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John Elliott Shamberg (1913-2009) Papers

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Correspondence between Shamberg, his family and friends, relating his college years, early career, World War II, and after the war. Shamberg was an attorney and personal counsel to Robert B. Docking, governor of Kansas,

BIOGRAPHY:

John Elliott Shamberg was born in Fremont, Nebraska on July 15, 1913, the son of Bernard (Barney) and Matilda (Tillie) Shamberg. The family moved to Hutchinson, Kansas where his father owned Shamberg's Men's Clothing. John graduated from Hutchinson High School, attended Hutchinson Junior College, Washburn College, and graduated from Washburn Law School in 1937 with an LL.B. Degree, later converted to a J.D. Degree. Following graduation, Shamberg engaged in private practice for a short time. In June 1939, the Honorable Walter A. Huxman, governor of Kansas from 1936-1938, was appointed a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. He selected John Shamberg as his first law clerk. He held that position from June 1939 until he was drafted into the United States Army in March 1942.

Shamberg served four years in the armed forces during World War II. Following basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, he attended officer candidate school at Fort Belvoir, Virginia completing that training in September 1942, when he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. He was assigned to the staff of the Commanding General of the 2nd U.S. Army. In June 1944, the new Eighth U.S. Army was formed, and he was transferred to that Command and went overseas to New Guinea. He served overseas for 19 months in the Pacific Theater. During his wartime service in World War II, he rose to the rank of major. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his service in the Pacific Theater.

After serving in the armed forces and following a refresher course at Harvard Law School, Shamberg resumed the practice of law in Kansas City, Kansas in

1949. In 1966, he reorganized the firm under the name of Schnider, Shamberg and May. In 1995, the firm was again reorganized and the name changed to Shamberg, Johnson & Bergman, Chtd. with offices in Kansas City, Missouri and Overland Park, Kansas.

John Shamberg was personal counsel to the two-term Democratic governor of Kansas in the 1970's, Robert B. Docking. He was one of the designated lead counsel in the litigation of claims for the victims of the 1981 catastrophic collapse of the Kansas City Hyatt Regency Hotel skywalks. He was a lawyer member of the Kansas Supreme Court Nominating Commission from 1985 to 1993. He was the first Kansas-based lawyer to be selected by the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association to receive that organization's Dean of the Trial Bar Award in 1997. He served on the Board of Governors of the Kansas Bar Association from 1969 to 1972 and from 1980 to 1990. In 1989, Shamberg received the Distinguished Service Award from the Kansas Bar Association. In 2006, he received the Phil Lewis Medal of Distinction. He was a member of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association and served on its Board of Governors. In 1989, he was its first recipient of the Arthur G. Hodgson Distinguished Service Award, and in 2005, he received the Humanitarian Award. In 1995, the Leavenworth County Bar Association presented him with the Smiling Bull Award, one of the most prestigious awards in the state of Kansas. In 2000, the Johnson County (Kansas) Bar Association conferred its coveted Justinian Award on him for professional excellence. He was a member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, a fellow of the international Academy of trial Lawyers, a member of the Wyandotte County (Kansas) Bar Association, and was listed in The Best Lawyers in America legal directory from 1983-2000. Shamberg was president of the Washburn Law School Association for two terms 1965-1970. In 1984, Washburn University conferred an honorary Doctor of Law degree on him. He was a generous benefactor of the Washburn Law School.

Shamberg belonged to Temple B'nai Jehudah, Kansas City, and served on its Board of Trustees from 1968 to 1971. He was also a member of Temple Beth Torah in Overland Park, Kansas, and of B'nai B'rith, the Jewish men's service organization.

Biographical information taken from Shamberg, Johnson & Bergman, Chtd. website 2009.

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DESCRIPTION:

This collection consists primarily of correspondence between John E. Shamberg, his family and friends. The bulk of the materials pertain to Mr. Shamberg's college years, early career, World War II, and the years immediately following the war. Some personal, military and family records are included as well as photographs, publications and newspaper clippings. Oversize materials include newspapers (1941-1946) and a panoramic photograph of Mr. Shamberg's Officers Candidate School (1942).

