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**Bader Family Papers, 1877-1922**

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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Ernest F.L. Bader (or Ernst F.L. Bader) was born April 24, 1853, in Germany. He emigrated to the United States in 1884, and operated a saloon in St. Louis in the early 1900s. He died November 10, 1910, in St. Louis.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection includes advertising circulars, circular letters, price lists, and brochures, many of which relate to the dry cleaning business; advertisements and letters promoting dry cleaning correspondence courses; ten issues of "Widder's Practical Dyer" (1920-1921), published by the Widder Dye & Chemical Co., Inc., Brooklyn, New York; letters to Ernst Bader offering jobs and business opportunities in reply to an advertisement he placed in a dry cleaning trade magazine; papers regarding courses in hypnotism, magic, phrenology, and psychology; papers relating to dog shows and dog breeding; papers, relating to the Plymouth Rock Squab Company of Boston, Massachusetts; and family papers.

The collection is arranged in the following series: Advertising Circulars and Circular Letters Series; Military Papers Series; Legal Papers Series; Business Cards Series; Receipts and Business Papers Series; Hypnotism, Magic, Phrenology, Psychology, and Related Papers Series; Dogs Series; Plymouth Rock Squab Company Series; and German Documents Series. The documents within each series are arranged chronologically. Many documents in the collection are not dated. Undated documents that appear to relate to a dated document have been filed with that dated document.

## Advertising Circulars and Circular Letters Series

### Folder 1

- 1908 Apr 10      Typescript circular letter of Gray & Co. Plating Works, largest manufacturers in the world of gold, silver, nickel and metal plating apparatus, Cincinnati, Ohio, to "Dear Sir."
- no date              Brochure of Gray & Co., Plating Works, Cincinnati, Ohio, No. 27. "Professor Gray's Famous Discovery. The Royal Plater. \$3.00 to \$5.00 a day for those who work. An honest, pleasant, and exceedingly profitable business. Can be done at home, office, store, or when traveling. We teach you free."
- 1908 Sept 14      Letter signed Arendt Chemical Co., 1300 Sidney St., St. Louis, Mo., to Mr. E.F. L. Bader, Worden, Illinois. Regarding prices for metallic sodium, vials, and corks.
- 1910 Apr 25      Fifty-cent coupon of M.E. Hill & Company, Swanton, Ohio, titled "Special Advertising Offer to You." Verso of coupon is stamped "Apr 25 1910."
- circa 1912          Circular of The Betts Publishing Co., Jackson, Michigan, regarding their correspondence course in hypnotism. Circular includes reproduction of correspondence course certificate granted to Dwight W. Stanfield. Certificate includes a portrait of M.D. Betts. **(oversize)**
- 1912 Apr 3          Typescript letter signed M.D. Betts, manager of The Betts Publishing Co., Jackson, Michigan, to Mr. Boder. Asks why he hasn't ordered the company's instruction courses in hypnotism.
- no date              Circular of The Betts Publishing Co., Jackson, Michigan, titled "Two More Valuable Gifts!" Circular advertises the company's courses on hypnotism. Includes testimonials of the following individuals: W.W. Hehn of Pottsville, Pennsylvania (accompanied by his portrait); Reuben H. Kehrberg of Lansing, Iowa; D.A. Gillezean of Georgetown; D. Berman of Lewistown, Maine; Prof. W.E. Dickinson (or Prof. W.E. Dickson) of Miles City, Montana (accompanied by his portrait); Prof. C.M. Bloomfield of New York City (accompanied by his portrait); C.O. Miller of Rockford, Illinois; Dr. J.S. Curtis of Sacramento, California (accompanied by his portrait); D.F. Workman of Powerville, Kentucky; E.E. Adams of Des Moines, Iowa (accompanied by his portrait); Robert Campbell of Springfield, Ohio; Prof. J.T. Weir of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (accompanied by his portrait); Swan Larson or Rockford, Washington; Joseph W. Ball of Hopeside, Virginia; Edward G. Sloby of Kewaunee, Wisconsin (accompanied by his portrait); E.R. Kittell of Moline, Illinois (accompanied by his portrait); James A. Thompson of Grenada, British West Indies; J.W. Phylar of Ardmore, Oklahoma; H.C. Major of Brook, Indiana (accompanied by his portrait); Alonzo McBride of Lafayette, Louisiana; Roy A. Heist of Green Bay, Wisconsin; Miss Elizabeth Bauer of Dubuque, Iowa; Lawrence Porter of

Arkadelphia, Arkansas; and S.G. Cherry of Springfield, Illinois (accompanied by his portrait). (**oversize**)

- 1912 Aug 30      Typescript letter to the Field Laundry Supply Co., Chicago, Illinois, to "Gentlemen." ". . . . I have purchased the Central Dyeing & Cleaning Works 4536 Easton Ave., St. Louis, and will thank you to be sure and ship this order by express to that address."
- 1913 Nov 7      Typescript letter of the Advance Agency, Boston, Massachusetts, to "Dear Sir." Regarding their course of cleaning, dyeing and pressing.
- 1913 Nov 21      Typescript circular letter of the Advance Agency, Boston, Massachusetts, to "Dear Sir." Promotes their course of cleaning, dyeing and pressing.
- 1913 Nov 21      Brochure of the Advance Agency, Boston, Mass. "This leaflet shows you the way to independence and prosperity if you act upon its suggestions. Start a cleaning, dyeing and dressing shop. . . ." (2 copies; one is stamped "Nov 21 1913")
- circa 1914      Typescript letter signed J.S. De Vonde, The Ben-Vonde System, the original correspondence school of dyeing and cleaning, Charlotte, North Carolina, to "Dear Sir." Describes his cleaning and dyeing course and encloses brochure.
- circa 1914      Two brochures of The Ben-Vonde System, the original correspondence school of dyeing and cleaning.
- 1914              Typescript testimonials recommending the cleaning and spotting course of the New Process Cleaning & Dyeing Co., Oswego, New York (Mr. L.L. Lounsberry, manager).
- 1914 Aug 8      Typescript letter of The Ben-Vonde System, the original correspondence school of dyeing and cleaning, Charlotte, North Carolina, to Mr. E. Bader, Phoenix, Arizona. Has received payment for dyeing and cleaning course, and encloses questionnaire.
- 1914 Aug 24      Typescript letter of H. Kohnstamm & Co., Chicago, to Mr. E. Bader, Phoenix, Arizona. Will mail their new catalog No. 3 of cleaners' and dyers' materials to Bader.
- 1914 Aug 24      Typescript letter of the National Aniline & Chemical Co., Chicago, to Mr. E. Bader, Phoenix, Arizona. Will mail one of their dry cleaning catalogues to Bader.
- 1914 Aug 24      Typescript letter signed J.B. Thurman, president, Thurman Vacuum Cleaner Company, 11th and Monroe Sts., St. Louis, to Mr. E. Bader, Phoenix, Arizona. Replies to Bader's request for price list and catalogue.

