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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Gilbert L. Friedlein Papers
Date:	1880s-1961
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0943
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Music, Sports and Entertainment
Creator:	Friedlein, Gilbert L., 1884- Friedlein, Gilbert L., Jr., 1921-
Extent:	0.33 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Collection documents the life of Gilbert L. Friedlein, semi-professional baseball player and grain elevator operator, and his son Gilbert Friedlein, Jr. It includes photographs, a baseball contract, and correspondence.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Found in the collection of the Division of Music, Sports and Entertainment, now Division of Cultural and Community Life.

Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Music, Sports and Entertainment (now Division of Cultural and Community Life) in 2007.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Gilbert L. Friedlein was born February 2, 1884, in Osterdock, Iowa, the son of Frederick and Harriet Friedlein. He received his education in Guttenberg, Iowa, and married Tressa Kathryn Akers from Charleston, West Virginia, on June 17, 1914. He was a pitcher for the semi-professional baseball team from Drake, North Dakota, before retiring from the sport in 1913 and working fulltime for Farmers Elevator Company. He resided in the area of Lewistown, Montana, for fifty-three years and served as a member of the City Council and the Elks Lodge before his death on May 1, 1961.

Friedlein's son, Gilbert Friedlein, Jr., was born on July 12, 1921. He attended the University of California-Berkeley, where he was a member of the university band. Friedlein, Jr. wed LeVita (Pat) Bernstein of San Jose, California. He was employed with the San Francisco Port of Embarkation and worked in the personnel department of the wage administration section in Oakland. Friedlein, Jr. died November 18, 1958.

Scope and Contents

This collection is comprised of photographs, personal papers, and newspaper clippings about Gilbert L. Friedlein and his family. Topics include his membership on the Drake semi-professional baseball team, his employment with Farmers Elevator Company in Lewistown, Montana, and his son's membership in the University of California band. Highlights include several photographs of the grain elevator after its destruction by fire, a 1908 baseball contract, and a letter written from Friedlein, Jr. to his parents.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged by type of materials.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Bands (Music)
- Baseball players
- Grain elevators
- Musicians

Types of Materials:

- Clippings -- 19th century
- Contracts
- Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century.
- Photographs -- 19th century

Names:

National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Music, Sports and Entertainment

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Newspaper clippings, 1907-1961
Box 1, Folder 2	Personal papers, 1908-1959
Box 1, Folder 3	Photographs, 1880 - 1941, undated
Box 1, Folder 4	Photographs, (bulk 1939 - 1950, undated) (bulk 1939 - 1950, undated)
Box 1, Folder 5	Travel and business records, 1949 - 1950, undated