



Finding Aid for

LORANGER FAMILY PAPERS, 1818-1931
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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 92.188

CREATOR: Loranger family

TITLE: Loranger family papers

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1818-1931

BULK DATES: 1820-1880

QUANTITY: 0.33 linear ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are primarily in English. Some early records are written in French.

ABSTRACT: The Loranger family owned the Loranger Mill in Monroe, Michigan before it was purchased by Henry Ford and moved to Greenfield Village. The papers fall into three categories: materials related to Edward Loranger's business and personal affairs; correspondence and legal documents relating to Joseph Loranger's operation of the Stony Creek Dam and property disputes; and materials relating to Clarence Lemerand.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The papers are open for research.
- COPYRIGHT:** Copyright has been transferred to the Henry Ford by the donor. Copyright for some items in the collection may still be held by their respective creator(s).
- ACQUISITION:** The papers were acquired by The Henry Ford in 1992.
- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material held by The Henry Ford:
- Loranger Gristmill, Greenfield Village Buildings records collection, Accession E.I. 186.

- For Loranger family photographs and snapshots of the mill building, see Accession E.I. 1929.
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Edward Loranger (1796-1887) emigrated from Three Rivers, Quebec in 1816, settling near Monroe in the Michigan Territory. The Loranger family was related to the Rivards, French farmers who figured prominently in early Detroit history. Claud Rivard, the great, great grandfather of Edward Loranger, reportedly came to Detroit as an interpreter in 1703. Edward Loranger, a mason by trade, built private dwellings and several commercial buildings along the Raisin River in the area then known as Frenchtown, later named Monroe. He purchased land along Stony Creek about 1822 and built a grist mill there following his marriage to Marianne Navarre (1805-1899) in 1828.

The Lorangers had five children, including Joseph (1841-1922) who inherited the property following the death of his father, and Josephine an unmarried daughter. Joseph and Josephine are represented in this collection, as is Clarence Lemerand, the adopted son of Joseph Loranger and the last owner of the mill.

In 1928 the Loranger mill was purchased by Henry Ford and moved to Greenfield Village.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers in this collection originated primarily with Edward and Joseph Loranger, with additional materials from Clarence Lemerand. There are also some items relating to several other Loranger, Navarre and Rivard family members.

The **Edward Loranger Papers series** contains materials related to Edward Loranger's business and personal affairs and include land leases, deeds, court cases concerning his mill, a marriage certificate, receipts for various commodities, services, and financial transactions. Some early records are written in French. Also included are the will of Alexander Navarre and a tax receipt from Ferdinand Rivard.

The **Joseph Loranger Papers series** includes correspondence and legal documents relating to Joseph Loranger's operation of the Stony Creek Dam and property disputes. There is also a receipt for a military substitute in the Civil War, property tax receipts and a handwritten will. In addition, tax receipts from Josephine Loranger are filed in this series.

The **Clarence Lemerand Receipts series** includes a baptismal certificate, correspondence, legal documents and a map of Stony Creek are included in the materials relating to Clarence Lemerand. There are also several receipts for automotive repairs.

ARRANGEMENT

The materials are arranged in three series, which reflect a rough chronological division of the papers. The papers of the additional relatives are included in the appropriate era. Items within the series are arranged alphabetically by document type and then chronologically.

- Series I: Edward Loranger Papers
- Series II: Joseph Loranger Papers
- Series III: Clarence Lemerand Receipts

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Loranger family
Loranger, Edward
Loranger, Clarence Lemerand

Genre and Form

Financial records
Legal documents

CONTAINER LIST

Box no. **Description**

EDWARD LORANGER PAPERS

Box 1

Correspondence, 1839-1853
Legal Documents
 Contract 1847
 1820-1887
 Lease, 1832
 Lease, 1844
 Marriage Certificate, 1828
 Will, Alexander Navarre, 1846
Receipts
 1818-1849
 1850-1859
 1860-1882, undated
Tax Receipts, 1830-1887

JOSEPH LORANGER PAPERS

Box 1 continued:

Correspondence, 1885
Legal Documents, 1885-1922
Legal Documents, Will, 1921
Military Papers, 1865
Miscellaneous, 1898-1911
Receipts, 1881-1920
Receipts, 1875-1876
Boundary Dispute; 1903
Tax Receipts, 1888-1919

CLARENCE LEMERAND RECEIPTS

Box 1 continued:

Baptismal Certificate; Jerome Lemerand, 1874
Canceled Checks, 1922-1924
Correspondence, 1924
Legal Documents, 1924, 1931
Map; Stony Creek, undated
Mass Card, 1907
Miscellaneous, 1929
Receipts, 1920-1929