

## Finding Aid

**Date Range:** 1946-1989

**Creator:** Leonard Singer, Louise Singer, and Betty Singer

**Containers:** 9 storage boxes, 10 3/4"x12 3/4" x 10 1/2"

**Storage Location:** Off-site Storage

**Aid Created By:** Karen Vick, volunteer

### **Biographical Information:**

This collection was donated by Betty Singer, of Wayne, NJ. on behalf of her father, M. (Murray) Leonard Singer. Leonard Singer and his wife developed a corporation consisting of publishing the periodical, Locksmith Ledger. They also published various related publications, including the Technical Home Studies School, Security Systems Management School, Typewriter Repair and The Academy of Millinery Design. The magazine, Auto Glass Journal, was also part of Mr. Singer's business. The name Singer Communications Corporation was also associated with these businesses. Some ads from these businesses are included in this collection.

Betty Singer has documented that in the mid-60s her father, Leonard Singer, had a business relationship with Robert Woletz. Together they created a lock which could secure a typewriter or other business device to a table so it could not be stolen. They sold this item through their company, Bolen Industries (derived from Bob – Bo and Leonard – Len), in Hackensack, NJ. This collection includes some ads for Bolen.

Betty Singer believes that her father created the concept of a Readers Service, a card attached to a Locksmith Ledger magazine. If the reader circled an item on the card and returned it, he would be sent information on that product.

Leonard Singer was a history buff, and the Ledger publications often included historical cover pages, photos, and articles.

### **Scope and Content:**

The Leonard Singer Locksmith Ledger Collection consists of copies of the Locksmith Ledger magazine, from August 1946 through December 1989. A few months are missing in that date range. Also included are various miscellaneous booklets published by the Locksmith Ledger, on

topics of interest to locksmiths. There are prints of some advertisements from businesses associated with Leonard Singer, and other correspondence.

**Series:**

The oldest Locksmith Ledger magazines are loosely wrapped in twine (actually shoelaces!). More recent copies are either bound in binders or bound into book form. Miscellaneous booklets, advertisements and correspondence are loose documents.

For further inquiry into the Singer family, researchers should check the Louise and Leonard Singer Collection (2013.014).

**Restrictions:**

Due to the sensitive nature of the Leonard Singer Locksmith Ledger Collection, restrictions have been placed on its accessibility to researchers. This request was placed by the donor and accepted by the Board of Trustees. Researchers who would like access to the collection should apply in writing, stating the purpose and direction of their research. Final approval will be given by PCHS staff and the Board of Trustees.