position at Carleton College in Minnesota. After marrying William Wilson in 1936, Fran moved to New York and became mother to William's three boys. In the early 1940s she accepted a position in the Physics and Astronomy Department at Hofstra University retiring in 1969. Fran died in 1995. William Wallace Wilson died in 1997 and is buried in Colgate University's Cemetery.

Colonel George G. Briggs married Julia Roberts Peirce, Frances Louise Seydel Wilson's great aunt. George was born in Livonia, Michigan on 24 January 1838. He attended public school until he was fourteen, worked in a store in Battle Creek for three years, took a course at Olivet College, and for five years George was a bookkeeper in a store at Galesburg. In 1858 he became a partner in that business and the name was changed to Averill, Briggs & Company. In 1862 he disposed of his business interests and organized a company of cavalry which was mustered into the service as part of the old Seventh Michigan Cavalry. He went in as first lieutenant and was successfully promoted to the rank of colonel with command of the regiment, which fought as part of the Army of the Potomac. He was discharged from the army in December 1865 at Salt Lake City and immediately established his home at Grand Rapids, where in the following spring he married Julia R. Peirce. He was at first a member of the dry goods firm of Peirce & Briggs, but in 1869 he became one of the organizers of the Michigan Barrel Company. He represented Grand Rapids as a member of the state legislature in 1868 and held numerous important positions in the city government. He was particularly interested in art and his home on Lafayette Avenue was especially designed for the display of his large collection of pictures. Colonel Briggs passed away in Grand Rapids on 8 December 1912 and is buried in Oakhill Cemetery.

Francis "Frank" E. Peirce was the sister of Julia R. Briggs and the sister-in-law of Col. George Briggs. Born in Grand Rapids in 1842, she was a well known elocutionist in West Michigan while in her twenties and thirties. She performed readings of classical poetry, plays and writings. She lived with her parents until their deaths and then lived with the Briggs's until her own death in 1920.

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Scope and Contents

The Wilson and Seydel family papers are organized by individual and contain ephemera, a few physical items (including a tooth and wedding cake from 1900), photographs, correspondence, business records, bank records, school work and diaries from multiple branches of the Wilson family tree.

Many of S.H. Wilson's letters, business records, advertisements and family photographs are included in this collection. Samuel's real estate business will be of interest to those historians researching Wyoming Park, Michigan and the surrounding area. The material will also be useful for researching suburban development and its design around public transportation.

Both of William Wilson's wives were accomplished scholars and went on to college at a time when most women did not. Alice Corl graduated from the University of Wisconsin and Frances Seydel received

a Ph.D. in physics and astronomy from the University of Michigan in 1929. This collection will be of interest to those researching women's history.

Frances Seydel's great aunt, Julia Roberts Peirce, was married to Colonel George G. Briggs, prominent Civil War Colonel and Grand Rapids citizen. Briggs's correspondence with Russel Alger, Governor of Michigan and U.S. Senator, is included in these papers as well as his letters from Elizabeth Custer, widow of General George Custer. Briggs was a lover of art and his correspondence with a number of artists, Winslow Homer, Frederick Stuart Church, Lorado Taft, and Frederic Remington can also be found in this collection. Also notable are letters to Elizabeth Custer from Gutzon Borglum, sculptor of Mount Rushmore, regarding a possible sculpture of General Custer.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

John R. Wilson, R. Douglas Wilson and Betsy Wilson donated the material in this collection.
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Processing Information

This collection was originally called The Wilson family papers and the folders were labeled as such. Near the end of processing a decision was made to change the collection name to The Wilson and Seydel family papers, due to the large amount of material from Frances Louise Seydel's side of the family. In the interest of time the folders were not changed.

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Controlled Access Headings

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- City planning -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Wilson, R. Douglas
- Wilson, Betsy
- Wilson, John R.

Collection Inventory

Wilson Family genealogy

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Letter to William Wallace Wilson from granddaughter, Julianne Wilson, requesting family history. Includes William's response, his notes and his edits to her draft of Wilson Soup, 1971	Box 1	Folder 1
Wilson Soup, A Unique, Genealogical Recipe! by Julianne (Juli) Wilson, 1985	Box 1	

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Sarah (Hanna) Wilson

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Biography written by William Wallace Wilson, published in the Phi Beta Kappa Alumnae and Alumni of Long Island, undated	Box 2	Folder 1

