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Summary Information

Repository	Arkansas State Archives
Title	Leo and Sylvia Wulfohn papers
Date [inclusive]	1917-1972
Extent	8.45 Cubic feet 18 boxes, 2 oversize folders
Language	English
Language of Materials:	Materials in English and German.

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Biographical Note:

Leo Wulfsohn was born in 1895 to William and Dina Wulfsohn, (née Wurzburg) and grew up in the Chicago area. Wulfsohn graduated from John Marshall Law School in 1916 and served in World War I shortly after. He became active as a Freemason at Fortitude Lodge No. 1003 in the Wicker Park area of Chicago. In 1928, he married Sylvia Rubin of Monroe, New York, and the two remained in the Chicago area for some time. Wulfsohn remained active in numerous groups, including the American Legion and Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A, Inc. The couple relocated first to Saline County, Arkansas, sometime in the mid-1950s, where Wulfsohn served briefly as Justice of the Peace. By the 1960s, they settled outside Hot Springs, Arkansas, where Wulfsohn continued to practice law and served as District Commander for the State of Arkansas for Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., Inc. Sylvia died in Hot Springs in 1972, and Leo in 1979.

Scope and Content:

This collection is comprised of attorney Leo Wulfsohn's personal papers as part of his position as District Commander of Arkansas of Veterans of World War I, Inc., his position as National Judge Advocate for the same organization, and his involvement with the American Legion, Jewish War Veterans, and various fraternal and Masonic organizations. The bulk of the papers pertain to membership and organization for Veterans of WWI of the USA, Inc. from roughly 1964-1966, as well as membership cards for various organizations, personal ephemera, and greeting cards from Sylvia.

The collection also contains various wills of Wulfsohn's clients during the time he was an attorney and the estate of Maynard B. Heath, a WWI veteran whose estate was handled by Wulfsohn. Heath had no heirs and was declared incompetent. Wulfsohn handled his finances while Heath spent two years in a Benton nursing home before passing.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access:

Some materials in Leo and Sylvia Wulfsohn papers are restricted. Please contact the Arkansas State Archives at state.archives@arkansas.gov or 501-682-6900 for more information. The archives requires a minimum of two business-days' notice if you wish to view this collection.

This collection contains 21 artifacts that were transferred to the Arkansas State Archives' Three-Dimensional Object Collection. In order to view artifacts at the ASA, an Arkansas State Archives Artifact Access Form must be completed and submit to the Arkansas State Archives for approval by the State Historian at least 48 hours (2 business days) in advance of anticipated viewing. If the request is approved by the State Historian, an appointment may be scheduled to view the artifact(s).

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Immediate Source of Acquisition:

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Related Materials

Separated Materials:

17 artifacts from this collection were transferred to the ASA Three-Dimensional Object Collection on 10/26/2017: A2017.0065.1 - One small American Legion pin that belonged to Leo Wulfsohn of Hot Springs. A2017.0065.2 - One small American Legion Past Commander pin that belonged to Leo Wulfsohn. A2017.0065.3 - One American Legion "PAST ADJUTANT" ribbon pin, belonged to Leo Wulfsohn. A2017.0065.3 - One American Legion "JUDGE ADVOCATE" ribbon pin, belonged to Leo Wulfsohn. A2017.0065.5 - One American Legion Oratory ribbon pin that belonged to Leo Wulfsohn. A2017.0065.6 - One Jewish War Veterans of the United States ribbon medal. A2017.0065.7 - One 14K gold wedding band ring that belonged to Sylvia Wulfsohn. A2017.0065.8 - One leather "Leo Wulsohn" luggage tag that belonged to Leo Wulfsohn. A2017.0065.9 - One American Legion garrison cap from Illinois that belonged to Leo Wulfsohn. A2017.0065.10 - One American Legion garrison cap from Illinois that belonged to Leo Wulfsohn. A2017.0065.11 - One American Legion garrison cap from Illinois that belonged to Leo Wulfsohn. A2017.0065.12 - One Jewish War Veterans garrison cap from Illinois that belonged to Leo Wulfsohn. A2017.0065.13 - One American Legion garrison cap from Arkansas that belonged to Leo Wulfsohn. A2017.0065.14 - One Veterans of World War I Auxiliary garrison cap from Arkansas. A2017.0065.15 - One grey garrison cap with "314 ARKANSAS AT 1960," "40-6" and

