

STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS ARCHIVES

COLLECTION: James S. Pflueger Collection

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SOURCE: James S. Pflueger

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Archives

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ABSTRACT:

James' parents were John Seiberling Pflueger, Jr. and Lois Pflueger. John Seiberling Pflueger, Sr. was the oldest of Ernest and Ruth Seiberling Pflueger's four sons. John and his three younger brothers would have been first cousins to the six (F.A.) Seiberling children. James' mother Lois passed away in December 2021. He has been in the process of going through her personal estate and made several donations to SHH in 2022. The last and largest in that year included archival materials and a large collection of framed and loose photographs. (totaling 277).

The materials related most directly to Ruth and Ernest Pflueger (James' grandparents) but there was also a subset of materials related to the Wolle family. Lewis and Cora Seiberling Wolle and their only surviving daughter, Helen Wolle, lived in Akron, but traveled extensively around the world between 1910 and 1940. Helen never married and remained in her parent's home throughout her life. When she passed away in 1974, it appears John Pflueger, Jr. removed materials from her home and kept them. This includes a small collection of archival materials, 10 scrapbooks detailing the Wolle's world travels and loose photographs.

While some materials are clearly related to the Wolle family, there is also considerable cross over among the photographs with other extended family in many group shots. The donor was

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unable to make a clear delineation so the two family member collections are processed together with attributions made to a specific family when known.

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Series A: Archives

Series B: Loose Photographs

Series C: Framed Photographs

Series D: Oversized Photographs

Series E: Scrapbooks

NOTES:

-Finding aid reformatted in April 2025

- There are also 5 oversized framed photographs, 1 leather portfolio, a hat box and a collection of linens as part of this collection.

SERIES A: Archives

BOX 1

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| Folder 1 | Materials related to the F.F.F.F. Club |
| Folder 2 | Program for The Rubber Association of America banquet |
| Folder 3 | Assorted Seiberling family poems |
| Folder 4 | Program for Seiberling family comedy “The Veneered Savage” |
| Folder 5 | Christmas Card – Pflueger related |
| Folder 6 | Letters from Bill & Bob Pflueger to Cora & Helen Wolle – European Trip 1926 |
| Folder 7 | Program “The Kiss” re-enactment wedding of Mildred Kelly and T.K. Seiberling |
| Folder 8 | Materials related to death of Ruth Seiberling Pflueger May 1963 |
| Folder 9 | <i>The Lariat</i> , West High School, Akron 1922, written inside “Mrs. Luke Sewell” |
| Folder 10 | Program, Akron West High School 50 Plus Reunion |
| Folder 11 | <i>The Rodeo</i> , West High School, 1924 |

- Folder 12 Newsletter “The Mortgage Heights Liar” Dec 22, 1934
- Folder 13 Postcard to Robert Pflueger from [illegible] June 24, 1934
- Folder 14 Program Rededication of the Seiberling Memorial Organ at Holy Trinity Church
- Folder 15 Family Tree John Seiberling Pflueger
- Folder 16 Collection of Victorian Valentines given to Helen Wolle as a child, ca. 1890
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- Folder 18 Letters from Lewis Wolle to Helen Wolle 1903-1904, 1918
- Folder 19 Letter from H.S. Alexander to Helen Wolle, ca. 1917
- Folder 20 Letters to Helen Wolle from Seiberling family, 1901-1907
- Folder 21 Letters from John S. Pflueger to Ruth Seiberling Pflueger, 1952 & 1960
John S. Pflueger and Ruth Robinson wedding invitation
- Folder 22 Misc. Programs and Publications
- Folder 23 Assorted Christmas Cards and programs
- Folder 24 Invitations to F.A. Seiberling Birthday Parties
- Folder 25 Printed materials from Irene Seiberling – Christmas related 1970s & 1980s
- Folder 26 Program from funeral services for Irene Seiberling Harrison
- Folder 27 Brochure of Cedar Lodge, 1955 including cover letter from Willard Seiberling
- Folder 28 Typed “Seiberling Family History as of 1940” by Julia Gage Seiberling
- Folder 29 “Recollections”, a first-person account by F.A. Seiberling of his early childhood
- Folder 30 Letter Penfield Seiberling to Family, March 12, 1970 – solar eclipse
- Folder 31 Publications and Programs related to Stan Hywet Hall 1980s-1990s
- Folder 32 Bob Pflueger materials related to Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens
- Folder 33 SHH 2022.17.25 Small black photograph album with pictures of Seiberling
Family members (SCANNED – Curator/Images/Scanned Archive Collections)
- Folder 34 SHH 2022.17.22 Scrapbook Lewis Wolle, images of Hessel, MI and trip to
Honolulu, HI (SCANNED – Curator/Images/Scanned Archive Collections – only
Hessel images)
- Folder 35 Loose scrapbook pages with photographs of extended Seiberling family, pages
dated from 1918 – 1935. All photos labeled with people identified. Scrapbook
created by Helen Wolle (SCANNED – Curator/Images/Scanned Archive
Collections/Helen Wolle Loose Scrapbook Pages)

