

# Weed Family Papers, 1896-1965

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Weed Family
<b>Title</b>	Weed Family Papers
<b>Dates</b>	1896-1965 (inclusive) 1896 1965
<b>Quantity</b>	2 boxes plus 1 oversize folder, (.84 cubic feet)
<b>Collection Number</b>	2000.3 (accession)
<b>Summary</b>	Photographs, papers and ephemera related to Melvin A. Weed, owner of Weed's Pharmacy in Seattle, and the Weed family
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">Museum of History &amp; Industry, Sophie Frye Bass Library</a> Sophie Frye Bass Library Museum of History & Industry P.O. Box 80816 Seattle, WA 98108 Telephone: 206-324-1126 Fax: 206-780-1533 <a href="mailto:library@mohai.org">library@mohai.org</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	The collection is open to the public by appointment.
<b>Languages</b>	English.

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## Biographical Note

Melvin Albert (Bert) Weed was born on April 3, 1882 in Jackson, Iowa to Charles Albert and Gertrude Tyler Weed. The Weed family relocated to Seattle around 1890. After finishing high school in 1898, Melvin Weed worked as a clerk at the Bartell Drug Company before enrolling in the University of Washington's School of Pharmacy. Weed completed the two-year program and graduated with a Ph.G. (Graduate in Pharmacy) degree in 1902. Weed first partnered with businessman Albert G. Keene at the Lake Washington Pharmacy, renamed Keene & Weed, and later as the sole proprietor of Weed's Pharmacy, which he ran at 2601 Jackson Street in Seattle until his retirement in 1958.

In 1906, Melvin Weed married Mamie Luella Keene (1881-1970), the daughter of his business partner. A daughter, Luell Weed, was born to the couple in 1911.

The Weed family was well known in the Seattle community thanks to Melvin Weed's involvement and membership in many community associations, including the Freemasons, the Nile Temple, and the Sons of the American Revolution. He was also a member of the Washington Pharmaceutical Association. As the numerous documents and letters pertaining to these organizations show, Melvin was heavily involved in his local chapters. Besides these national organizations, Weed remained involved with his Seattle High School Cadet association, attending every reunion.

## Content Description

Collection of materials concerning the Weed family, particularly Melvin Weed. Newsletters, programs, and personal letters detail Weed's involvement with the local chapters of organizations including the Freemasons, the Nile Temple, and the Sons of the American Revolution, as well as with the Washington State Pharmaceutical Association. The collection also include clippings, papers and a scrapbook about Seattle High School Cadet reunions. Student notebooks belonging to Melvin Weed contain chemistry and toxicology notes from the University of Washington School of Pharmacy. Photographs depict Melvin, Mamie and Luell Weed, and Mamie Keene Weed's father Albert G. Keene. The collection also includes a typescript account of the Seattle Fire, narrated by Mamie Luella Weed.

## Use of the Collection

### Alternative Forms Available

View selections from the collection in digital format by clicking on the camera icons in the inventory below.

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### Preferred Citation

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Arranged in seven series:

- Ephemera and correspondence
- Organizations
- Photographs
- Seattle High School
- Scrapbooks
- University of Washington
- Miscellaneous

### Location of Collection

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1a.4 (oversize certificates)

## Acquisition Information

Gift of Margaret M. Weed; received in 2000.

## Related Materials

Collection on Weed's Pharmacy, Accession No. 1971.5098.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

### Ephemera and correspondence

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1-2	.1: Newspaper clippings Folder 1 includes articles about Edwin Keene, uncle of Luella Keene Weed, and about early Seattle history Folder 2 includes articles about the Seattle High School Cadet Company reunion. The Company was organized in 1891 at old Seattle High School. Bert Weed was a Corporal in the 1898-1899 Cadet Corps. The cadets from three Seattle high schools held a 50th anniversary reunion in December 1953.	1896-1965
1/3	.3: Correspondence Letter to Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Weed from Stanley R. Bray, J. Russell Bates and Albert L. Curtis, stationed at the Pacific Coast Torpedo Station (P.C.T.S.) in Keyport, Washington. Includes two photographs of the three men.	1918 December 9
1/4	.4: Invitations Wedding invitation to marriage of Weed's daughter Luell to Frank Donald Guthrie, 1949; and acceptance letter from the Daughters of the American Revolution for membership to Mrs. Lura Ella Kelly Keene, Mrs. Weed's mother, 1904.	1904; 1949
1/5	.5: Beer mats 2 Names of "M.C. Weed" and "Luell" written on back. Also written on one mat: "the Lorelei," and on the other "Ivan Frank Hofbrau."	1934

