

# Cooper and Levy families papers, 1890-1959

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Cooper family
<b>Title</b>	Cooper and Levy families papers
<b>Dates</b>	1890-1959 (inclusive) 1890 1959
<b>Quantity</b>	17.46 cubic feet (42 boxes)
<b>Collection Number</b>	2366 (Accession No. 2366-001)
<b>Summary</b>	Papers of two related pioneer Jewish families from Seattle, Washington.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections</a> Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 <a href="mailto:speccoll@uw.edu">speccoll@uw.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	The papers are open to all users.
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## Biographical Note

In 1892 Isaac Cooper and his wife's brother, Louis Levy, formed a partnership and established the firm of Cooper & Levy, a retail and mail order grocery, hardware, and woodenware business. They supplied most of the prospectors during the Alaska-Klondike gold rush and acquired a considerable fortune by the time they sold out ten years later to the Bon Marché department store.

In the same year, 1892, Esther Levy and her daughter, Lizzie Levy Cooper, organized Seattle's first Jewish welfare society, the Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society, to provide aid to needy families. Esther Levy became its first president, serving until 1900. Lizzie Levy Cooper was president from 1900 to 1915. She was also president of the Seattle Council of Jewish Women, 1903-1906; vice president of the state council during the same period; and president of the Ladies Auxiliary to Temple De Hirsch, 1913-1914. She died in 1915.

Two of Lizzie Levy Cooper's brothers, Aubrey Levy, a lawyer, and Eugene Levy, a motion picture theater promoter, in partnership with Isaac Cooper (Lizzie Levy Cooper's husband) formed the Republic Operating Company and in 1927 built the Republic Building at Third Avenue and Pike Street. All of the income from this building was willed in 1945 and 1959 to three service organizations: the Jewish Welfare Society, the Caroline Kline Galland Home for the Aged, and the Seattle Children's Orthopedic Hospital of Seattle.

## Content Description

The Cooper and Levy families papers are the records of two pioneer Seattle Jewish families and include the records of Isaac Cooper; his wife, Lizzie Levy Cooper; her brothers Louis, Aubrey, and Eugene Levy; and their mother, Esther Levy. The papers contain correspondence, business records, financial records, legal documents, memorabilia, scrapbooks, and some photographs.

## Use of the Collection

### Restrictions on Use

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### Preferred Citation

Cooper and Levy families papers, Accession No. 2366-001, University of Washington Libraries.

## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

The papers have been arranged into 10 series:

- General family papers
- Isaac Cooper papers
- Lizzie Levy Cooper papers
- Aubrey Levy papers
- Eugene Levy papers
- Republic Operating Company records
- Republic Building records
- Henry Broderick, Inc. records
- Bonham Galland papers
- Visual and other materials

### Separated Materials

339 photographs were relocated to the Cooper and Levy Families Photograph Collection, PH Coll. 722, in Special Collections in 1977, 1979, 1982, and 1987.

2 scrapbooks of Eugene Levy relating to theater in Seattle from 1917 to 1920 were relocated to the Special Collections' [Pacific Northwest Scrapbook Collection](#) in 1977.

### Acquisition Information

Gift of the Levy Memorial Trust, Bank of California, Seattle, November 14, 1974; and of Eugene Levy, Seattle, 1975.

## Processing Note

Processing completed circa 1977-1979. Accession Nos. 2366-001 and 2366-002 were merged.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### General family papers

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1-2	Biographical data	undated
1/3-5	Financial records 3 items	1936-1945
	Legal documents	
Box/Folder		
1/6	Congregation Ohaveth Sholom 1 item	undated
1/7	Ladies Hebrew Benevolent Society 1 item	undated
Box/Folder		
1/8-9	Cooper-Levy Company catalogs 3 items	1896, 1897, 1898
Box-folder- box		
2/1-3/15/40	Photographs	

### Isaac Cooper papers

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
5/1	Incoming letters 12 items	1913-1922
5/2	Outgoing letters 1 item	undated
	Letterpress copy book of Isaac Cooper 598 pages	1907-1924
Box/Folder		
5/3-4	Financial records	1918-1946
5/5	Tax records 15 items	1939-1941
6/1	Legal documents 7 items	1912
6/2-4	Estate of Isaac Cooper 80 items	1945-1946

## Lizzie Levy Cooper papers

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
6/5	Biographical material 3 items	1915, 1951
6/6	Writing 3 items	undated
6/7-8	Clippings 130 items	1886-1911
6/9	Memorabilia 1 item	undated

## Aubrey Levy papers

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
7/1	Incoming letters 5 items	1900-1921
	Letterpress copy book of Aubrey Levy 560 pages	1907-1914
Box/Folder		
7/2	Miscellaneous financial records 10 items	1916, 1945, 1947
7/3	Tax records 8 items	1939-1944
7/4	Speech 1 item	undated
7/5-6	Legal documents	undated
8/1	Court docket 145 pages	1909-1920
8/2	Memorabilia 4 items	undated
8/3-4	Estate of Aubrey Levy 100 items	1945-1946

