Clifton B. Sloan Papers

This collection contains the papers of Clifton B. Sloan, a Kansas City architect, which is primarily made up of correspondence and genealogy notes on the Sloan family.

**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Clifton B. Sloan  
**Title:** Clifton B. Sloan Papers  
**Dates:** 1876-1938  
**Size:** 1 box  
**Location:** SC120

**Administrative Information**

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**Acquisition information:** Unknown.

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**Collection Description**

**Biographical/Historical note**

Clifton Breeden Sloan was born in Springfield, Illinois, in 1870 to Fannie (Breeden) Sloan and John O. Sloan, but grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio. Sloan arrived in Kansas City May 1889, and his first jobs were working in an architect’s office and as a brick layer. Sloan taught at the Manual Training High School from 1897 until 1902, when he opened an office as an architect. Among his designs were commercial buildings, theaters, and churches. He also designed residences, including his own at 2700 Tracy, the Dr. Flavel Tiffany residence at 100 Garfield, and the Dr. Arthur J. Henderson residence at 2127 Benton. Clifton Sloan died in 1958 at the age of 88.

**Scope and content note**

This collection is comprised of 28 folders, the bulk being the correspondence between the Sloan/Breeden families. The letters range from 1876 to 1937; several have no date. Genealogical materials and handwritten notes of the Sloan family make up another large portion of the collection. Other branches of the family included in the research are the Breeden’s, Graham’s, Lewis’, Madison’s, and Marshall’s. The rest of the collection includes various legal documents and clippings. The Missouri Valley Room genealogy files contain a file on the Sloan family that relates to this collection.
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#### Correspondence

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and Waldo Preston Breeden, with envelope

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Easter greetings, question of Scotch ancestry

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Reply to letter of the 19th about James Graham,
with envelope

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Letter mentioned previously about Graham
May 12, 1916  To Mary Hoar; From R. L. Given
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May 16, 1916  To Clifton B. Sloan; From Mary A. Hoar
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December 29, 1916  To Clifton B. Sloan; From Mrs. David J. Hoar
A New Year’s Wish card, with envelope

March 29, 1917  To Mary A. Hoar; From Lillie Lewis Woods
Lewis family history (3 copies)

April 9, 1917  To Clifton B. Sloan; From Mary A. Hoar
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April 4, 1918  To Mary A. Hoar; From Clifton B. Sloan
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March 25, 1918  To W. M. Sloan; From Cora Case Porter  
Oates, Given, and Sloan family

April 5, 1918  To Clifton B. Sloan; From W. M. Sloan (Lula)  
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March 1, 1926  To Clifton B. Sloan; From Annie Egge  
Western Union Telegram, notice of Mrs. Hoar’s death

n. d.  To Annie Egge; From Clifton B. Sloan  
Written note expressing regret over death, perhaps sent by telegram

April 15, 1926  To Mrs. Charles A. Dyer; From J. H. Mackelduff  
Executors of Hoar’s will let her know of a package for her

April 20, 1926  To Clifton B. Sloan; From Blanche Breeden Burmister
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May 11, 1926  To Clerk of the Probate Court; From Clifton B. Sloan
Request for Hoar will

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Marshall family, charts and notes

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Legal and Financial Documents

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Certificate of Clerk as to Marriage Record, John O. Sloan and Fannie Breeden, married in Lee County, Iowa, March 12, 1856, dated October 16, 1912

Machpelah Cemetery Association receipt dated October 20, 1921, to the heirs of J. M. Breeden

Last Will and Testament of Mary A. Hoar, 1926, envelope

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Grant of Scotch Descent, October 10, 1919

Corner in Ancestors – Breeden Family, December 29, 1907 (From the Salt Lake Inter-Mountain Republican)

Jackson and Clay Counties in 1839, by W. M. Paxton, n. d.

“To Missouri” by W. M. Paxton, n. d.


“God Tempers the Wind to the Shorn Lamb” by W. M. Paxton, n. d. (2 copies)

“To The Bride and Groom” by W. M. Paxton, ca. 1895


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