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**JOHN T. FRITSCHÉ  
COLLECTION, 1885–1961**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 1 manuscript folder, 1 oversize manuscript folder, 1 black and white photo folder, 1 black and white OVA photo folder

**COLLECTION DATES:** 1885–1961

**PROVENANCE:** Darvin G. Hartzell, CPA, Harrison, AR; October 2007, April 2008

**RESTRICTIONS:** None

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**ALTERNATE FORMATS:**

**RELATED HOLDINGS:**

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**NOTES:**

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

John Thomas Fritsche was born to Reinhold Fritsche and Margaret Gunger on 14 November 1889 in Indiana. He graduated from Shortridge High School in 1906. On 5 September 1908, Fritsche filed a patent application for a mower. The U.S. Patent Office patented the J.T. Fritsche mower on 12 October 1909. Fritsche married Ethel Hasely on 23 August 1911 in Marion County, Indiana. He was listed as working as a credit manager at a department store and as a building contractor. In 1961, he was registered as a Public Accountant in Ohio. Fritsche died on 27 August 1978 in Avon, Ohio.

Christian Fritsche married Emma M. Wilson on 13 April 1874. In March 1885, the couple signed a mortgage with Wilbur A Hanna for two hundred and twenty dollars. Later, in May of the same year, they signed a mortgage with John S. Spann and Co., Real Estate, Loan and Insurance Agents, for three hundred dollars. They paid off the loan in September 1888.

Sources:

Collection materials.

Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941, via Ancestry.com

Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1932, 1938-2007, via Ancestry.com

1900, 1920, 1930, and 1940 U.S. Federal Censuses, via Ancestry.com

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains materials related to John Thomas Fritsche and the Fritsche family. This includes two mortgages signed by Christian and Emma Fritsche, dated 31 March 1885 and 5 May 1885. There is also a receipt for the 5 May 1885 mortgage with handwritten payment information on the back. Other materials include a Shortridge High School diploma for John T. Fritsche, a J.T. Fritsche mower patent, and a public accountant registration certificate for John T. Fritsche. Finally, the collection contains photographs of John and Ethel Fritsche, John's company building on the west side of Cleveland, Ohio, and an unidentified family.

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Shortridge high school diploma, 1906

Family photo, n.d.

Photos, ca. 1910–20; n.d.

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