- no date Circular of the Thurman Vacuum Cleaner Company, 11th and Monroe Sts., St. Louis. Includes descriptions and sketches of models of vacuum cleaners. **(oversize)**
- 1914 Aug 24 Typescript letter signed F.W. Mateer, F.W. Mateer & Co., manufacturers of dry cleaning and garment dyeing machinery, Chicago, Illinois, to E. Bader, Phoenix, Arizona. Will mail their new catalog to Bader.
- 1914 Aug 25 Typescript letter of the Western Laundry Machinery Co., Los Angeles, to Mr. E. Bader, Phoenix, Arizona. Will mail their dry cleaning catalogue to Bader.
- 1914 Nov 16 Typescript circular of L.L. Lounsberry, manager, New Process Cleaning and Dyeing Company, Oswego, New York, to "Brother Cleaner." Describes his dry cleaning course.
- 1915 Brochure of The White Wonder Soap Co., Denver, Colorado, titled "A Straight Talk about the Dry Cleaning Business: A Money-Making Opportunity."
- 1915 Jan 4 Typescript letter of The Hatters Supply House, Chicago, Illinois, to E. Bader, 7210 North Broadway, St. Louis, Mo.
- no date Order blank for The Hatters Supply House, Chicago, Illinois.
- 1915 Jan 8 Typescript letter signed Samuel Falk, secretary, Bodee's Dental Trade School, New York City, to Mr. E.F.L. Boder [Bader], Phoenix, Arizona. Encourages Bader to enroll in the school.
- 1915 Jul 7 Typescript letter of the Electric Rotary Machine Co., manufacturers of electric scrubbing, surfacing, polishing and refinishing machines, Chicago, to Mr. E. Bader, St. Louis, Mo. Will send Bader their catalog. Price list is enclosed.
- 1915 July 21 Typescript note signed H.H. Miller, The American Laundry Machinery Co., Cincinnati, to Mr. E. Bader, St. Louis, Mo. Mentions that their Sharples Benzine Clarifier will be demonstrated at the National Convention of Cleaners and Dyers at Cedar Point, Ohio.
- 1916 Brochure of the De Laval Separator Company, New York, titled "How Dry-Cleaning Plants Can Stop the Waste of Gasoline, Time, Money and Labor with a De Laval Gasoline Clarifier." Includes illustrations of the clarifier.
- no date Circular of the De Laval Separating Co., announcing that the De Laval centrifugal gasoline clarifier will be exhibited at the Dry Cleaners' Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

1916 Oct 16      Typescript letter of The White Wonder Soap Co., Denver, Colorado, to Mr. E. Louis, 4109A North Grand Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Advertises its course of instruction in dyeing and cleaning. Includes application blank.

**Folder 2**

1917 Feb 13      Typescript letter signed W.T. Brown, treasurer, The Beltine Chemical & Manufacturing Co., Chicago, to the Central Cleaning & Dye Works, 4536 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Requests past-due payment owed to them for Benzofam.

circa 1918      Typescript letter signed J.S. De Vonde, The Ben-Vonde System, the original correspondence school of dyeing and cleaning, Charlotte, North Carolina, to "Dear Sir." Follow-up letter regarding his correspondence course. Enclosed brochure for school with testimonials, dated circa 1918.

1918 May 20      Dry cleaners price list. "Due to continual advances of labor, gasoline and chemicals, we are compelled to raise the price of cleaning. . . ."

1918 Sept      Issue of *Cleaning and Dyeing World* (cover missing).

circa 1919      Circular of The Committee, Embalmers' Union No. 16720, titled "Union Men and Friends." "The strike of Embalmers' Union No. 16720 of St. Louis, Mo., which took place on November 15, 1919, has been temporarily called off until further notice. As the Undertakers' Association flatly refused to recognize the Embalmers' Union, and sent word they do not want anything to do with us as long as we are a Union, and some of the Undertakers have discharged their men, after all our efforts failed, we now appeal to Organized Labor and their friends. . . ."

1919 May      Membership booklet of Ed. Bader in the Journeymen Tailors' Union of America.

1919 Sept 12      Typescript letter of the Chicago School of Watchmaking, Chicago, Illinois, to Mr. E. Bader, St. Louis, Mo., promoting the school. Mentions the success of former students—Helmer Plath (Omaha), William Wright, and T.E. Milner.

no date      Brochure of the Chicago School of Watchmaking.

1919 Oct 28      Typescript letter of "Hillyer," cleaning, dyeing and repairing, Muskogee, Oklahoma, to "Dear Sir." Describes the business, in reply to advertisement in "National Cleaner-Dyer."

1919 Oct 29      Letter of Steve, ladies' and gents' custom tailor, Lewistown, Montana, to Dear Sir. Replies to his advertisement in the *National Cleaner & Dyer*, and proposes a business partnership.

- 1919 Oct 29 Letter signed J.W. Fields, Trimble Court Dry Cleaner, Fort Collins, Colorado, to "Dear Sir." Describes his business and notes that he "will sell interest in cleaning plant to right man or give you a good steady job. . . ."
- 1919 Oct 30 Note of the Tri-City Co., Geneva, Illinois, to "Dear Sir." "In answer to your ad in Cleaner & Dyer. This position will pay 40<sup>00</sup> to start. . . ."
- 1919 Oct 31 Typescript letter signed Lloyd Lewis, Lewis Tailoring & Cleaning Works, Hutchinson, Kansas, to "Dear Sir." Replies to advertisement, and invites him to Hutchinson to discuss a job opening.
- 1919 Nov 1 Typescript letter signed D.E. Verlander, Central Laundry Company, New Orleans, Louisiana. Replies to advertisement in the *National Cleaner & Dyer*, and describes job opening.
- 1919 Nov 1 Typescript letter signed P.P. Means, proprietor, Sanitex Cleaning Company, Bakersfield, California, to "Dear Sir." Saw his advertisement and proposes a partnership. Encloses balance sheet for his business (on letterhead of the Sanitex Tailoring & Cleaning Company).
- 1919 Nov 5 Typescript letter signed A. Lippman, DeLuxe Cleaning and Dyeing Works, Turlock, California, to "Dear Sir." Replies to advertisement in the "National Cleaner & Dyer," and describes job opening.
- 1919 Nov 5 Typescript letter signed J.H. Ledbetter, Ledbetter's, fancy dyers and dry cleaners, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, to "Dear Sir." Letter is in reply to an advertisement in a dry cleaning magazine. Asks what salary he would expect.
- 1919 Nov 8 Letter signed Mulcahy The Tailor, Rapid City, South Dakota, to "Dear Sir." Replies to advertisement, and describes job opening and their business.
- 1919 Nov 8 Typescript note signed E.V. Bumpus, The Hoffman Company, Inc., cleaners and dyers, Washington, D.C. Replies to advertisement in the *National Cleaner & Dyer*, and asks for his dry cleaning experience and salary desired.
- 1919 Nov 17 Typescript note of The Modern Laundry Co., Maysville, Kentucky, to "Dear Sir." The company is looking for "a first class man who thoroughly understands the dry cleaning and pressing."
- 1919 Nov 18 Typescript letter of the Otto Peitsch Dye Works, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to "Dear Sir." Replies to his advertisement in the *National Cleaner & Dyer*, and asks about his work experience.
- 1919 Nov 25 Typescript letter of The Paris, French dry cleaners, Benton, Illinois, to "Dear Sir." Interested in selling an interest in a cleaning plant.