Folder 36 (Legal Sized Folder alongside of box) Invitation to Shakespearean Ball to Irv and Fredericka Manton, 1916

SERIES B: Loose Photographs

BOX 2

Folder 1 Photographs J.F. Seiberling home on East Market Street

Folder 2 Photographs J.F. Seiberling

Folder 3 Photographs of Catherine Miller Seiberling

Folder 4 Multi-generational Seiberling family photographs

Folder 5 Extended Seiberling family group shots

Folder 6 Seiberling Siblings – F.A., C.W. and their sisters

Folder 7 Photographs of F.A or Gertrude Seiberling with children, ca. 1890s

Folder 8 Photographs of F.A. Seiberling

Folder 9 Photographs of Gertrude Penfield Seiberling

Folder 10 Photographs of Lewis Wolle

Folder 11 Photographs of Cora Seiberling Wolle

Folder 12 Photographs of Wolle Children

Folder 13 Photographs of Helen Wolle

Folder 14 Photographs Wolle house on Mayfield Ave., Akron, Ohio

Folder 15 Photographs of Harriet Seiberling Miles and Lucius Miles

Folder 16 Photographs of Miles Home in Grossmont, California

Folder 17 Photograph of Lewis Firey, Jr. ca. 1929

Folder 18 Photographs of Grace Seiberling Chase, William Chase and children

Folder 19 Photographs of Chase-Kurtz wedding, Hessel, Michigan 1928

Folder 20 Photograph of Henry Manton, ca. 1920

Folder 21 Photographs of Margaret Manton Saalfield

Folder 22 Photograph of Cecile Berlage Seiberling, wife of Charles Seiberling, Jr.

