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REGISTER: MYRON LOBMAN FAMILY PAPERS

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Myron Lobman was born in Pine Apple, Alabama, in 1890, the son of Nathan and Carrie Pollack Lobman. In 1871, Nathan Lobman, along with Louis Steiner, founded the firm of Steiner and Lobman in Pine Apple selling goods to small merchants in the area. By 1891, the growth of the company necessitated a move from Pine Apple to the larger city of Montgomery. Myron Lobman and his older brother Walter joined the firm in the early 1900s.

Myron was a graduate of the Starke School, in Montgomery, the University of Alabama and Harvard University. During World War I, Myron served overseas in the United States Infantry. Following his service he returned to work at what was now called Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods.

In 1920 Myron married Alma Ray Hertz, who was born in Montgomery in 1891. Alma participated in numerous Montgomery civic and Jewish organizations. Alma was especially active in Hadassah and the Montgomery Section of the National Council of Jewish Women's Reading for the Blind Committee. Prior to America's involvement in World War II, Alma and her husband also signed affidavits of support for four unrelated individuals in Germany, which enabled them to immigrate to the United States.

During World War II, Myron Lobman served as chairman for the United Service Organization (USO) – Jewish Welfare Board (JWB) in Montgomery. He was also active in a wide range of both Jewish and general community services in Montgomery and in 1965, he and his wife were honored by Israel Bonds.

Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods was a Montgomery institution from 1891 until it was sold to an investment group in 1969. The business closed several years later. In 1896, in addition to the company's wholesale business, the firm began the manufacturing of the Polly brand of work clothes. The Steiner-Lobman building on Commerce Street is still standing and is a landmark in downtown Montgomery.

The Myron Lobman Family Papers, 1880-2002, consist primarily of business records from Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods Company. Papers relating to the activities of the Lobman family of

Montgomery are also included in the collection. The letter copy books from 1891-1903, contain the pertinent correspondence of the principals of Steiner-Lobman relating to the transactions of the company. Historians interested in the impact of the yield of the yearly cotton crop on the economy of the south will find these books of special interest. The records also contain the customer names of the hundreds of small town stores in Georgia and Alabama who purchased goods from Steiner-Lobman. The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by subject and chronologically within each folder.

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Files, B-St, 1887-1973

- Folder 1: Boy Scouts of America – Century Club, 1968.
- Folder 2: Correspondence, 1922-1969.
- Folder 3: Correspondence – miscellaneous family members, 1921-1947.
- Folder 4: Hadassah – Montgomery Chapter, 1963-1971.
- Folder 5: Hart, Carol Lobman, 1939-1945.
- Folder 6: Jubilee – Birmingham, Alabama – invitation, 1950.
- Folder 7: Lobman, Alma, 1921-1969.
- Folder 8: Lobman, Carrie, undated.
- Folder 9: Marriage – Lobman, Carol to Hart, Van Eaton, 1947.
- Folder 10: Lobman, Walter, 1946.
- Folder 11: Military service, 1918-1919.
- Folder 12: Miscellaney, 1887-1961.
- Folder 13: Montgomery Public Library, 1965-1970.
- Folder 14: National Council of Jewish Women – Montgomery Section, 1957-1973.
- Folder 15: National Council of Jewish Women – Montgomery Section – Committee, Recording for the Blind, 1955-1972.
- Folder 16: Newspaper articles, 1908-1967.
- Folder 17: Partlow State School and Hospital – Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 1964-1970.
- Folder 18: State of Israel Bonds, 1965.
- Folder 19: Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods Company – anniversary – fiftieth, 1921.
- Folder 20: Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods Company – anniversary – seventy-fifth, 1946.
- Folder 21: Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods Company – anniversaries, advertisements and price lists, 1921-1959.

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Files, St, 1893-1969

- Folder 1: Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods Company – anniversaries, advertisements and price lists, 1960-1961.
- Folder 2: Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods Company – anniversaries, advertisements and price lists, 1961-1969.
- Folder 3: Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods Company – financial – accounts, 1893-1898.
- Folder 4: Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods Company – financial – loose pages removed from account book, 1893-1898.
- Folder 5: Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods Company – financial - accounts, 1898-1899.
- Folder 6: Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods Company - financial - accounts, 1917-1924.

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Files, St-T, 1880-2002

- Folder 1: Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods Company – financial - loose pages removed from account book, 1917-1922.
- Folder 2: Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods Company - financial - miscellany, 1880-1914.
- Folder 3: Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods Company - newspaper articles, 1962-1969.
- Folder 4: Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods Company - PollyAlls, 1900-1968.
- Folder 5: Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods Company - salesmen's price guide, 1911.
- Folder 6: Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods Company - salesmen's price guide, undated.
- Folder 7: Temple Beth-Or - Montgomery, Alabama, 1952-2002.

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Oversize, undated

Bound volume 1: Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods Company - customer accounts, undated.

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Oversize, 1891-1903

Bound volume 1: Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods Company - letter copy book, 1891-1895.

Bound volume 2: Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods Company - letter copy book, 1895-1900.

Bound volume 3: Steiner-Lobman Dry Goods Company - letter copy book, 1900-1903.

Restrictions: Available to the serious scholar

Number of Containers: 5

Photographs: Removed to visual arts collection

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