- 1919 Dec 1      Typescript letter signed A.O. Searle, Johnson City Steam Laundry, Johnson City, Tennessee, to "Dear Sir." Replies to advertisement in the *Cleaner & Dyer*, and describes job opening and their business.
- 1919 Dec 1      Price list of the United States Hoffman Machinery Co., Inc., Syracuse, New York, for the Hoff-Man patented 6A standard press parts and supplies.
- no date          Circular of the United States Hoffman Machinery Co., Inc., Syracuse, New York, titled "Directions for Starting 'Hoffman' 6-A Standard." Includes sketch of device.
- 1919 Dec 10     Letter signed E. Bader, 5029 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Mo., to P.P. Means, Bakersfield, California. Expresses interest in Means' partnership proposition, and states his qualifications.
- 1919 Dec 18     Typescript letter of G. Boissonnault Company, manufacturers of hearing and talking microphone devices, New York, to Mr. E. Bader, 5029 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. Enclosed circular titled "Important, Your Opportunity for a Limited Time," and order blank.
- no date          Typescript circular letter of G. Boissonnault Company, New York, titled "A Real Opportunity for the Establishment of a Business of Your Own." Attached advertising circulars for deaf-phones and detectographs and an order blank. (10 pages)
- 1919 Dec 28     Typescript letter signed P.P. Means, Sanitex Cleaning Company, Bakersfield, California, to Mr. E. Bader, 5029 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. Asks for Bader's references.
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- circa 1920       Brochure of The Ben-Vonde System Original School of Dyeing and Cleaning, Charlotte, North Carolina. Includes many testimonials and an enrollment blank.
- circa 1920       Brochure of the Western Machine and Manufacturing Co., Iowa City, Iowa, titled "Many Great Inventions." Explains the LeVora process of gasoline and benzol clarification. Includes illustration of the LeVora rapid clarifier.
- 1920             Circular of De Vol & Company, publishers, Omaha, Nebraska, titled "Perpetual Calendar, Past—Present—Future."
- no date          Circular of De Vol & Company, Omaha, Nebraska, titled "Directions and Uses of the Spirit Hydrometer." "This device is absolutely essential in order to ascertain the Proof or percentage of alcohol that any distilled liquor contains. . . . This device is sometimes called an alcohol gauge or proof tester." Circular includes an illustration of the device.

- no date Circular of Boyer & Company, exporters of metal goods, Omaha, Nebraska, titled "Still No. B-21—Capacity 1 Gallon, Price \$25.00." Circular includes illustration of still.
- 1920 Mar 29 Typescript letter signed P.P. Means, Sanitex Cleaning Company, Bakersfield, California, to Mr. E. Bader, 5029 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. Proposes a business partnership.
- Folder 4**  
1920-1921 Ten issues of "Widder's Practical Dyer," a monthly house organ issued by The Widder Dye & Chemical Co. Inc., Brooklyn, New York. Also includes two circular advertisements.
- Folder 5**  
1921 Apr 29 Typescript letter of R.R. Street & Co. Inc., Chicago, to Mr. E. Bader, 4541 Evans Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Reply to inquiry regarding Abesto Automatic Electric Iron.
- 1922 Circular letter of the Olson Rug Company, Chicago, Illinois, to "Dear Madam," and order blank.
- 1922 Feb 21 Typescript form letter of S.C. Johnson & Son, manufacturers of Johnson's prepared wax, Johnson's artistic wood finishes, and Johnson's car savers, Racine, Wisconsin, to Mrs. E. Bader, St. Louis, Mo.
- no date Circular letter of the Mulvihill Furniture Company, 112-114 North 12th St., [St. Louis, Mo.], to "Dear Folks."
- no date Circular letter of Home Weaving Works, Incorporated, Chicago, Illinois, to "Dear Madam." Advertising rugs.
- no date Mallinckrodt Chemical Works brochure promoting Mallinckrodt motor-ether "for priming and starting during cold weather. Auto, tractor and all other gasoline and kerosene engines."
- no date Brochure of M. Feldman, expert piano tuner and repairer, 2718 Park Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Pianos and player pianos tuned, polished and refinished. Brochure provides instructions for taking care of pianos.
- no date Circular of The American Art Needle Sale Company, St. Louis, Mo., titled "Instruction for Using the Pa-Nit Art Needle."
- no date Circular of Rev. Irl R. Hicks, president, Word and Works Publishing Co., 3401 Franklin Ave., St. Louis, Mo., titled "A Friendly Letter." Promoting his magazine and almanac. Accompanied by printed reply envelope.

- no date Brochure of The Industrial Loan Company, 714 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Mo., titled "How Do *You* Cross the Street?"
- no date Brochure of the Smead Manufacturing Company, Hastings, Minnesota, promoting the Smead bandless filing envelope, adjustable and expansive.
- no date Brochure of the Inter-Ocean Casualty Co., Springfield, Illinois (W.A. Northcott, president), titled "Dollar Standard Special Policy." Brochure explains accident benefits, sick benefits, and rates and benefits. Brochure is stamped "Ernest A. Johnson, City Mgr., St. Louis, Mo."
- no date Brochure of the Model Machine Shop Co., New York, titled "Bulletin No. 2." "Compressed air power plants for model aeroplanes and experimental purposes." Includes illustration of 3-cylinder rotary motor.
- no date Circular titled "The New Peerless Combination Sharpener and Can-Opener," patented August 12, 1902, and March 31, 1903.
- no date Circular titled "Ladies Pride." Fruit and vegetable parer, slicer, apple corer, fish scaler, and cabbage cutter.
- no date Circular letter of John H. Braceland, artist and specialist in paints, oils, and varnishes, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to "Dear Sir." "A New, Successful, Money-Making Trade for Painters, Agents, Storekeepers and Mail Order Dealers. A Bright Man in Each Town Can Coin Money with It."
- no date Circular of John H. Braceland, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, titled "Are You Dissatisfied?" "I am looking for mechanics, especially those who are handy with a paint brush. Men who are ambitious to have a mechanical business of their own. . . ." Verso of circular is titled "Winter and Wet Weather."
- no date Circular of Adam Orth, general agent, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, titled "The Duplex. Automatic Acting Gas Inlet and Outlet Apparatus. No Wine Dealer Should Be Without It." Includes illustration of the Duplex, directions, and testimonials (one of which is dated January 3, 1899).
- no date Circular letter of the Gordon-Van Tine Company, Davenport, Iowa, to "Dear Friend," and announcement titled "Special! Special!" Announcement promotes Gordon-Van Tine homes.
- no date "No. 36. Price List Short Goods." Lists prices for wines and liquors. **(oversize)**
- no date Postcard advertisement of the "Vac" Liquid Equipment Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, addressed to the Central Dyeing & Cleaning Works, 4536 Easton St.,