Folder 23 Photographs of Anna Seiberling Miller

Folder 24 Photographs of Ruth Seiberling Pflueger as a child

- Folder 25 Photographs of Ruth Seiberling Pflueger, ca. 1908
- Folder 26 Photographs of Ruth Seiberling Pflueger, 1944-1960
- Folder 27 Photographs of Pflueger Family and Friends
- Folder 28 Photographs of Pflueger Grandchildren
- Folder 29 Photographs – Unidentified Pflueger Relations
- Folder 30 Heavy cardstock page from a scrapbook/photo album
- Folder 31 Photographs – Interiors of Stan Hywet Hall
- Folder 32 Photographs – Exterior of Stan Hywet Hall
- Folder 33 Photographs of Stan Hywet Hall, Interiors and Exteriors – Foundation Era
- Folder 34 Photographs – Ground Breaking Ceremony at SHH, 1968
- Folder 35 Color photographs of Stan Hywet Hall by Willard Seiberling
- Folder 36 Photographs of Stan Hywet Hall & Bob Pflueger
- Folder 37 Photographs of Shakespearean Ball, June 1916
- Folder 38 Photographs of Hilarity Ball, 1928
- Folder 39 Photographs of Christmas celebrations at Stan Hywet Hall 1915-1920
- Folder 40 Photographs of Christmas at Stan Hywet Hall 1923
- Folder 41 Photographs of Christmas at Stan Hywet Hall 1932
- Folder 42 Photographs of Christmas at Stan Hywet Hall 1938
- Folder 43 Photographs of Christmas at Stan Hywet Hall 1940
- Folder 44 Photographs of Oliver Fulton and Sally Harrison's wedding, Stan Hywet Hall 1949
- Folder 45 Photograph of Ohio Society Dinner at Waldorf Astoria Hotel
- Folder 46 Photograph of Board of Trustees, Seiberling Rubber Company, March 14, 1960
- Folder 47 Photographs of Robert (Bob) Pflueger
- Folder 48 Photographs of Bob Pflueger, Cedar Lodge and Stan Hywet Hall, August 1976
- Folder 49 Photographs of Bob Pflueger's 70th birthday party at Stan Hywet Hall, 1973
- Folder 50 Photographs of Seiberling family in Great Hall, Christmas 1982
- Folder 51 Seiberling family reunion, ca. 1975
- Folder 52 Photograph of Elsie Penfield with family members

SERIES C: Framed Photographs

BOX 3

- SHH 2022.17.19 Framed photograph of Lewis Wolle, ca. 1910. Gold frame with ring at top
- SHH 2022.17.17 Framed photograph of Gertrude Seiberling painting SHH 1.128
- SHH 2022.17.18 Framed photograph of a man with white hair and glasses, ca. 1960
- SHH 2022.17.15 Framed photograph of Ruth Seiberling Pflueger, ca. 1960
- SHH 2022.17.16 Framed photograph of F.A. Seiberling painting SHH 1.127
- SHH 2022.17.5 Framed photograph of Bob Pflueger, ca. 1955
- SHH 2022.17.6 Framed photograph of Ernest Pflueger, seated in upholstered chair, holding a cane in his right hand, wearing a dark suit and tie, ca. 1940. Framed in a heavy silver frame with initials R.S.P. at top of frame
- SHH 2022.17.9 Framed photograph of Bob Pflueger, candid shot of Bob seated at a table with head resting in right hand, tuxedo with black bow tie, glass dessert dish in front of him, ca. 1970
- SHH 2022.17.10 Framed photograph of Bob Pflueger's surprise 70th birthday party at Stan Hywet Hall December 21, 1973. Envelope taped to the back with key identifying individuals in the photo
- SHH 2022.17.11 Framed photograph of Cora Seiberling Wolle. Photo is pressed between two pieces of glass, floating and double sided. Silver frame with molded floral decorations at corners. Hole at top center and bottom center. Would have sat within a larger frame and swiveled
- SHH 2022.17.12 Framed photograph of Ruth Seiberling Pflueger. She is wearing an evening dress and string of pearls at her neck. Photo signed John Anderson (or Henderson) ca. 1945
- SHH 2022.17.13 Framed photograph of Ruth Seiberling Pflueger. Candid photo, Ruth seated in front of a window wearing a dark red dress with brooch at chest, double string of pearls, ca. 1955
- SHH 2022.17.8 Framed photograph of Ruth Seiberling Pflueger and Ernest Pflueger. Color photograph seated in front of flowers. Ernest holds a cane in his right hand wearing a grey, 3 piece suit. Ruth is wearing a white dress, pearls around her neck and holding a flower, ca. 1942
- SHH 2022.14.2 Framed photograph of Ruth Seiberling Pflueger wearing an evening dress and string of pearls at her neck. ca. 1945. Framed in a sculpted silver frame with RPS initials engraved at top

SHH 2022.14.3 Framed photograph of Cora Seiberling Wolle wearing a lace evening dress with floral corsage embellishment at her chest, double strand of pearls at her neck, seated in wooden arm chair, ca. 1955.