INVENTORY:

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| Folder 2 | Hutchinson, Kansas- junior college, class of 1933 |
| Folder 3 | Washburn College, Washburn University, 1936, 1941, 1948 |
| Folder 4 | Washburn College, Directory 1936-1937; Program, school of Music 1939 |
| Folder 5 | Harvard Law School, 1941-1949 |
| Folder 6 | Publications: Topeka, Kansas, 1939-1941 |
| Folder 7 | Publications: "The American Teacher", January 1940; "Why the Jews are Persecuted", reprint from Look, July 18, 1939; "Propaganda Analysis" 1939; "The Jews and the Freemasons. . .", reprint from Liberty, February 10, 17 th , 1940; "The Inside Story. . .", Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith; "Couglin Defiles Lincoln", "Now he does, now he doesn't", Toledo committee Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice, ca. 1940; various other publications: National conference of Christians & Jews, 1939; |

- Cicago Round Table of Christians & Jews, 1939; Univ. of Chicago Roundtable, radio discussion of The Jews, January 28, 1940.
- Folder 8 Miscellaneous: handwritten notes; income tax return (1941); receipts, memorial program- Charles S. Fulton, 1940; business cards, membership cards.
- Folder 9 Power of attorney, June 21, 1944. Helen Shamberg Brabets, to act on behalf of John E. Shamberg while in the armed forces.
- Folder 10 Bank records- John E. Shamberg, 1939-1940
- Folder 11 Bank records- John Shamberg, 1941
- Folder 12 Bank records- Lt. John E. Shamberg, Memphis, TN, 1943
- Folder 13 Bank records- John Shamberg, 1948-1949
- Folder 14 Receipts, bills, 1938-1949
- Folder 15 Programs: Jewish Community Center, Hutchinson, KS. Dedication, Sept. 1, 1950
- Folder 16 Programs: Beth Horon Lodge, B'nai B'rith, May 1, 1955
- Folder 17 Bernard and Matilda Shamberg, valuable personal papers, 1932-1966
- Folder 18 Bernard (Barney) J. Shamberg (1882-1956), obit
- Folder 19 Bernard Shamberg, estate recap, receipts and disbursements and final computation of shares to heirs, 1956-1961
- Folder 20 Shamberg's Men's Clothing, expired insurance, leases, etc. stock receipts, 1952-1954
- Folder 21 Shamberg estate; misc. family papers, 1967-1970
- Folder 22 Publications, pamphlets, miscellaneous
- Folder 23 Handwritten notes, junior legal pads, undated
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- Folder 25 Photographs: picnic ca. 1939
- Folder 26 Photographs: 1923, 1938-1940
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- Folder 33 Award: B'nai B'rith, century club award

BOX 002*PERSONAL/MILITARY RECORDS*

- Folder 1 Record Books, notebooks
- Folder 2 Applications for Commissions-correspondence: War Department, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, F.B.I. (contains genealogical information), 1941, 1942
- Folder 3 Affidavit of Law Practice, December 1941
- Folder 4 604th Engineer Camouflage Battalion, Camp Campbell, Kentucky, December 15-18, 1942
- Folder 5 Notebooks, training notes, 1942-1944
- Folder 6 Military Papers, notes, pamphlets- Major John E. Shamberg, 1944-1945
- Folder 7 Training materials, correspondence, "New York Times" article, May 30, 1943, 1943
- Folder 8 Orders pertaining to service promotions & commissions, 1944-1946
- Folder 9 Official separation papers, War-Navy Departments, 1946
- Folder 10 Reserve officer's information, job inquiries, 1946
- Folder 11 Correspondence, military related, 1946-1951
- Folder 12 Publication: "The Amphibious Eighth", ca. 1945
- Folder 13 Newspaper Clippings: Shamberg family and friends, 1936-1945
- Folder 14 Newspaper Clippings: Topeka State Journal, Topeka Daily Capital, New York Times, New York Post, 1945, 1947, 1948
- Folder 15 Newspaper Clippings: 1942-1958
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- Folder 1 Correspondence- John Shamberg to family, 1934-1940
- Folder 2 Correspondence- John Shamberg to family, 1941-1965
- Folder 3 Correspondence- Bernard (Barney) Shamberg, 1939-1952
- Folder 4 Correspondence- Matilda (Tillie) Shamberg, 1926, 1934, 1941
- Folder 5 Correspondence- Mrs. Edwin (Helen) Shamberg Brabets, Phyllis Shamberg Zien, Daniel Shamberg, undated
- Folder 6 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1928-1937
- Folder 7 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1938