- St. Louis, Mo. "Reduce your gasoline bill by using the 'Vac' Gasoline Renovator]."
- no date Circular of the Lungstras Dyeing and Cleaning Co. "If we can clean gowns, slippers and gloves successfully for you, why not let us clean your lace curtains?"
- no date Brochure of the Cleveland Laundry Machinery Manufacturing Co., Cleveland, Ohio, titled "Instructions for Installing Deodorizer."
- no date Circular of the Hermitage Laundry Company, Nashville, Tennessee., titled "Your Overcoat Will Last Twice as Long."
- no date Printed reply envelope addressed to W.J. Fischer, general agent, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., St. Louis, Mo.
- no date Newspaper clipping advertising the Star Dyeing and Cleaning Co., locations at 2515 North Grand Ave., 4114 West Florissant, 5854 Delmar, and 3189 South Grand.
- no date Circular titled "Why Is the Carat Marked on Gold?" Distributed under the auspices of the National Association of Dyers and Cleaners. "These circulars can be had by writing John L. Corley, secretary, Pure Fabric League, St. Louis, Missouri."
- no date Circular of H.C. Tabler & Son, manufacturers of benzine soap, 2006 East Grand Ave., St. Louis, Mo., titled "Tab's Superior Benzine Soap."
- no date Circular of H.C. Tabler & Son Manufacturing Co., 4329-4331 North 20th St., St. Louis, Mo., titled "Tab's 'Snow White' for Gloves."
- no date Circular titled "Do You Use Erusto Salts?"
- no date Typescript letter signed Joseph Loeb, instructor in dry cleaning and dyeing, Peoria, Illinois, to "Dear Sir." Describes the dry cleaning courses he teaches via mail.
- no date Typescript circular of the French Dry Cleaning Co., Thomaston, Georgia, titled "The Greatest Boon Ever Offered to the Cleaning Trade." Describes their liquid gasoline clarifier.
- no date Typescript letter signed T.L. Farley, proprietor, French Dry Cleaning Co., Thomaston, Georgia, to Mr. E. Bader, St. Louis, Mo. Proposes a business arrangement relating to their gasoline clarifier.

- no date Typescript circular letter signed J.S. De Vonde, The Ben-Vonde System, the original correspondence school of dyeing and cleaning, Charlotte, North Carolina, to "Dear Friend." Describes his correspondence course.
- no date Typescript letter signed J.S. De Vonde, The Ben-Vonde System, the original correspondence school of dyeing and cleaning, Charlotte, North Carolina.
- no date Letter of The French Cleaners and Dyers, Peoria, Illinois. Replies to advertisement in the *National Cleaner & Dyer*, and describes his business.
- no date Price list of Roberts, Cushman & Co., New York.
- no date Circular of Roberts, Cushman & Co., New York City, for the M. Flicker hat blocking and shaping apparatus.

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- no date Circular of King Institute, Inc., New York, New York, titled "Learn in 5 Hours Simplified Stenography as Comprehended in the Perfected K.I. Shorthand."
- no date Circular of King Institute, Inc., New York, New York, titled "In All Life's Walks K.I. Shorthand Promotes Efficiency." Circular includes testimonials of Clark L. Bouton (Larimer County, Colorado), Abbie Tompkins (Chautauqua County, New York), William B. Hanyard (Lake County, Indiana), Miss M.G. McClennan (Hillsboro County, Florida), D.A. Dargie (Ontario, Canada), Matilda Miller (La Crosse County, Wisconsin), Mary Hilton (Kings County, New York), E.M. Fulton (Baltimore County, Maryland), S.B. Roper (Jefferson County, Texas), H.C.N. Cannon (British Columbia, Canada), Rev. Ira N. Faurot (Barton County, Missouri), Rev. Ernest Hefele (Mercer County, Ohio), Eleanor Skinner (Butler County, Ohio), Rose N. Estradda (Orleans County, Louisiana), W.J. Gibbs (St. Louis County, Minnesota), Edward Coleman (Somerset County, Pennsylvania), D.E. Alvarico (San Francisco County, California), Walter H. Fawcett (Allegheny County, Pennsylvania), Benj. F. Brown (Mosquero), William L. Robertson (*U.S.S. Euphamia*), Rev. J.B. Dinkins (District of Columbia), Alberta C. Thompson (Deerlodge County, Montana), J.C. Chapin (Mississippi County, Arkansas), Grace Miller White, Henry Dranke (Anderson County, South Carolina), John V. Dougherty (Cook County, Illinois), S.H. Fessenden (Grady County, Oklahoma), Miss Allene Freeman (Middlesex County, Massachusetts), William J. Foley (Morris County, New Jersey), George M. Bayersdoerffer (Floyd County, Indiana), B.R. Evangelista (*U.S.S. Dale*, U.S. Navy), George Ames (Jay County, Indiana), Walter Conroy (Minnehaha County, South Dakota), Harry D. Daniels (Schoharie County, New York), and Miss Joy Wadsworth (Davison County, South Dakota). (**oversize**)

no date                   Typescript circular letter signed M.M. Seide, King Institute, New York City, promoting K.I. Shorthand. Enclosed \$5 presentation award.

no date                   Circular of King Institute, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, titled "Add to Your Earnings. Let K.I. Shorthand Prove Its True Value to You."

### **Military Papers Series**

1918 Feb 23           War Department classification card issued to Robert Gable Elder, Perryville, Mo., certifying that he has been classified in Class IV.

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1918 May 24           Certificate of Discharge Because Physically Deficient granted to Private Frank A. Phillips of St. Louis, Missouri. Certificate was issued at Camp Cody Deming, New Mexico.

no date                   Wagner Electric Manufacturing Company circular titled "Classification of Employe[e]s under New Army Selective Draft." The circular is addressed to the company's employees, and answers many questions about the new draft and the classification of employees under this law.

no date                   War Department classification card issued to Earl Davis, 501 South Ewing, St. Louis, Mo., certifying that he has been classified in Class 1-A.

### **Legal Papers Series**

1901 July 5           Typescript agreement between Louis H. Haase, trustee, and Ernst Bader, both of St. Louis, Mo., stating that Haase will sell Bader 10 shares of stock in the Empire Brewing Co.

1904 Nov 1           Typescript lease between Philip Ostermayer and Ernst L. Bader, both of St. Louis, Mo. Ostermayer leases to Bader two stores at 5239 North Broadway and 5241 North Broadway to be used as a wholesale and retail liquor store for two years.