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## Organizations

Materials pertaining to various organizations of which Melvin Weed was a member.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
1/6	.6: Miscellaneous Notices about 2nd Washington - 161st Infantry reunions; letter and blank letterhead from The Washington Society of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America.	1953-1959
1/7	.7: Freemasons -- Lafayette Lodge No. 241 of the Scottish Rite Temple Correspondence and ephemera. Also includes a death notice for John Henry Cowles of the Inspectors General Knights Commanders of the House of the Temple of Solomon	1937-1959
<b>Box:Oversize</b>		
1	.7b-c: Freemason membership certificates 2 certificates Certificates for Melvin Weed and Mamie Luell Weed.	1918
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
1/8	.8: Freemasons - Rainier Lodge No. 189 Correspondence and programs. Also includes 3 photographs: 2 photographs of the Rainier Masonic Temple and 1 photograph of members wearing lodge aprons.	1935-1963
1/9	.9: Nile Temple (Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine) Correspondence and ephemera. Also includes a photograph of members seated at a table.	1936-1961
1/10	.10: Nile Temple monthly publication "Smile with Nile" 7 issues	1935-1936
1/11	.11: Sons of the American Revolution Correspondence and ephemera.	1958-1959
1/12	.12: Washington State Pharmaceutical Association Correspondence; 40th Annual Convention program (1929)	1929; 1958-1960

## Photographs

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/13	<b>.13: Family members and home</b> 12 photographs	<b>circa 1900-1940</b>
Box/Folder		
1/13	.13a-b: Interior of residence, presumably the Weed family home	undated
1/13	.13c: Boy and man, perhaps Melvin Weed as a boy C.R. Savage (photographer)	undate
1/13	.13d: Melvin Weed as a young man Janes Bushnell (photographer)	undated
1/13	.13e: A.G. Keene and Olive Hopwood A.G. Keene was Mrs. M.A. Weed's father.	undated
1/13	.13f: Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Weed and daughter Luell	circa 1930
1/13	.13g: Luell Weed	circa 1940
1/13	.13h: Mamie Luella Keene Weed (Mrs. M.A. Weed) as a young woman Merrihew Studio (photographer)	circa 1900
1/13	.13i: Melvin and Mamie Weed	circa 1950s
1/13	.13j: Exterior of L.G. Shroat's residence Neighbors of the Weed family	undated
1/14	.14: Women in from of Leschi Heights Improvement Club <a href="#">[view]</a> Mounted	circa 1900-1910
1/15	.15: Miscellaneous 11 photographs Seattle, family friends, family members. Identified people in individual portraits: Nellie McFarland (child); Mrs. Stewart Reid; pastor's wife Mrs. Reed; Lu Fuller; Fred Fuller; William Guy Riley (1909); Fred Fisher. Also includes 2 photographs of	circa 1900-1930

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	people aboard the steamer <i>City of Seattle</i> and 2 postcards of early Seattle.	
1/16	.16: Seattle High School Class of '98 <a href="#">[view]</a> Framed in glass with black and gold ribbon. Mamie Luella Keene (Mrs. M. A. Weed) in group.	1898

## Seattle High School

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<a href="#">Box/Folder</a>		
1/17	.17: School bulletins 2 items "Seattle School Bulletin," June 1919; The Leschi Kolah publication of the Kolah Society of Leschi School, June 1919.	1919 June
1/18	.18: Seattle High School Cadets Reunions Correspondence and notices	1946-1955
1/19	.19: Seattle High School Cadet reunion publication Book published by the Seattle High School Cadet Association. Includes photographs; historical information; chapters on organization of the cadet corps, corps officers, uniforms, equipments and manuals and other topics; and roster of Seattle High School Cadets.	1953

## Scrapbooks

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<a href="#">Box/Folder</a>		
1/20	.20: Mamie Keene Weed's scrapbook on her Seattle High School class of 1898 reunion	1948
1/21	.21: Scrapbook on Nile Shriners Scrapbook of clippings and ephemera from Nile Shrine events in 1936, including the 62nd council session of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, held in Seattle in July 1936.	1936

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/12	.22: Scrapbook on Seattle High School Cadet reunion	1955

## University of Washington

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/3	.24: University of Washington publications These materials are probably dated from Luell Weed's time at the University of Washington. One copy of <i>The Washington Alumnus</i> (November 1927); two copies of the <i>University of Washington Daily</i> (April 1930), one copy of <i>University of Washington Columns</i> (November 1930) and one copy of a catalog of fraternity jewelry "the Book for Modern Greeks" (1931) belonging to Luell Weed.	1927-1931
2/4	.25: Melvin A. Weed's University of Washington Chemistry exam booklet	1902
2/5	.26: Melvin A. Weed's University of Washington Chemistry class notebook	1902
2/6	.27: Melvin A. Weed's University of Washington Toxicology class notes Removed from notebook	1902
2/7	.28: Melvin A. Weed's University of Washington Toxicology class notebook	1902

## Miscellaneous

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/2	.23: Typescript account of Seattle Fire narrated by Mamie Luella Weed 2 pages	circa 1930-1960

## Names and Subjects

**Subject Terms :**

Fraternal organizations--Washington (State)--Seattle  
Reunions--Washington (State)--Seattle

**Personal Names :**

Weed, M.A. (Melvin Albert), 1882-1964  
Weed, Mamie Luella Keene, 1881-1970

**Corporate Names :**

Sons of the American Revolution  
Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America  
Freemasons  
Seattle High School (Seattle, Wash.)  
University of Washington. School of Pharmacy

**Geographical Names :**

United States--Washington (State)--Seattle

**Form or Genre Terms :**

Ephemera  
Photographs  
Scrapbooks

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