SERIES D: Oversized Photograph

BOX 4

- Item 1 2 images of Helen Wolle in bridesmaid dress for Irene Seiberling and Milton Harrison wedding, December 25, 1923 – 2 different poses
- Item 2 Unidentified young girl standing on stone steps, headband with bow in her hair, ca. 1930 – possibly a Pflueger child
- Item 3 Unidentified woman in black and white striped lace dress with corsage on shoulder and double string of pearls, dark hair, possibly a Pflueger spouse
- Item 4 Unidentified older woman wearing a dark jacket with wide white collar, double string of pearls at her neck and gold bracelet with large charm on left wrist. Oval photo printed on larger rectangular paper with dust cover and encases in off white sleeve. Sleeve stamped on front “Paul Taylor Esselburn & Sons, Akron, Ohio”
- Item 5 Unidentified young boy seated in upholstered chair with wooden arms. He is holding a book. Wearing a white dress, tights and dark shoes, short blond hair. Photo has dust cover and housed in dark brown paper sleeve. Stamp on front “Studio of William Louis Koehne 104 Michigan Ave 800 N. Clark St 1104 Wilson Ave. Chicago, Ill, USA”
- Item 6 Color photograph of Dining Room at Stan Hywet Hall, ca. 1970. In a paper mat with red, faux leather cover
- Item 7 Color photograph of Music Room at Stan Hywet Hall, ca. 1970. In paper mat with red, faux leather cover.
- Item 8 Horizontal photograph of young mother with three small children. Woman is wearing a dark dress with pearls around her neck. Older boy (about 7) dressed in sailor outfit, two younger girls, one blond and one dark haired wearing white dresses. Possibly Pflueger wife and children. ca, 1925. Dust cover over photo and housed in paper sleeve. Label on front “Walter Scott Shinn Photographer of Children Five eighty one Fifth Avenue New York”
- Item 9 Photograph of Lewis Wolle. Dark suit with patterned tie and white shirt with stiff collar, ca. 1920. In marbled grey paper sleeve stamped “Goddard Akron, O”

- Item 10 2 copies, Photograph of Ruth Seiberling Pflueger, wearing a dark silk jacket with white blouse visible. Long string of pearls knotted, "1928" written in pencil at bottom of photo
- Item 11 3 copies, Photograph of Cora Seiberling Wolle wearing lace evening dress with floral corsage at chest, double string of pearls, seated in chair with wooden arms, ca. 1940. Stamped "Louvre Akron" in bottom right corner of mat board, encased in paper sleeve
- Item 12 3 copies, photograph of Ruth Seiberling Pflueger seated in a chair wearing a dark dress with white collar and white shirt underneath, pearls around her neck, two different poses facing opposite directions, ca. 1935
- Item 13 Photograph of Helen Wolle wearing dark lace evening dress, short sleeves with silk bow at chest, single strand of pearls at neck, ca. 1960. Encased in paper mat and sleeve. Stamped on mat "F. Gordon Cook Akron, O."
- Item 14 Photograph of Cora Seiberling Wolle wearing a dark dress with band of silver and black sequined trim around collar, single strand of pearls at her neck, white hair, ca. 1945, paper mat board and paper sleeve
- Item 15 Photograph of Ruth Seiberling Pflueger wearing a black dress with wide white lace collar, double strand of pearls at her neck, seated in a chair with hands clasped in her lap, ca. 1955
- Item 16 Photograph of Cora Seiberling Wolle wearing a dark evening gown, pendant necklace, photograph signed "Strauss Peyton 1911" In a muted grey paper sleeve with "Strauss Peyton Kansas City" stamped in cover
- Item 17 Photograph of Cora Seiberling Wolle wearing a white lace dress with a fur draped over her right shoulder, pendant necklace, ca. 1910. In a dark brown paper sleeve with "B. Frank Moore Cleveland" stamped on front
- Item 18 Photograph of Cora Seiberling Wolle in evening gown, light colored dress with darker gauze overlay, sequins/embellishment around neckline, strand of pearls at her neck, ca. 1905
- Item 19 2 copies of a photograph of Helen Wolle, head and neck image done in a painterly style, "Kaiden-Kazanjan Studio Inc 724 Fifth Ave New York" One encased in grey paper sleeve.
- Item 20 Photograph of Lewis Firey in grey three-piece suit and striped tie, dust cover and encases in paper sleeve, stamped "Underwood & Underwood"
- Item 21 Photograph of Henry Manton, wearing a dark three-piece suit and tie, photo dated 1922 and signed "Edmoudson" encased in grey paper sleeve
- Item 22 Photograph of toddler wearing white, sleeveless dress, written on back "Theo Carnahan Seiberling fourteen months June 7th 1901"