1914 Feb 7           Typescript letter to Louis H. Haase, c/o Empire Brewing Co., Sarah & Wabash tracks, St. Louis. "Mrs. Mary Bader, widow of Ernest Bader has handed to me for attention contract between you as Trustee and said Bader, for the purchase by him of 10 shares of Empire Brewing Co. stock. . . . Bader died about three years ago. . . ." Requests accounting of dividends on behalf of his widow.

no date                   Handwritten notes mention the Empire Brewing Co. and Louis H. Haase, 4390 Lindell Blvd.

### **Business Cards Series**

- 189- Stationery of Engelke & Feiner, Southern Roller Mills, 804, 806 & 808 South Broadway, St. Louis.
- no date Business card of Ernst L. Bader, saloon, wines and liquors, cigars and tobacco, 7200 North Broadway, St. Louis, Mo.
- no date Credentials card certifying that Harris E. Holmes is a member of the Press Reporting Syndicate and regularly enrolled with the syndicate as a press correspondent. Issued at St. Louis, Mo.
- no date Business card of J.M. Schumacher, Schumacher System & Sales Book Co., 208 North 4th St. [This address was crossed out, and "1316 Union Ave." was inserted.]
- no date Trade card of Weigelt Glass & Mirror Manufacturing Co., 615-617 South 6th St., St. Louis, Mo.
- no date Business card of Lou. Walters, representative of the Modern Tire Vulcanizery, 4509 Gravois Ave., [St. Louis, Mo.]. Verso includes prices of retreads with the late new-high pressure process.
- no date Invitation card of The Lar La Belle Club to attend their Wednesday evening dancing parties at Moose Club Auditorium, 1000 Walnut Ave. Verso includes lyrics to song titled "Hold Me."

### **Receipts and Business Papers Series**

- 190- Receipt of Oriental Laundry, 3805 North Broadway, St. Louis, to E.L. Bader.
- 1901 June 5 Typescript lease between Ernest L. Bader, 7200 North Broadway, and the American Mandolin School and Novelty Co., Jersey City, New Jersey. The company leases to Bader a mandolin harp or guitar zither.
- 1904 Apr 22 Receipt of Jones Commercial College, St. Louis, to Ernst L. Bader for courses and text books for his son Ernst F.L. Bader.
- 1908 Jan 9 Receipt of Mary A. Bader, "\$25 for cementery [cemetery] works as for tompstone [tombstone] and taking remains." Dated Ste. Genevieve, Mo.
- 1909 June 29 Typescript note of Coe, Yonge & Co., importers and jobbers of general merchandise, notions, jewelry, cutlery, etc., 905 & 907 Lucas Ave., St. Louis, Mo., to E. Bader. States that they have pens, pencils, and pen holders in stock. Letterhead includes illustration of company's building.
- 1909 Oct 29 City of St. Louis foot peddler's license granted to E. Bader, Jr., 7210 North Broadway.

- 1913 Mar 5        Typescript note signed M.W. Muntzel, cashier, The Baden Bank, St. Louis, Mo., to Mr. E.L. Bader, St. Louis. Demands payment of note.
- 1914 Mar 30        Typescript letter of The American Mercantile Agency, St. Louis, Mo., to A.C. Bader, St. Louis, Mo. Reminds Bader of the collection against him in favor of the *Western Watchman*.
- 1919 Dec 12        Receipt of King The Tailor, 422 North 6th St., St. Louis, to Mr. Bader.
- 1920 Apr 10        Typescript letter of the St. Louis Retail Grocers' Association to "Dear Sir." Requests his attendance at upcoming meeting, and describes goods they have in stock.
- 1920 Nov 10        Receipt of Munger's Laundry, 2308 and 2310 Washington Ave., St. Louis, to "Bazer," 4541 Evans.

### **Hypnotism, Magic, Phrenology, Psychology and Related Papers Series**

#### **Folder 7**

- 1911                The American Institute of Phrenology announcement for the seasons of 1911-1912. Includes description of their course and a list of textbooks.
- 1912 Nov 11        Typescript letter of Fowler & Wells Co., phrenologists and publishers, New York, to Mr. E. Bader, 7210 North Broadway, St. Louis, Mo. Describes the American Institute of Phrenology and a correspondence course.
- 1913                The American Institute of Phrenology announcement for the season 1913-1914. Includes description of their course and a list of textbooks.
- 1913                Brochure of the Psycho Manufacturing Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. "Astonishing! Perplexing! Mysterious! Wonder! of the 20th Century. The Baffling Psychic Phenomena. . . . Psycho is a thin board, so arranged upon casters for support as to afford it perfect freedom and ease of motion. It has a lead pencil inserted through a slot at the opposite end of the board with its point resting lightly on a sheet of paper (wrapping or writing) previously placed upon the table. . . ."
- circa 1914        Circular titled "Private Lectures on Perfect Men, Women and Children in Happy Homes Including Gender, Love, Mating, Married Life and Reproduction, or Paternity, Maternity, Infancy and Puberty Together with Male Vigor and Female Health Restored and Their Ailments Self-Cured Etc., as Taught by Phrenology and Natural Science by Prof. O.S. Fowler." Includes testimonials regarding Mr. P.H. Starr, proprietor of the Novelty Rug Co. of Toledo, Ohio.

- 1914 The American Institute of Phrenology announcement for the season 1914-1915. Includes description of their course and a price list of books for sale.
- 1914 June 24 Typescript circular letter of The American Institute of Phrenology, New York, to "Dear Sir." Describes the institute.
- 1914 Aug 3 Typescript circular letter of Julius Zancig to "The Public," offering forty lessons in palmistry. Verso contains circular titled "A Ten Dollar Book for 50c.," published and for sale by the Chicago Magic Co.
- 1915 The American Institute of Phrenology announcement for the season 1915-1916. Includes description of their course and a price list of books for sale.
- 1915 July 29 Circular letter of The American Institute of Phrenology to "Dear Sir," promoting their course.
- 1915 Sept 10 Typescript letter signed Prof. G.E. Beauchamp, graphologist, phrenologist, and physiognomist, New York City, to E. Bader. Describes Bader's character based on a study of his handwriting.
- circa 1920 Application for membership in the practical English and mental efficiency course, Grenville Kleiser, director. Funk & Wagnalls Company, New York, New York.
- circa 1920 Order form for The Society of Applied Psychology's Basic Course of Reading. Form is titled "Acceptance of Associate Membership."
- 1920 Nov Circular letter of The Literary Digest, New York, to "Dear Friend," extending an invitation to become an associated member of The Society of Applied Psychology.
- 1920 Nov Circular letter of Funk & Wagnalls Company, New York, to "Dear Friend," promoting the Kleiser mail course in practical English and mental efficiency. Includes brief testimonials of G. Vincent Rockey (West Brighton, New York), J.D. Kennelly (Carlisle, Pennsylvania), Grace M. Davidson (Rutledge, Pennsylvania), Geo. W. Smith (Honolulu, Hawaii), Ingrid Mageken (Chicago), and J.T. Jurgenson (Virginia, Minnesota).
- no date Illustrated envelope of Johnson Smith & Co., Chicago, Illinois, addressed to E. Bader, 4541 Evans Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
- no date Circular of the Chicago Magic Co., Chicago, Illinois, titled "More New Tricks That You Should Have."
- no date Circular letter of the Chicago Magic Co., Chicago, Illinois, to "Dear Sir."