"AVOC." A2017.0065.16 - One B.P.O.E. Elks Lodge 380 garrison cap from Hot Springs. A2017.0065.17 - One glass sign: "Leo Wulfohn, Attorney-at-Law" painted in gold on black.

4 artifacts from this collection were transferred to the ASA Three-Dimensional Object Collection on 10/05/2018: A2018.0048.1 - Leo Wulfohn's first Arba' Kanfot, a Jewish religious garment for males made of a rectangular piece of white cotton cloth with an opening for the head and fringes/cords called zizits on the lower four corners. A2018.0048.2-4 - Three identical patches for the Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A. organization that belonged to Leo Wulfohn.

The Barracks quartermaster's financial book was digitized and discarded due to severe damage from fire and mold. Images of the item are stored on the I: Drive.

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Collection Inventory

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District Commander - Veterans of WWI of the USA, Inc. 1963-1972 (Bulk, 1964-1966)

Veterans of WWI of the USA, Inc. [1 of 3] 1963-1967

Veterans of WWI of the USA, Inc. [2 of 3] 1963-1967

Veterans of WWI of the USA, Inc. [3 of 3] 1963-1967

Veterans of WWI of the USA, Inc. Correspondence 1964

Veterans of WWI of the USA, Inc. Correspondence 1965

Veterans of WWI of the USA, Inc. Correspondence 1972

Veterans of WWI of the USA, Inc. Newsletters 1964-1965

Veterans of WWI of the USA, Inc. Budget and Membership 1960-1973

Veterans of WWI of the USA, Inc. Legislative correspondence 1964-1965

Veterans of WWI of the USA, Inc. Bulletins 1964-1965

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Veterans of WWI of the USA, Inc. Membership and officers material 1965-1972

Veterans of WWI of the USA, Inc. National Convention 1964

Veterans of WWI of the USA, Inc. Batesville convention 1965

Veterans of WWI of the USA, Inc. Arkansas budget 1964-1966

Veterans of WWI of the USA, Inc. Legislative materials 1964-1965

Veterans of WWI of the USA, Inc., miscellaneous undated

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Veterans of WWI of the USA, Inc. pamphlets 1959-1969

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American Legion materials, legal materials and ephemera 1935-1972

American Legion newsletters 1972

American Legion newsletters undated

American Legion publications 1955-1972

American Legion / veterans' certificates 1935-1972

American Legion ephemera 1956

Illinois Reserve Militia gubernatorial commission to Samuel Wulfohn 1945

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William Van Pelt military service records 1917-1939

Saline County Justice of the Peace, personal correspondence, business cards, estate of Maynard B. Heath

Bar Association and American Legion membership cards 1930-1970

Awarded proclamation and certificates 1947-1967

Attorney-related papers - Saline and Garland County 1922-1973

Saline County Justice of the Peace papers 1955-1959

Saline County Justice of the Peace correspondence 1955-1956

Miscellaneous correspondence and notes 1965-1973

Attorney-related ephemera undated

Business cards undated

Greeting cards 1958-1968

Game and Fish Commission materials 1929

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Maynard B. Heath guardianship papers 1966-1968

Estate of Maynard B. Heath, personal miscellaneous 1953-1970

Estate of Maynard B. Heath guardianship correspondence 1966-1971

Maynard B. Heath case file 1966-1967

Saline County Justice of the Peace certificates 1941-1957

Map-case

Map of Hot Springs, 21" x 42" 1956

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Charles Hutchingson, Saline County Justice of the Peace certificate 1933

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Northern District of Illinois certificate 1918

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Masonic materials 1918-1960

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Fortitude Lodge certificate 1918