## Eugene Levy papers

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
9/1-10/8	General correspondence 300 items	1905-1959
Business correspondence and related papers		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	This series contains not only the business correspondence of Eugene Levy, but correspondence concerning his charitable contributions.	
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
11/1-4	Church	1948-1959
11/5-7	Estate charities 200 items	1946-1959
12/1-3	Investments 200 items	1945-1959
12/4-6	Jewish Family and Child Service 300 items	1945-1959
13/1	John Carefoot Charity 30 items	1950
13/2	Jonas and Bronson 40 items	1947-1948
13/3	Preston, Thorgrimson, Horowitz and Turner 30 items	1944-1948
13/4	Price Waterhouse and Company 20 items	1946-1949
13/5-8	Seattle First National Bank 300 items	1945-1959
14/1-5	Terry and Pike property 400 items	1947-1954
15/1-3	Yates, Riley and MacDonald 200 items	1946-1954
15/4-5	14th and East Madison property 150 items	1948-1955
15/6	1704 14th Avenue property 40 items	1944-1951
16/1-3	Tax records	1939-1958

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	150 items	
16/4	Writings 5 items	undated
16/5	Radio broadcast transcripts 30 items	1952-1953
17/1	Will of Eugene Levy 1 item	1959
17/2-10	Newsletters 100 items	1954-1958
18/1-19/2	Cards 200 items	1948, undated
19/3	Lists 8 items	undated
19/4-20/2	Memorabilia 40 items	1949-1955
<b>Box</b>		
20	Scrapbook 1 item	1907-1911
21	Scrapbooks	1912-1933, 1950-1957
22	Appointment, address, autograph books, and passport 20 items	1950-1959
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
22/1	Notes 30 items	undated
22/2-23/4	Clippings 150 items	1901-1959
23/5-6	Programs 30 items	1899-1918

Container(s)	Description	Dates
23/-24/1	Ephemera 100 items	undated

## Republic Operating Company records

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
24/2-5	General correspondence 200 items	1922-1943
24/6	Minutes 1 item	1926
24/7	Reports 2 items	1937, 1939
24/8-25/3	Financial records 200 items	1934-1938
25/4-7	Legal documents 40 items	1927-1944
25/8	Lease forms 2 items	undated
25/9	Insurance policies 2 items	1926, 1928
25/10	Lists 2 items	1936, 1942
25/11	Notes 7 items	undated
25/12	Miscellany 4 items	undated

## Republic Building records



Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
26/1-2	General correspondence 100 items	1942-1959
26/3	Financial records 120 items	1947-1948, 1959
26/4	Payroll records 14 items	1959
26/5-7	Tax records 70 items	1948-1959
26/8-10	Agreements 15 items	1943-1945
26/11	Vacate notices 10 items	1943
26/12	Insurance analysis 32 pages	1957
26/13	Lease between Cooper and Levys and Republic Building Company 80 pages	1926
26/14	Mandatory wording and standard clauses of Republic Building leases 7 items	1940, undated
27/1	Expired leases 4 items	1957-1958
27/2 -28/6	Leases 60 items	1945-1959
29/1-10	Newsletters: Building Owners and Managers Association	undated
30/1 -34/5	Statements 500 items	1943-1954, 1956
35/1-36/7	Miscellaneous building management materials 200 items	1950-1959

Container(s)	Description	Dates
37/1	Clippings 12 items	1909-1929
37/2-4	Ephemera 70 items	1955-1957

## Henry Broderick, Inc. papers, 1946-1959

Box-folder37/5-8

150 items

## Bonham Galland papers

The Bonham Galland papers are from the disposition of the estate of Bonham Galland. Galland was a Seattle pioneer and well-known Jewish philanthropist whose will established a trust for the construction and maintenance of an orphanage for homeless Jewish children. Isaac Cooper was executor and Aubrey Levy was the attorney for this trust.

The papers, formerly housed in the Republic Building, were willed to the University of Washington by Eugene Levy.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
38/1	Incoming letters 30 items	1915-1918
38/2	Outgoing letters 1 item	1915
38/3-7	Financial records 60 items	1907-1919
38/8-9	Legal documents 50 items	1915-1917
38/10	Clippings 1 item	1915

## Visual and other materials

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box:Oversize		
39	Photograph of a banquet	undated
39	Scrapbook of Isaac Cooper	undated
39	Scrapbook of Eugene Levy	undated
39	Memorabilia of Eugene Levy	undated
40	Certificates	undated

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Building management--Washington (State)--Seattle  
 General stores--Washington (State)--Seattle  
 Grocery trade--Washington (State)--Seattle  
 Jewish businessmen--Washington (State)--Seattle  
 Jewish families--Washington (State)--Seattle--Archives  
 Jewish pioneers--Washington (State)--Seattle  
 Jews--Charities--Washington (State)--Seattle  
 Jews--Washington (State)--Seattle  
 Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)  
 Philanthropists--Washington (State)--Seattle  
 Real estate investment--Washington (State)--Seattle

### Personal Names :

Galland, Bonham  
 Levy, Aubrey, 1945  
 Levy, Eugene

### Corporate Names :

Cooper & Levy (Firm : Seattle, Wash.)  
 Henry Broderick, Inc

### Family Names :

Cooper family  
 Levy family

### Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)--Buildings, structures, etc  
 Seattle (Wash.)--Economic conditions

### Form or Genre Terms :

business records  
 Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)  
 correspondence  
 financial records  
 Legal documents

letterpress copybooks  
memorabilia  
Photographs  
property records  
Scrapbooks  
tax records

**Other Creators :**

**Corporate Names :**

Washington State Jewish Archives (University of Washington)

**Family Names :**

Levy family  
(creator)

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