- no date Circular of the Chicago Magic Co., Chicago, Illinois, titled "The New X-Ray Clock, an Entirely New and Original Thought-Reading Seance."
- no date Brochure of the Advanced Thought Publishing Co., Chicago, Illinois, titled "The Art and Science of Personal Magnetism, the Secrets of Mental Fascination, by Theron Q. Dumont."
- no date Brochure of the Advanced Thought Publishing Co., Chicago, Illinois, titled "The Secret of Mental Magic by William Walker Atkinson."
- no date Circular advertising four books: (1) *Practical Psychomancy and Crystal Gazing* by William Walker Atkinson, (2) *Practical Mind Reading* by William Walker Atkinson, (3) *How to Tell Fortune by Cards* by Professor P.R.S. Foli, and (4) *Practical Palmistry or the Hands and How to Read Them* by E. Rene.
- no date Book catalog of the Advanced Thought Publishing House, Chicago.
- no date Circular of the Glenville Kleiser personal mail course in practical English and mental efficiency. Includes brief testimonials of Chas. R. Graves (Chicago), J.L. Selldorff (Benson, Illinois), Paul C. Stein (Chicago), C.H. Ion (Drayton, North Dakota), and W.M. McManus (Azusa, California). Verso is titled "The Right Word in the Right Place!" Funk & Wagnalls Company, publishers, New York, New York.
- no date Typescript circular letter of G.E. Beauchamp to "Dear Friend," offering a "full life reading" of his handwriting.
- no date Circular of Prof. G.E. Beauchamp, New York, New York.
- no date Brochure of Jessie Allen Fowler, vocational adviser, New York City. "Not to know yourself Phrenologically is sure to keep you standing on the 'Bridge of Sighs' all your life."
- no date Typescript circular letter signed J.A. Fowler, The American Institute of Phrenology, New York, New York, to "Dear Sir," promoting their course.
- no date Circular of Drs. Patty and wife, phrenologists, Kansas City, Mo., titled "True Healing, Mind Cure or Metaphysics."
- no date Brochure of Harry H. Balkin, character analyst and vocational advisor, Boston, Massachusetts, titled "Character Analysis Service." Describes his services and fees. Includes printed reply envelope addressed to Balkin, character analyst, 400 Boylston Street, Boston.

- no date Brochure of Harry H. Balkin, character analyst and vocational advisor, Boston, Massachusetts, titled "Vocational Analysis Service." Describes his services and fees.
- no date Circular of Harry H. Balkin, analyst and vocational adviser, Boston, Massachusetts, titled "Learn How to Size Up Your Man and Win!" Promotes his book titled *The New Science of Analyzing Character*.
- no date Pamphlet of The Society of Applied Psychology titled "How to Develop Your Power of Achievement." Describes the volumes in the society's Basic Course of Reading, published by The Literary Digest, New York.
- no date Circular of the Muntean Specialty Co., Galveston, Texas, titled "Do You Know That There Are Three Important Events in Your Life? Your Birth, Marriage, Death." The circular describes Dr. Parker's New Marriage Guide.
- no date Circular of the Advanced Thought Publishing Co., Chicago, Illinois, titled "Just Published, Authoritative, Comprehensive, Concise Private Lessons in the Cultivation of Sex Force, the Vital Power of Attraction Between the Sexes; Its Control and Transmutation for Greater Strength and Higher Development."
- Folder 8**
- no date Subscription form for the New York Magazine of Mysteries. Attached request form for a full life horoscope.
- no date Printed form of the "Exalted Mystic" titled "Position of the Planets in the Twelve Houses and Horoscope." E. Bader's name is noted on the form.
- no date Typescript document titled "Interpretation of Chart Sheet."
- no date Typescript document titled "Fortunate Dates for the Next 12 Months."
- no date Typescript document titled "Forecast of the Principal Events for Twelve Months."
- no date Typescript circular letter of the Exalted Mystic No. 10, engaged exclusively by the Magazine of Mysteries, to "Dear Friend."
- no date Horoscope and chart of life for Ernest F.L. Bader, prepared by "the world's greatest and most skilled astrologer, Exalted Mystic No. 10," New York City.
- no date Typescript horoscope compiled by Prof. Richmond Lee.

**Dogs Series**  
**Folder 9**

- 1908 Circular of the St. Louis Collie Club titled "A Red Letter Event for Collies," advertising the St. Louis Collie Club's tenth annual show and the Mississippi Valley Kennel Club's third annual show.
- 1908 Pamphlet titled "Premium List. St. Louis Collie Club. Tenth Annual Bench Show." Includes a list of officers of the St. Louis Collie Club; definition of classes; prize lists; and the American Kennel Club's rules governing dog shows.
- 1908 Entry form for the Tenth Annual Collie Show given by the Saint Louis Collie Club, March 30 and 31, 1908.
- 1908 Entry form for the Third Annual Show given by the Mississippi Valley Kennel Club to be held at Crescent Rink, 33rd & Olive Sts., St. Louis, Mo., April 1-4, 1908. Verso contains advertisement for Spratt's Patent Ltd.
- 1908 May 15 Certificate of entry in the American Kennel Club Stud-Book stating that J.B. Parks has registered the collie named Mollie Gay.
- 1908 May 22 Typescript letter of the M.F. Marx Manufacturing Co., Louisville, Kentucky, to Mr. E.F.L. Bader, Jr., St. Louis, Mo. Product catalog enclosed (**oversize**).
- 1909 June 18 Note signed J.B. Parks: "Received of E. Bader second choice of collie pups whelped in month of May 1909 according to agreement on original contract signed this 18th day of June 1909."
- 1908 July 7 Note signed E.L. Bader Jr., 7210 North Broadway, St. Louis, Mo., to the American Kennel Club. Requests certified pedigree of Mollie Gay.
- 1908 July 7 Note signed J.B. Parks, Mokane, Missouri: "On this date I J.B. Parks sold to E.L. Bader Jr. of 7210 North Broadway St. Louis Mo one collie bitch Mollie Gay register no. 118068 Vol XXX American stud book New York City 55 Liberty St N.Y. City with American Kennel Club."
- 1908 July 9 The American Kennel Club pedigree certificate for collie named Mollie Gay.
- 1909 Sept 2 Note signed J.B. Parks, Mokane, Missouri: "On this date I sold and delivered to E.L. Bader, Jr. of 7210 North Broadway St. Louis Mo four collie pups one dog and three bitches for value received whelped April 19th 1908 sired by Sousie Lad dam Mollie Gay."
- 1910 Nov 16 Certificate of entry in the American Kennel Club Stud-Book stating that Joseph William Kamuff has registered the collie named Ring V.