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S.H. Wilson, portrait	Box 2	Folder 4
Photocopy of a photograph of S.H. Wilson in his offices around 1900	Box 2	Folder 4
Photocopy of a photograph of Wyoming Park S.H. Wilson and Co. Suburban Office, unidentified individuals, automobile and streetcar also in the image, appears to be 1910s.	Box 2	Folder 4
Eliza Wilson Dew, portrait	Box 2	Folder 5
Photocopies of photographs of S.H. Wilson and William W. Wilson around 1914	Box 2	Folder 6
Gracebelle Reames, portrait, 1918	Box 2	Folder 7
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Handwritten receipt to S.H. Wilson for purchase of a horse from H.M. Whitford, 1898-09-05	Box 2	Folder 8
Agreement between S.H. Wilson and Rose Reuter to the terms of the sale of Reuter's meat market, 1902-1903	Box 2	Folder 9
Invoices for property advertisements run in the Grand Rapids newspapers by S.H. Wilson, 1901-1902	Box 2	Folder 10
Hamilton Park agreement, 1905	Box 2	Folder 11
Burlingame agreement, portrait of Edwin Burlingame, 1907	Box 2	Folder 12
Abstract of Title from Kent County Registrar's Office to lots on Grandville Improvement Co. plat, 1907-1998	Box 2	Folder 13
"Two Addresses" by Charles W. Garfield , 1908	Box 2	Folder 14
5th Avenue Celebration Souvenir booklet, include handwritten notes (3 copies), 1908	Box 2	Folder 15
Postcard of Grand Rapids National City Bank building where S.H. Wilson and Co. had offices, 1912	Box 2	Folder 16
Campaign materials for Dr. Huizinga, 1912	Box 2	Folder 17
Certificate for admission to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, 1914	Box 2	Folder 18
Request to GR, Chicago and Holland Railway for an interurban fare reduction, 1915	Box 2	Folder 19
Grand Rapids Savings bank book, account of Wilson and Fletcher Farm Produce, 1917	Box 2	Folder 20
Letter from Wallace Chalmers, German war prisoner, 1918-07-25	Box 2	Folder 21

Correspondence between S.H. Wilson and W.S. Colegrove, 1918	Box 2	Folder 22
Scrapbook of newspaper ads for farms and and farmland sold by Closterhouse, 1904-1905	Box 2	Folder 23
Abstract of Title, Lot 322, Grandville Improvement Co plat, 1903-1998	Box 2	Folder 24
S.H. Wilson correspondence, 1903-1926	Box 2	Folder 25
Newspaper clippings, includes S.H.Wilson real estate developments and obituaries, 1908-1991	Box 2	Folder 26
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Property purchase agreement between William and Alice Wilson and Samuel H. Wilson, 1926	Box 2	Folder 28
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S.H.Wilson and Wyoming Park monument design and related correspondence, -1991	Box 2	Folder 30
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Letters from S.H.Wilson to his son, William, 1915-1923	Box 7	Folder 14
Wyoming Park advertisement, S.H. Wilson head shot attached to a drawn body	Box 15	Folder 2
Biographical notes about S.H. Wilson written on a large manila envelope by William Wilson	Box 15	Folder 2
S.H. Wilson, Edith Wilson and son William Wilson in front of 859 Franklin St. SE, undated	Box 15	Folder 5
The Community Record, Wyoming Park, Michigan, 1931-09-25	Box 15	Folder 12
Closterhouse and Wilson's plat of first addition to Burlingame, 1909	Box 15	Folder 13
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War ration books and sugar certificates issued to Edith Hope Wilson and Jennie Alice Farnham, 1942	Box 2	Folder 3
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Letters to William Wilson, 17 September 1908 - 2 September 1931	Box 7	Folder 9
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Letters to William Wilson, 9 January - 6 August 1933	Box 7	Folder 11
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The Sunday Herald, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Mrs. Samuel Wilson's chairman of the luncheon committee of the Ladies' Literary Club, 1925-01-25	Box 15	Folder 12

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William Wallace Wilson

General

Due to condition and size a number of newspapers were disposed of during processing. It was not obvious why the newspapers were originally saved. Should the researcher wish to look at them, they can be found on microfilm in the Grand Rapids Local History and Special Collections Department of the Grand Rapids Public Library.

Grand Rapids Herald - Sunday Morning, April 17, 1910; pages 7-8

Grand Rapids Herald - Sunday Morning, January 3, 1915; pages 1-2, 9-10

Grand Rapids Herald - Sunday, June 4, 1916; Auto Section, pages 11-12

Grand Rapids Herald - Monday, April 25, 1932; pages 1-2, 9-10

Grand Rapids News - Wednesday, December 29, 1915; pages 5-8

Grand Rapids News - Monday, March 20, 1916; pages 2-3

Grand Rapids News - Saturday, June 10, 1916; pages 1-2, 17-18

Grand Rapids Press - Friday, June 11, 1915; pages 13-26

Grand Rapids Press - Monday, August 23, 1915; pages 5-6

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Correspondence between William Wilson and Nichols and Cox Lumber, 1938	Box 7	Folder 17
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Memorandum of Matters, William W. Wilson, Managing Clerk at Brooklyn, NY law firm, 1925-08-24	Box 11	Folder 5
Long Island floral delivery slip to Mrs.W.W.Wilson	Box 11	Folder 10
Bank records, 1927-1936	Box 11	Folder 12-14
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Article about Doug Wilson's participation on "Name That Tune, including ticket to the show, 1958	Box 12	Folder 11
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Edith Cornelia (Peirce) Seydel

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