Matteson Lodge Centennial program 1955

The Official Monitor, Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M., Illinois circa 1920

Illinois Masonic directories 1942-1955

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Illinois Masonic directories 1956-1960

Fraternal lodge membership cards 1920-1970

Arkansas Research Lodge No. 739 periodicals 1947-1952

Masonic Encyclopedia 1951

Masonic Monitor, Arkansas 1954

Fortitude Lodge No. 1003 scrapbook 1918-1933

Barracks quartermaster's financial book (digital only) undated

Map-case

Attorney and counselor of the Supreme Court of the United States of America
certificate 1965 October 11

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Bound materials

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Attorney's Register 1967

Leo Wulfohn personal travel expenses ledger undated

Sterling personal travel log undated

Wulfohn home guest book 1951-1955

Large financial ledger 1969-1970

Photo albums, photos

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Photo albums [1 of 2] 1964-1966

Photo albums [2 of 2] 1964-1967 (Bulk, 1966-1967)

PH.Wulfsohn.0001: Veterans of World War 1 membership billboard in Healdsburg. Color photograph, 5 ¼" x 3 ½". circa. 1964.

PH.Wulfsohn.0002: Cheese plant bought by Veteran's organization, Clinton, AR. Black and white photograph. 3 ½" x 3 ½". 1964

PH.Wulfsohn.0003: Unidentified couple in front of Christmas tree. Black and white photograph. 3 ¼" x 4 ¼". circa 1960s.

PH.Wulfsohn.0004: Leo Wulfsohn portrait in National Judge Advocate hat. Black and white photograph. 3 ¼" x 4 ½". circa 1960s.

PH.Wulfsohn.0005: Unidentified outdoor area with tree, clothesline and garden. Black and white photograph. 3 ½" x 3 ½". circa 1960s.

PH.Wulfsohn.0006: Leo, Sylvia Wulfsohn and others at American Legion banquet. San Diego, California. Black and white photograph, 10" x 8". September 1966

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PH.Wulfohn.0007: Leo Wulfohn with classmates at John Marshall Law School. Chicago, Illinois. Black and white photograph on cardstock, 10" x 8". circa 1916.

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PH.Wulfohn.0008: Leo and Sylvia Wulfohn wedding photo. Black and white photograph. 10" x 12 ½". 1928.

PH.Wulfohn.0009: Sylvia Wulfohn bridal portrait. Black and white photograph, 10" x 12 ½". 1928.

PH.Wulfohn.0010: Leo and Sylvia Wulfohn wedding portrait with unidentified honor attendants. Black and white photograph, 12 ½" x 10". 1928

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PH.Wulfohn.0011: Leo and Sylvia Wulfohn with 6 unidentified family members in portrait by Morrall, Rochester, New York. Black and white cabinet card, 12" x 10". circa 1935

PH.Wulfohn.0012: Unidentified siblings-in-law from previous family portrait, also by Morrall, Rochester, New York. Black and white photograph inside gatefold, 10 ½" x 14". undated

PC.Wulfohn.0001: "The Village Inn on U.S. 70, 15 miles east of Hot Springs." Black and white postcard, 5 ½" x 3 ½". undated

PC.Wulfohn.0002: "The Village Inn on U.S. 70, 15 miles east of Hot Springs." Black and white postcard, 5 ½" x 3 ½". undated

Framed photos

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Artifacts (Transferred to the ASA Three-Dimensional Object Collection)

PH.Wulfsohn.0013: Unidentified woman, portrait by Bachrach. Black and white framed photograph, 5" x 7". circa 1905

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PH.Wulfsohn.0014: Leo Wulfsohn, Mrs. Jack P. Fry, Philipe Sisney, Robert C. Smith, Mrs. Doyle Daniel at American Legion Warren Townsend Post No. 13, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Black and white framed photograph, 10" x 8". 1959 April 6

PH.Wulfsohn.0015: 2nd Regiment Infantry, Illinois Reserve Militia, over 60 pictured, including 1st Lt. Leo Wulfsohn. Black and white framed photograph, 14" x 11". 1941