- circa after 1910 Circular of Henry L. Hertz, Chicago, Illinois, titled "Hertzville Collie Kennels at Hertz' Stock Farm, Des Plaines, Ill. Stud Dogs."
- 1912 June 1 Note signed Joseph Wm. Kamuf [Joseph William Kamuff?], St. Louis, Mo.: "To whom it may concern. This is to certify that I Joseph Kamuff this date have sold to E.F.L. Bader One white & sable R.C. Scotch Collie male dog. For Ten Dollars."
- 1921 Feb 10 Typescript note of the Mississippi Valley Kennel Club, St. Louis, Mo., to Captain J.P. Kelley, 4153 Shenandoah Ave., St. Louis. "Mr. Albert Grueter has requested me to send you an application card for membership in the club. . ."
- no date Printed envelope of R.P. Slattery, breeder of high class collies, St. Louis, Mo. The address "5147 Wells Ave." is written on the envelope. Envelope includes illustration of "Champion Major Victor."
- no date Circular titled "Additional Prizes for Mississippi Valley Kennel Club's Third Annual Dog Show." Those offering prizes include James P. O'Neil, Henry Hoffman, Edw. F. Crumley Buffet, Louis Nolker, Samuel C. Davis, H. Williams, Thos. C. Carr, Jas. H. McTague, Christian Kenney, Baarent-Ten Broek, Peter Hauptman & Son, Jack Keeshan, and Arthur J. Fitzsimmons.
- no date Blank dog pedigree certificate, published by Spratt's Patent (America) Limited, Newark, New Jersey. (**oversize**)
- no date Application of dog named Sonsie Lad to be entered in the American Kennel Club Stud-Book. Verso contains advertisement for Spratt's Patent (America) Limited dog and puppy cakes.
- no date Application of collie named Mollie Gay to be entered in the American Kennel Club Stud-Book. Verso contains advertisement for Spratt's Patent (America) Limited dog and puppy cakes.
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### **Plymouth Rock Squab Company Series**

#### **Folder 10**

- circa 1905-1907 Circulars, price lists, testimonials, and other advertising material of the Plymouth Rock Squab Company, Boston, Massachusetts. (19 items; 2 items filed **oversize**)

## **German Documents Series**

### **Folder 11**

- 1877 Nov 26 Certificate of conduct of Private 1st Class Ernst Friedrich Ludwig Bader, dated Schwerin. (in German, with transcription and translation)
- 1880 Mar 23 Receipt signed Anna Gieth for furniture and kitchen utensils sold to E.L. Bader. (in German, with transcription and translation)
- 1883 Aug 19 Statement signed W. Fretuder that journeyman miller Fr. Bader from Glienke has worked in his mill. (in German, with transcription and translation)
- 1888 Mar 16 Letter signed Ida, Neubrandenburg, to her brother. (in German, see transcription and translation at the bottom of this inventory)
- 1894 Jan 5 Letter signed Wilhelm Hellwig, Washington, to friend Bader and his wife. (in German, see transcription and translation at the bottom of this inventory)

Neubrandenburg den 16 März 1888

Lieber Bruder

Dein Brief sowie von Rudolf trafen den 12 März beide zugleich bei mir ein, Du wirst Dir leicht denken können dass wir im grosse Aufwegung kamen und der Entschliess schwer ist. Lieber Bruder, überlegt es Euch gut was für uns das Beste ist, was wir hier haben dass wusst Ihr ja auch sehr gut und wie es da ist müsst Ihr ja auch einsehen. Mutter kann sich sehr schwer zur Reise entschliessen, wenn noch welche hier bleiben. Alwine muss aber wenn das Reisen etwas wird gleich mit Reisen. Der Alte wenn der da hinter kömmt braucht er sie nicht reisen lassen, denn er hat immer über sie zu verfügen, so lange sie nicht wolgärig ist und sie ist erst 17 Jahre mit Mutter das wird keine Noth haben das sie wieder bei ihm braucht denn er ist zuweilen runder das was wir ihn gelassen haben, dass hat er längst durchgebracht. So muss er immer wieder eine eingerichte Wirtschaft anschaffen er kriegt keine Stube gemiehet, viel weniger was drin.

Lieber Bruder, Du schreibst im April oder Mai schon zu Reisen. Rudolf schreibt er hätte sich beim Agenten erkundigt dass Reisen in Fröling wehre teurer wie im spät Sommer. Jetzt im April oder Mai könnte das Reisen auch noch nichts werden, vielleicht im August oder September denn jetzt ist Elise ihre beste Arbeitzeit und sie wurde denn mit einem Mahl ihre Kunden abtragen; das wurde bald durch die ganze Stadt sein und es muss so viel als möglich heimlich geschehen; das liebste wäre um wir warten vielleicht ein oder Paar Jahre und wir reisen mit einem Mahl aber ihr müsst es einsehen was das Beste ist. Wenigstens Alwine muss gleich mit können, sonst weiss Elise auch nicht. Ihr wiesst gar genau was die Reise kostet, 350 bis 400 Mark; kriegen wir wohl zusammen wenn ihr uns denn mit das übrige helfen könnt, mit sehr knappen Geld können sie nicht reisen, es sei das einer von Ihnen krank wird und sie können denn wenn sie über Wasser sind nicht weiter kommen aber bedenkt wohl dass sie alle Drei keine grossen Lust haben allein abzureisen; also schickt noch keine Reisekarten ab. Rudlof schrieb gar so als wenn er alles allein schicken wollt obgleich Mutter gerne Deine Frau Flegte und eure Babis warten aber sie stellt sich die Reise sehr gefährlich vor. Wie befind sich Deine liebe Frau sowie Dein Söhnchen, kann ers schon etwas sprechen. Wie es uns scheid folgen sich die Babis auch sehr schnell auf einander. Mutter möchte wohl wissen wenn ihr das zweite erwartet; grüsse Deine Frau recht herzlich von Mutter sowie von uns alle, was dein söhnchen seine Taufe anbetrifft ist Mutter ganz recht sie freuet sich wenn Ihr man gesund und glücklich seid und euer Söhnchen xxxx erzieht über den Brief von Deine Frau hat Mutter sich sehr gefreut.

Lieber Bruder, mein neben Mädchen, ihr Bruder hat auch immer grossen Lust zu reisen er ist ein Bauersohn aus Weitin heisst Rädig sie haben aber das gleiche Schicksal wie wir sie sind auch aus ihren Bauerhof aus gekommen ein Geschäft hat er nicht gelernt er ist immer als Kutscher gewesen und weiss sehr gut mit Pferde umzugehen er ist zu Pferde in lehre Millitär gewesen und ist ein sehr ruhiger Mensch schreibe doch mahl ob der da würde Beschäftigung finden die eine Schwester kennt dir sehr gut sie hat immer auf Kraggmühle gearbeitet wie Du da gewesen bist.

