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**Augustine, Ham, Kaufman family
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Summary information

Date: 1930-2018 (date of creation)

Physical description: 13 cm of textual records

23 photographs : b&w, some col. ; 26 x 21 cm or smaller

Immediate source of acquisition: Donated in 2018.

Administrative history/Biographical sketch

Augustine, Ham, Kaufman family

Jacob and Mary Kaufmen were prominent citizens of Kitchener, Ontario from the late 19th century to WWII. Jacob Kaufman (1847-1920) and Mary Ratz (1856-1943) married in 1877. Jacob began his career in the lumber industry but switched to rubber, forming the Kaufman Rubber Company in 1908. Jacob and Mary Kaufman were active in civic and community life, supporting causes such as The Children's Aid Society, the Kitchener-Waterloo Orphanage, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the YMCA, the YWCA and the Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital. They had four children, Emma Ratz (1881-1979), Alvin Ratz (1885-1979), Milton Ratz (1886-19--?) and Edna Louise (1891-1983).

Emma Kaufman dedicated her life to the Young Women's Christian Association, serving for thirty years in Japan and Canada. The Emperor of Japan presented her with a memorial cup in 1965, the 60th Anniversary of the YWCA in Japan, and in the same year she received an International Cooperation Year medal presented by Cardinal Leger in Montreal.

Alvin ("A.R.") Kaufman ran the rubber company started by his father and became well known as a local philanthropist, supporting many of the same causes as had his parents. He is primarily remembered for his activities in support of the YMCA, YWCA and of family planning and birth control.

Edna Kaufman married Albert William Augustine (1890-1972) Aug. 22, 1918. They had three children, Albert Jacob (1923-1990), John Ross (1927-), and Mary Caroline (1931-). Mary Caroline Augustine married James Milton Ham (1920-1997), who was President of the University of Toronto from 1978-1983.

Scope and content

Records related to the Augustine, Ham, and Kaufman families as well as the Ratz and Breithaupt families, principally created or accumulated by Mary Ham, documenting the personal and professional lives of various family members. Records include correspondence, press clippings, genealogical research, family histories and articles, and photographs.

Collection holdings

File 1: Postcard.

Date: 1930 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Postcard featuring a photograph of Edna Louise Augustine and her husband Albert William Augustine aboard a ship in 1930. This postcard was likely sent by Albert William Augustine to his

granddaughter Mary Martha Ham in 1970. File also includes a document written by Mary Ham describing the provenance of the postcard.

File 2: Augustine family.

Date: 1934-1947 (date of creation)

Physical description: 16 photographs : b&w ; 13 x 18 cm or smaller

Scope and content: Snapshots of various members of the Augustine, Ham and Kaufman families. Many of the photographs have inscriptions on the verso identifying the names of family members in the photographs including: Mary Eidt Kaufman, Emma Ratz Kaufman, Edna Louise Augustine, Albert William Augustine, Mary Ham, Albert Jacob Augustine and, John Ross Augustine.

File 3: Augustine, Ham, Kaufman, and Breithaupt families at Moon River cottage, Georgian Bay, Ontario.

Date: 1937-2018 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 photographs : b&w ; 8 x 10 cm

Scope and content: Two photographs featuring members of the Augustine, Ham, Kaufman, and Breithaupt families at the Moon River cottage in Georgian Bay, Ontario. The cottage was owned by John Christian Breithaupt. File also includes a document written by Mary Ham identifying most of the individuals seen in the photographs including Emma Ratz Kaufman, Edna Louise Augustine, and Mary Ham.

File 4: Ham, Mary.

Date: 1937 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 21 x 16 cm

Scope and content: Portrait of Mary Ham.

Inscribed in pencil, verso, top centre: [Mary Caroline (Augustine) Ham / 6 years - 1937

Inscribed in pencil, recto, lower left: Mary - age 6 years

Inscribed in pencil, recto, lower right: [illegible] 1937

File 5: Correspondence.

Date: July 5, 1950-September 2, 1950 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Letters received by Edna Louise Augustine and Emma Ratz Kaufman.

File 6: Go west, young lady, go west: diary for the summer of 1949.

Date: July 9, 1949-August 11, 1949 (date of authorship)

Scope and content: Travel diary written by Mary Ham to record her experience travelling and working as a camp counselor in western Canada during the summer of 1949. Diary entries were written chronologically by date and describe Mary's experiences over the course of one day. The diary is incomplete as the entries end on August 11, 1949 while Mary is still in Alberta, Canada subsequently leaving no record of her travels to Vancouver, British Columbia and her passage home.

File 7: Trip to Europe: summer, 1950.

Date: 2012 (date of creation)

Scope and content: A brief account written by Mary Ham and her friend Marion Gellatly (nee Eckel) describing their trip to Europe during the summer of 1950. From June to September in 1950, Mary travelled with her friend Marion to the United Kingdom, Germany, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, and Sweden. The file also includes a copy of a photograph taken while Mary and Marion were aboard the ship that transported them to Europe and a copy of a photograph featuring Mary and Marion standing outside the Augustine family home located at 22 Margaret Ave in Kitchener, Ontario in 1948 or 1949.

File 8: Correspondence.

Date: June 12, 1950-September 12, 1950 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Letters received by Mary Ham from family and friends during her trip to Europe. From June to September in 1950, Mary travelled with her friend Marion Gellatly (nee Eckel) to the United Kingdom, Germany, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, and Sweden.

File 9: Correspondence.

Date: June 18, 1950-September 8, 1950 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Letters sent by Mary Ham to her family during her trip to Europe. From June to September in 1950, Mary travelled with her friend Marion Gellatly (nee Eckel) to the United Kingdom, Germany, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, and Sweden.

File 10: Ham, James Milton: biographical.

Date: 1962-1997 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 photographs : b&w ; 26 x 21 cm or smaller

Scope and content: An assortment of invitations, press clippings, programmes, articles, correspondence, a magazine and photographs related to the personal and professional life of James Milton Ham.

File 11: Augustine family history.

Date: 1976-2005 (date of creation)

Scope and content: An assortment of family histories and biographies, family trees, obituaries, and correspondence, as well as copies of photographs and press clippings that were compiled by Mary Ham to document the Augustine family history.

File 12: Augustine family history and genealogy.

Date: 2007-2014 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : col. ; 9 x 13 cm

Scope and content: An assortment of family trees, obituaries, correspondence, articles, and one journal as well as copies of photographs that were likely compiled by Mary Ham to document the Augustine family history and the relationships between people in several generations of the Augustine family.

File 13: Kaufman family history and genealogy.

Date: [ca.1960-2016] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 16 x 11 cm

Scope and content: An assortment of family histories and biographies, family trees, obituaries, correspondence, and articles as well as copies of photographs and press clippings that were likely compiled by Mary Ham to document the Kaufman family history and the relationships between people in several generations of the Kaufman family. The file also includes one portrait of Emma Ratz Kaufman likely taken in the late 1960s.

File 14: The Ratz and Kaufman families in Canada.

Date: 2002 (date of creation)

Scope and content: An assortment of family histories and biographical notes as well as copies of photographs, maps, census records and press clippings related to the Ratz and Kaufman families in Canada.

File 15: Ratz family history and genealogy.

Date: 1990-1992 (date of creation)

Scope and content: An assortment of family histories and articles that document the Ratz family history and the relationships between people in several generations of the Ratz family.

File 16: Breithaupt family history and genealogy.

Date: 1950-2018 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Copies of articles, notes, a press clipping, and a family tree relating to the history of the Breithaupt family and the relationships between people in several generations of the Breithaupt family.