- Folder 8 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1939, 1 of 3
- Folder 9 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1939, 2 of 3
- Folder 10 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1939, 3 of 3
- Folder 11 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1940, 1 of 4
- Folder 12 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1940, 2 of 4
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BOX 004*CORRESPONDENCE / PERSONAL / FAMILY AND FRIENDS*

- Folder 1 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1941, 1 of 4
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- Folder 3 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1941, 3 of 4
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- Folder 5 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1942, 1 of 2
- Folder 6 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1942, 2 of 2
- Folder 7 Correspondence: military related, 1941-1943
- Folder 8 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1943, 1 of 2
- Folder 9 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1943, 2 of 2
- Folder 10 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1944
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- Folder 1 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1947, 1 of 4
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- Folder 3 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1947, 3 of 4
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- Folder 5 Miscellaneous handwritten notes, business cards, 1947
- Folder 6 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1948, 1 of 2
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- Folder 8 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1949
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- Folder 10 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1951

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CORRESPONDENCE / PERSONAL / FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Folder 1 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1954

Folder 2 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1955

Folder 3 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1956

Folder 4 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1957

Folder 5 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1958

Folder 6 Correspondence to John Shamberg, Roslyn Feinberg, 1 of 2

Folder 7 Correspondence to John Shamberg, Roslyn Feinberg, 2 of 2

Folder 8 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1959

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CORRESPONDENCE / PERSONAL / FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Folder 1 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1960, 2 of 2

Folder 2 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1961

Folder 3 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1962

Folder 4 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1964

Folder 5 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1965

Folder 6 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1966

Folder 7 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1967

Folder 8 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1968, 1969, 1970-1981

Folder 9 Correspondence re: Dr. Dereka Dodson, 1980-1981

Folder 10 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1982-1994

Folder 11 Correspondence: Greeting Cards, Postcards, Invitations, Thank-you notes, 1989-

Folder 12 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1995-1998

Folder 13 Correspondence to John Shamberg, 1999, 2001

Folder 14 Correspondence to John Shamberg, undated

Folder 15 Miscellaneous notes, handwritten

BOX 008*LEGAL / PROFESSIONAL / SOCIAL ISSUES*

- Folder 1 Admission to Bar, State of Kansas, June 24, 1937; Supreme Court of Kansas, U.S. Supreme Court, passes, 1937-1941
- Folder 2 Application for admission to practice law in U.S. District Court, Kansas, Dec. 22, 1941
- Folder 3 Correspondence re: practicing law in Colorado, Texas, California; 1946, 1947, 1948: Directory of lawyers, Denver, CO. 1946: Directory of the bar, K.C. MO, 1946
- Folder 4 New York State Bar Papers, 1947
- Folder 5 Executive Training Department, Macy's- refresher training, John Shamberg, Mr. Newkirk
- Folder 6 Practicing Law Institute- Corporate Practice, Brief Writing and appeals, 1947
- Folder 7 Correspondence, professional, 1938-1940
- Folder 8 Correspondence, professional, 1941-1948
- Folder 9 Correspondence, professional, Bresee College note, 1938-1940
- Folder 10 Legal Files- John Shamberg, contents of folder, zoning map, Hutchinson, KS. 1938, correspondence, 1938-1939
- Folder 11 Legal Files- John Shamberg; Mr. Garrity, 1938
- Folder 12 Legal Files- John Shamberg, Mr. Smithson, 1938
- Folder 13 Legal Files- John Shamberg, Mr. McVey, 1938
- Folder 14 Legal Files- John Shamberg, Mr. Randolph, 1938
- Folder 14a Legal Files- John Shamberg, 1939
- Folder 15 Legal Files- John Shamberg, 1940
- Folder 16 Material on New Federal Rules, 1940
- Folder 17 Legal Files- John Shamberg, notes, 1941
- Folder 17a Legal Files- John Shamberg, 1941
- Folder 18 Handwritten Notes, 1942
- Folder 19 Legal notes, calculations, Spanish lessons, undated
- Folder 20 Writings: "A Square Deal for the Court:", Robert H. Jackson, April 9, 1940; "Twelve Months under the New Rules of Civil Procedures", Alexander Holtzoff, Sept. 22, 1938; "Transcript of testimony of Dr. Theodore J. Kreps on Cartels. . .". January 15, 1940