Auch kann ich Dir mittheilen dass unser deutsche Kaiser gestorben ist den 9 März im 91 Lebensjahr und der Krankheit auch sehr leiden er soll halskreps haben es ist hir überal grosse trauer.

So einiger Massen wirst Du unsern will hierraus sehen ich wahr wohl fast einschlossen zu reisen aber die andern nicht solchen lust wie ich habe hat auch nich einer ich kann aber nich warten und lassen die andern hier Muter hat doch immer an mir die grosste Stütze Ich hätte mich hier auf welche schon Ferheiraten könne habe aber noch immer keinen Lust dazu ich habe auch eben wieder ein Vorschlag ich habe aber Kurzweg neingesacht. Nun will ich Dich bitten doch recht bald hierüber zu schreiben Ich schliesse mit vielen grüssen von uns allen an Euch alle

*Deine Schwester Ida*  
*Ich schicke Robeth seine Photographi mit*

Neubrandenburg March 16 1888

Dear Brother,

Your letter and Rudolph's arrived on the same day, March 12th, and you can easily imagine how excited we were. The decision is difficult. Dear brothers, you think about what would be best for us; you know what we have here and you must have insight what it is like by you. Mother has difficulties deciding to travel as long as some are staying here. If there will be a journey Alwine has to come along. If the Old Man should happen to come along he would not have to let her go too: he does always keep control of her but she has to be recalcitrant and she has been with Mother for 17 years. He is certainly not suffering now when she takes care of him and he is fatter than we ever let him get, so much has he gotten by with. He probably has to get another furnished apartment; he is unlikely to find another small house for rent, let alone one with anything in it. Dear brother, you talk about going already in April or May. Rudolf writes that his travel agent told him it was more expensive in spring than in late summer. We could not travel now in April or May, maybe in August or September. Right now is Elise's best time for work and she would then immediately lose her best customers which would get to be known all through town. It would be best if we kept the departure secret and even better if we waited one year or a couple but we could also leave at once but you must be the judge of which is best. Alwine has got to come with us or Elise won't know what to do. You know that the trip will cost 350 to 400 Mark and we will get that together somehow if you help us with the rest. One cannot very well travel with barely enough money, if one of you gets sick when you are across the water and then cannot get anywhere. Remember that all three are without any real interests in the travel so do not send any tickets. It sounds from Rudolf as if he is willing to take one at a time including and Mother cannot wait to see your wife Flegle and the babies but she does fear the travel. How is your wife and how is your little son; has he learned to speak yet? It seems to us that the babies follow soon enough upon each other but Mother wants to know when number two is coming. Best regards to your wife from Mother and the rest of us. Concerning the christening of your sone I agree with Mother that it is most important that they are healthy and happy and your little son seems to grow up well. Mother enjoyed the letter from your wife a lot. Dear brother, my downstairs maid has a brother with travel fever. His name is Rädig and he comes from Weitin. He is a farmer's son and they have the same problem we do. He has not learned any trade and was always the coachman and is very good with horses. He learned about horses in the military and is a very calm person. Let me know if he can find a job over there- you know one of his sisters well because she worked at the mill at the time when you were there. I can also inform you that our German Emperor dies the 9<sup>th</sup> of March in his 91<sup>th</sup> year. He suffered badly from cancer of the throat and there is mourning everywhere. So, you are not going to see a lot of us coming from here; I was all set to go but the others have no such interest. I cannot just wait or leave the others here and Mother relies a lot on me. I could have gotten married but I do not always feel like it and I had another proposal but said no right away. Now I must ask you to write us over here real soon. I end with many greetings from all of us to all of you.

Your sister Ida (I am sending Robert his pictures.)

Waschington d. 5ten Januar 1894

Lieber Freund Bader und Frau!

Deinen Brief haben wir erhalten, und haben uns gewundert dass Du aus St. Louis fortgezogen bist. Lieber Freund, was uns anbetrifft, bin ich und meine Frau gesund. Ich was diesen Sommer 2 Monath sehr krank am Kopf, von die grosse Hitze, fühle jetzt aber sehr gut. Wir haben uns in Waschington ein kleines Propate gekauft, ein Brickhaus mit 2 Stuben, und 1 Küche, und Patsch, das Haus ist lang 30 Fuss breit 28 Fuss, und 120 Ruthen Land, das haben wir gekauft für 562½ Dollar, es hat neu gekost 1400 dollars also haben wir es billig gekauft. Wir haben 1 Kuh und 50 Hüner, die Kuh gibt uns jede Woche 7 bis 8 Pfund Butter. Uns geht es sehr gut, wir habe blendig zu essen, wir haben keine Noth, arbeit habe ich nicht. Lars Ladendorf hat geheirath und wohnt in Minneapolis in Staat Minnesota, er hat Arbeit an die Wisconsin Central Linie er schafft in die Küschen und hat des Monath 45 Dollar er war for 2 Jahren nach Deutschland und hat von da sich eine Frau geheirath. Herman Ladendorf wohnt in Georgendorf bei Prasdorf; er treibt einen kleinen Stoor. Herman Ladendorf, sein Vater ist bei ihn, er hat sein Haus und Grosserie laden verkauft in Alt Strelitz. Lieber Freund, schreibe uns, was Du da für Arbeit hast und wie gross Deine Familie ist, es ist schlechte Zeiten in Amerika, über all habe viele Leute kein Arbeit. Den Weizen kost hier 50 Cent, die Schweine 5 dollar 50 cent das Pfund. Lieber freund schreibe uns viel neues aus Deine jagen.

Ich bin stets Dein Freund

Wilhelm Hellwig

Washington January 5, 1894

*Dear friend Bader and the missus!*

*We got your letter and were amazed that you have left St. Louis. Dear friend, in regard to us both I and my wife are healthy. I was sick with headaches 2 months this summer because of the heat but now I very well. We have bought a small property in Washington: a small brick house with two rooms and a kitchen and a garden patch. The house is 30 feet long and 28 feet wide and land measuring 120 rods. We bought it for 562½ Dollar, it had cost 1400 dollars new so we got it cheap. We have one cow and 50 chickens; the cow gives us 7 to 8 pounds of butter each week. It goes very well for us, we have plenty to eat, we we do not have any needs I have no work. Lars Ladendorf got married and lives in Minneapolis in the state of Minnesota. He works at the Wisconsin Central Line, he manages in the kitchens and is paid \$45 per month. Two years ago he went to Germany and took a wife there. Herman Ladendorf lives in Georgendorf by Prasdorf where he has a small store. The older Herman Ladendorf, his father, lives with him as he sold his house and grocery in Alt Strelitz. Dear friend, write us what kind of work you have and how big your family is. These are bad times in America and many are out of work. Wheat is 50 cents here and pigs cost \$5.50 per 100 pound. Dear friend write us a lot of news from your busy, active life.*

*I am as always your friend*

*Wilhelm Hellwig*