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Estate of Maynard B. Heath and Garland County divorce affidavits [RESTRICTED] 1937-1971

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Estate of Maynard B. Heath [RESTRICTED] 1937-1971

Maynard B. Heath checkbook and banking statements [RESTRICTED] 1966-1970

Saline County and Garland County divorce affidavits [RESTRICTED] 1937

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American Legion Materials

Member Rosters and Directories

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An Ode to the Flag

Legion and Auxiliary Birthday Dinner Program

Publications

Commanders' Hand Book of the American Legion

Summary of Proceedings, Twenty-Third Annual National Convention of the American Legion

American Legion National Convention

Shrapnel - Elmwood Park Post

The American Legion Manual for Post Service Officers 1962 January 1

40th Annual Report - American Legion 1958

Chapter Reports and Constitution

Chapter Documents and Membership Rosters

Certificates

Newspaper Clippings

Chapter Documents and Membership Rosters

Application for Admission to the Arkansas Bar

Arkansas Congressional District Map

Bar Association

Biographical Information for Leo Wulfohn

Birth, Death, Marriage, Naturalization, and Citizenship Documents

Business, Identification, and Membership Cards

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Congressional Hearings

Corporate Records Law Book for the Organization of Corporations, Chicago Bar Association

Correspondence 1929-1964

Correspondence

Crystal River Barracks, No. 3220

Correspondence

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Culpepper II, C.C. ("Chip"), "The Melting Pot Next Door" 2017 August 23

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Employment Materials

Funeral Book for Sylvia Wulfohn

Hair clippings of unknown person inside "Knackstedt and Nather" bag and small card with writing in German

Hot Springs City Planning Commission

Illinois Reserve Militia Association

Jewish War Veterans of the United States Department of Illinois Salute Morris Eisenstein Dinner Invitation

John Marshall Law School

La Societe Des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

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PH.Wulfohn.0018: Leo Wulfohn, LL.B. John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois, Graduating Class, June 1916	13
PH.Wulfohn.0019: Leo Wulfohn, National Judge Advocate, Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A.	13
PH.Wulfohn.0020: Leo Wulfohn and unidentified members of Veterans of World War I of U.S.A.	13
PH.Wulfohn.0021: Small Photograph of Leo Wulfohn	13

Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A. Material

PH.Wulfohn.0022: Photograph inscribed, "For Sylvia and Leo, from Susi and Trude Postheim from left: Irving, Evelyn and Lotte Bleume 2 months old" with accompanying note and envelope 1955 May 8

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PH.Wulfohn.0023: Photograph of unidentified woman and child, likely Leo Wulfohn and his mother, on Knackstedt and Nather cardstock with note

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PH.Wulfohn.0024: Photograph of unidentified member of Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A.

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PH.Wulfohn.0025: Photograph of Leo Wulfohn with other members of Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A.

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PH.Wulfohn.0026-PH.Wulfohn.0027: Signed photograph of National Commander of Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A. (two copies)

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PH.Wulfohn.0028: Group photograph of Leo Wulfohn and Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A.

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Social Security Administration

Veterans Administration

Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A. Material

Department of California

National Judge Advocate

Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A. Material

Department of Michigan

Department of Ohio

Department Bylaws

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National Trips

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National Quartermaster Adjutant

National Judge Advocate

Lancaster Uniform Cap Company

Department of Arkansas

Barracks 317, Hot Springs

Department of Arkansas Convention, 1970

World War I Convention Tour Itinerary and Department of Arkansas Convention Proceedings, 1971

Department of Arkansas

Miscellaneous Material

Wills of Clients [RESTRICTED]

Hot Springs Barracks No. 317

Department of Arkansas, Tenth Region

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Department of Arkansas

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Department of Minnesota

Department of Minnesota

Department of Minnesota

Wills and Burial Insurance Certificate for Leo and Sylvia Wulfsohn

Wills of Clients [RESTRICTED]

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Bound Publications

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Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A. Convention Minutes and Brochures

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