ROSE ISRAEL COLLECTION

(Mss 210)

Inventory

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Summary

Size: 5 bound volumes

Geographic Locations: New Orleans, La.

Inclusive Dates: 1915-1961

Summary: Records of Mrs. Rose Israel, the Estate of Mayer Israel, and Mayer Israel & Co., Inc.

Source: Purchase, 1989

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Historical/Biographical Note

Rose Israel (Mrs. Mayer Israel, nee Rose Lazard) was born in New Orleans and was a lifelong resident of the city. She was the daughter of Calme Lazard, a prominent New Orleans businessman, and Sarah Godchaux. She died on January 14, 1953, at the age of eighty-seven.

Mayer Israel & Co., Inc. was a major retail clothier and general department store in New Orleans for almost seventy years. City directories first list the company in 1892 at 28-30 (now 100 block) St. Charles Street. Directories for 1902 through 1909 list the company at 705 Canal Street, and thereafter, from 1910 until its dissolution in the late 1950s, at 714-716 Canal Street.

For more information on the origins of Mayer Israel & Company, Inc., see will of Calme Lazard in Orleans Parish Notarial Archives: Abel Dreyfous, April 8, 1887, vol. 39, no. 246.

Container List

210-1 One manuscript volume labeled "Personal Records of Mrs. Rose Israel Journal No. 1" recording assets, dividends, interest, taxes, miscellaneous business and personal debits and credits, 1915, 1917, 1918, 1920, 1921, 1923 - 1953.

210-2 One manuscript volume labeled "Mrs. Rose Israel Ledger No. 1 March 31, 1915 to" recording stock holdings, rent collections, loans, real estate holding, dividends, taxes, charitable donations, interest, miscellaneous business and personal debits and credits (includes information on Estate of Mayer Israel, Sr.), 1915 - 1953.

210-3 One manuscript volume labeled "Minute Book No. 2 Mayer Israel & Co., Inc." with original typescript minutes of Special Meetings of the Board of Directors of Mayer Israel & Co., Inc. for the period 1946 - 1958; also includes various original legal forms concerned with the dissolution and liquidation of Mayer Israel & Co., Inc., June and July 1958 and January 1961.

210-4 One manuscript volume, labeled "Estate of Mayer Israel Cash Book No. 1," recording cash receipts and disbursements, 1915 - 1934.

210-5 One manuscript volume labeled "Mrs. Rose Israel Cash Receipts No. 1" recording cash receipts, 1915 - 1953.
Index Terms

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Israel, Meyer
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Meyer Israel & Co. (Firm)