- Folder 21 Writings: "The Bricker Amendment would be Harmful!" Schuyler W. Jackson (dean of the law school, Washburn University), 1953
- Folder 22 Report: Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith, December 19, 1957
- Folder 23 Stock Purchase Agreement, May 1, 1978
- Folder 24 Invitation: Presidential Inauguration, 1989
- Folder 25 Writing: "Fear of Living", Henry Fairlie, March 13, 1989
- Folder 26 Bank Registers, 1977-1984
- Folder 27 Shamberg, Johnson, Bergman, 1994-2001
- Folder 28 American Jewish Historical Society, 2000
- Folder 29 Anti-Semitism
- Folder 30 Israel

BOX 009*PUBLICATIONS*

- Folder 1 *Allagaroo*, Hutchinson Kansas High School, yearbook, 1930
- Folder 2 *Allagaroo*, Hutchinson Kansas High School, yearbook, 1931
- Folder 3 Gregg Typing Techniques, 1932; The Century Handbook of Writing, 1928
- Folder 4 United States Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, interpretative bulletins, 1938-1939, 1941
- Folder 5 Lawyer's Desk Book for the Bar of Jackson County, MO, 1938
- Folder 6 Pamphlets; legal, business, 1932-1947
- Folder 7 Publications re. legal issues, 1940-1942
- Folder 8 Pamphlets; socialism, civil rights, 1941, 1947
- Folder 9 Bulletin: New School for Social Research, New York, 1947-1948
- Folder 10 "The Labor Magazine", July 1941
- Folder 11 Pamphlets; Washington, D.C., 1941
- Folder 12 "The National Jewish Monthly", May 1940, Oct. 1940, Oct. 1941, April 1942
- Folder 13 "The Watchtower", Oct. 15, 1941; "Facts about Osteopathy", 1938
- Folder 14 The Journal of the Bar Association of the State of Kansas, Nov. 1936, Aug. 1940, Feb. 1941
- Folder 15 The Journal of the Bar Association of the State of Kansas, May 1941, Aug. 1941
- Folder 16 Kansas Association of Plaintiff's Attorneys, November 28, 1952

- Folder 17 How Our Laws Are made by Charles J. Zinn, 1956; Our American Government. . .1955
- Folder 18 Judaism, Winter 1995; Jewish Studies, 1998; Misc. Judaica
- Folder 19 Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy, 12th Annual Civic Service Award dinner, June 2, 1985

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The Kansas City Star, June 11, 1941

The Kansas City Star, February 1, 1942

Nippon Times, Tuesday, September 25, 1945

Nippon Times, Tokyo, January 30,31 1946

Nippon Times, Tokyo, February 1,2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 1946

Order of DeMolay, Degree, November 25, 1929

Certificate: The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, August 30, 1939.

Invitation to picnic and week-end event, April 27-29, 1934. Alpha Theta chapter of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity.

PANORAMIC PHOTOGRAPH (in office)

Co. O Officer Candidate School

Second Engineer School Regiment, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, Sept. 1942

R.C. Pfeil, Captain C.E. Commanding

ARTIFACTS

Small paperboard box: Genuine Tungsten ignition contacts. Handwritten note on end: Chrysler, De-Soto, Dodge, Plymouth.

Justrite Indelible Black Ink Set for Rubber Stamping cloth, issued to Capt. J.E. Shamberg

Rubber Stamp. Capt. J.E. Shamberg 01103923

Small blue mirror glass Art Deco picture frame with silver metal corners.

Hollow brown ball with red peg in one side

Military issue green suitcase, with clothes. Identified J.E. Shamberg 01103923