

McLean County Museum of History

**Mau, McCoy, and Haskell Collection**

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**Collection Information**

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NOTES:	Rolled documents in the vault: R-076: Mau, Catherine- Resolution of Respect R-078: Mau, Hedwig Helene Auguste- Confirmation certificate R-077: Mau, Helmuth- Resolution of Respect R-079: McCoy, Helen Louise- Better Babies Certificate R-080: McCoy, Helen Louise- Cradle Roll Department R-081: McCoy, Helen- Promotion Certificate R-082: McCoy, Helen- Typewriting Proficiency Certificate R-083: McCoy, Helen- Cradle Roll Promotion Certificate R-084: McCoy, Helen Louise- High School Diploma R-085: McCoy, Helen Louise- Better Babies R-086: Mau, Katie- Sunday School Diploma R-087: McCoy, Helen- Children's Bureau R-088: McCoy, Helen- Bloomington Elementary Schools R-089: Mau, Katie Louisa- Baptismal Certificate R-090: McCoy, Helen- Bloomington Public Schools

## Brief History

Helmuth and Augusta Mau came to the United States from Germany in the 1890s. The Maus settled in Bloomington, and Helmuth worked as a tinner for the Chicago and Alton Railroad Shops. Helmuth and Augusta had three children—Katie Louise, Hattie, and William. Hattie married Allen McCoy (1886-1953). Hattie and Allen had two children—Ben F. McCoy, and Helen (1913-1993), who married Donovan Haskell.

Donovan Haskell worked at Williams Oil-O-Matic and Helen Haskell worked at State Farm for 20-plus years. In 1953 Helen was elected to the board of directors of the National Industrial Recreation Association. Of the 14 board members, she was the only woman. Helen and Donovan Haskell had one daughter, Mary Helen (1944), who grew up to be a nurse.

## Scope Note

This collection contains genealogy papers, a certificate of citizenship, newspaper clippings, tax receipts, report cards, and handwritten documents from the 1800s, written in German.

## Folder Inventory

### Folder 1: Genealogy

- 1.1 Hand-drawn family tree
- 1.2 Mau Haskell Family- Short list with dates of birth and death. (Donovan Edwin Haskell, Helen McCoy Haskell, Allen E. McCoy, Hattie (Sadie) Mau McCoy, Helmuth Mau, Augusta Herzfeld Mau, Katie Louise Mau)
- 1.3 Ancestry sheets printed from the internet
- 1.4 Misc. notes regarding family history

### Folder 2: Helmuth and Augusta Mau

- 2.1 14 September 1896. Certificate of citizenship for Hellmuth Mau
- 2.2 Photocopied newspaper clippings. 11 July 1926. "Mrs. Augusta Mau Last Rites Sunday." "Mrs. Augusta Mau of Bloomington Claimed by Death on Friday" & funeral notice
- 2.3 Photocopied newspaper clippings. 14 July 1933. "Children Bequeathed Helmuth Mau Estate" "Helmuth Mau, 80, Dies at Lee Street Home" and "Commends Business Closed During Funeral"
- 2.4 Tax receipts, H. Mau, 1901-1927
- 2.5 Receipt for Katie Louise Mau for death certificate, 1937.
- 2.6 Application for membership at the German Club of Chicago
- 2.7 Vaccination card in German, for a passenger steamer
- 2.8 Card in German: Königliche (Royal) Univerhtots- Poliklinik (Polyclinic) fur (for) Frauenkrankheiten (Female diseases)
- 2.9 Letter from the American State Bank regarding a plan to open back up again (1933)

**Folder 3: Letters and Documents in German (Helmuth and Augusta Mau)**

- 3.1 8 letters or documents from 1800s.

**Folder 4: Katie Louise Mau, Hattie McCoy, William Mau. (Children of Helmuth and Augusta)**

- 4.1 Photocopies of newspaper clippings (obituaries, funeral, and birth notices) September 1953, March 1944, June 1949. (Allen McCoy, William Robert Helmuth Mau, Mr. & Mrs. Donovan Haskell, Mrs. Nelson May Packard Holloway)
- 4.2 Death certificate- William Robert Helmuth Mau, June 23, 1949.
- 4.3 Composition notebook: "Bloomington Wonder Primary Composition" that belonged to Katie Mau.

**Folder 5: Helen McCoy Haskell Newspaper Clippings (Granddaughter of Helmuth and Augusta Mau)**

- 5.1 "Helen McCoy Married to D. E. Haskell"
- 5.2 23 July 1965 "Shocked at Offices Open" (*businesses shouldn't have stayed open during Adlai Stevenson's funeral*) by Helen Haskell
- 5.3 26 August 1949. "Helpful Helen Haskell Completes Tenth Year"
- 5.4 3 September 1954. "Helen Haskell- 15 Years"
- 5.5 N/D "Editor Chalks up 20 Years"
- 5.6 30 November 1952. "Professional Profiles- Helen Haskell"

**Folder 6: Report Cards- Helen McCoy**

- 6.1 Report cards from 1920-1931, Bloomington Public Schools, grade school through high school
- 6.2 Commencement invitation
- 6.3 3 "good movers" certificates

**Folder 7: Mary H. Haskell Newspaper Clippings (Great Granddaughter of Helmuth and Augusta Mau)**

- 7.1 7 February 1963. "Mary Haskell To Get Nursing Cap"
- 7.2 2 August 1962. Scholarship announcement for education at Chicago Wesley Memorial Hospital.
- 7.3 14 May 1966. "Miss Haskell Graduate Nurse"
- 7.4 N/D "Gifts for Soldiers in Viet Nam"