- Item 23 Photograph of Charles W. Seiberling, wearing a dark suit and tie, watch chain visible inside jacket, signed “Edmoudson” and dated 1911, signed at bottom “Very Truly Yours Chas W. Seiberling”
- Item 24 2 copies, 1 original of group shot of Seiberling family in the parlor of the J.F. Seiberling house on East Market Street, ca. 1900. Adults standing and seated, children seated on floor in front. Original photo glued to black mat board
- Item 25 Photograph, large group of people in a room with slanted ceilings. American flags hanging on the walls, everyone in costume. F.A. and Gertrude Seiberling on the far right of the group, other Seiberling family members present. Dated on back December 1901
- Item 26 Photograph of F.A. and C.W. Seiberling and their six sisters. From left to right Kittie Seiberling Firey, C.W. Seiberling, Hattie Seiberling Miles, Anna Seiberling Miller, F.A. Seiberling, Ruth Seiberling Pflueger, Mary Seiberling Manton, Cora Seiberling Wolle, Grace Seiberling Chase
- Item 27 Photograph of Virginia Seiberling Handy with her six children. Ned Handy and Jack Handy standing to the left of their mother. Girls from left to right – Virginia (Tinkerbelle), Anabel, Sylvia (baby Virginia is holding) and Marion
- Item 28 Photograph of Catherine Miller Seiberling wearing a dark dress with what detail at chest. Black velvet bow in hair. ca. 1905
- Item 29 Photograph of Irene Seiberling, Milton Harrison and wedding party on stage of Music Room, Stan Hywet Hall, December 15, 1923
- Item 30 Photograph of F.A. Seiberling, grey colored suite with patterned tie. Photo signed “Blank Stoller N.Y.” ca. 1920

SERIES E: Scrapbooks**BOX 5**

- SHH 2022.17.24 Scrapbook belonging to Lewis Wolle of Cambria, WY in 1897, Hawaii and British Columbia travels. All photographs labeled and dated
- SHH 2022.17.26 Photograph Album of Seiberling family – starts with portraits of J.F. and Catherine Seiberling and then goes through each of their children, spouses and pictures of each family's children
- SHH 2022.17.23 Scrapbook belonging to Helen Wolle documenting travels/trips
- Alaska 1919
 - California 1920
 - India, North Africa, Italy 1929
 - Mexico 1935
 - Yosemite Valley 1937

BOX 6

- SHH 2022.17.28 Helen Wolle Scrapbook documenting 1928 trip to Japan, China, Cambodia, Java and India
- SHH 2022.17.27 Helen Wolle scrapbook documenting travel to Europe in 1923, Bermuda in 1938, Arizona in 1939, San Francisco for World's Fair in 1939
- SHH 2022.17.30 Pflueger photo album documenting Bob and Bill Pflueger's European trip in 1926
- SHH 2022.17.29 Helen Wolle scrapbook documenting Cambria, WY, (1901) Hessel, MI (1901-1903), Kansas City, MO, Dana Hall School (1902-1903) and Smith College (1903-1906)

OVERSIZED

- SHH 2022.17.31 Leather portfolio, oversized. Image on center front of men playing trumpets, black and gold raised decoration, brown watermarked silk lining inside