

Guide to the Theodore H. Silkman Papers

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1100

CREATOR: Silkman, Theodore H., 1858-1910

TITLE: Theodore H. Silkman papers

DATES: 1850-1910

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LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers consist chiefly of three letter books (1886-1910) stemming from Theodore H. Silkman's law practice, his work as Surrogate of Westchester County, his political activities in the Republican Party, and various business and personal matters. Also in the papers are certificates of admission to practice law in New York State, one issued to his father, James B. Silkman in 1850, and the other issued to Theodore H. Silkman in 1879.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical

Theodore H. Silkman was born in Yonkers, New York, in 1858. He was admitted to the New York State bar in 1879. He practiced law in Yonkers, was elected Surrogate of Westchester County in 1894 and 1900, and served for several years as President of the Yonkers Police Board. He was a leading Republican in Westchester County. He was married to Mary Oakley, with whom he had a son, Theodore Frederic. Silkman died on August 23, 1910.

Scope and Contents

The Theodore H. Silkman Papers consist of three letterbooks covering the years 1886 through 1910, and certificates of admission to practice law in New York State issued to Silkman and his father, James Bailey Silkman (1819-1888). The letterbooks contain copies of letters and other legal papers dealing with Theodore Silkman's law practice and work as Surrogate of Westchester County, and letters concerning his political activities, various business matters including rental of property owned by Silkman, and other personal matters.

Collection Contents

Letterbooks

b. 1, f. 1	1886 Oct 7-1901 Jun 29	
b. 1, f. 2	1901 Jul 31-1905 Sep 7	
b. 1, f. 3	1909 Aug 27-1910 Aug 13	
b. 2	Certificate of admission to practice law in New York State, issued to James B. Silkman	1850
b. 2	Certificate of admission to practice law in New York State, issued to Theodore H. Silkman	1879

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Law
Lawyers

Geographic Names

New York (State)
Westchester County (N.Y.)
Yonkers (N.Y.)

Names

Silkman, Theodore H., 1858-1910

Corporate Bodies

New York (State). Supreme Court
Republican Party (New York)