

# 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.

**Collection Inventory****Correspondence*****Folder 1***

October 3, 1876 To Mrs. J. O. Sloan (Fannie Madison Breedon Sloan);  
From H. Clay Breedon  
Health, travels by stagecoach, food along his  
journey, and fiancé, genealogical info written by  
someone on letter and envelope

August 10, 1888 To Clifton B. Sloan; From Fannie M. Sloan (mother)  
Paris, Kentucky, Coney Island, and family –  
envelope included

N. D. – [March 4, 1896] To Mr. Will Paxton; From Fannie M. Sloan  
Marshall family information

March 6, 1896 To Fannie M. Sloan; From William M. Paxton  
Response to previous letter about Marshall and  
Breedon families

March 6, 1900 To Miss A. M. Breedon; From P. B. [Boninger]  
Marshall family information

March 17, 1900 To Miss Anne W. M. Breedon; From H. M. Marshall  
Marshall family information

***Folder 2***

April 7, 1900 To A. B. Fullerton; From William Herndon  
Madison family information

April 18, 1900 To A. M. Breedon; From H. M. Marshall  
Marshall/Madison family

April 24, 1900 To A. B. Fullerton; From William Herndon  
Madison family information

August 12, 1900 To A. M. Breedon; From H. M. Marshall  
His career and life

September 26, 1900 To A. B. Fullerton; From William Herndon

***Folder 3***

August 18, 1902 To Clifton B. Sloan; From William Breedon

December 4, 1905 To Clifton B. Sloan; From J. Paul Emrey  
Request for subscription to "Home Builder"

August 24, 1906 To Clifton B. Sloan; From James W. Noel  
Statement of expenses

December 5, 1906 To Clifton B. Sloan; From James W. Noel  
Acknowledgement of receipt of check

***Folder 4***

January 14, 1917 To Fannie Sloan; From William Breedon  
Breedon family information, Madison, Marshall

March 16, 1907 To Fannie Sloan; From William Breedon

Madison family pencil sketches (2) – not with letter, Breeden's and Marshall's

May 15, 1907 To Fannie Sloan; From William Breeden  
Family histories, family updates

November 23, 1908 To Clifton Sloan; From Fannie Sloan  
Writes about invention of wax strings for sealing in cans

**Folder 5**

December 1, 1908 To Fannie Sloan; From Clifton Sloan  
Wax strings invention, with envelope

December 6, 1908 To Clifton Sloan; From Fannie Sloan  
Acknowledges receipt of sketch of wax string invention, family updates

January 23, 1909 To Fannie Sloan; From Clifton Sloan  
Updates on himself

December 22, 1910 To M. A. Hoar; From Clifton Sloan  
Christmas greetings

December 23, 1911 To Mrs. David I. Hoar; From Clifton Sloan  
Christmas greetings, business news

**Folder 6**

December 31, 1910 To Ms. Sloan; From D. I. Hoar  
Christmas greetings, updates

August 24, 1911 To Mother Sloan; From Charles A. Dryer  
Family updates

December 20, 1911 To Mr. and Mrs. Clifton B. Sloan; From Mary A. Hoar  
Christmas card with envelope

January 10, 1912 To Clifton B. Sloan; From Mary A. Hoar  
Family history

**Folder 7**

May 1, 1912 To Mrs. J. O. Sloan; From William M. Paxton  
Clipping of To The Bride and Groom

May 20, 1912 To Fannie M. Sloan; From William M. Paxton  
Marshall family history, with envelope

May 28, 1912 To Fannie B. Sloan; From William M. Paxton  
Whittington Family information

June 10, 1912 To Secretary of War; From Mrs. John O. Sloan  
Asking for information on Caleb Breeden

August 14, 1912 To Fannie M. Sloan; From William M. Paxton  
Marshall family history, includes the lineage of Governor Thomas R. Marshall (part of a letter from the governor)

August 15, 1912 To Fannie M. Sloan; From William M. Paxton  
Clipping of High Heaven Is the Universe by William Paxton, with envelope

August 29, 1912 To Fannie M. Sloan; From William M. Paxton  
Sloan family information, includes clipping About  
Our Ancestors, with envelope

September 27, 1912 To Fannie M. Sloan; From William M. Paxton  
Information on Lucy Goode White, includes  
clipping and envelope

October 21, 1912 To Clifton B. Sloan; From Waldo Preston Breeden  
Wedding announcement of Wilhelmina Jane Orr  
and Waldo Preston Breeden, with envelope

September 6, 1912 To the County Recorder, Charles M. Lee; From Mrs. J.  
O. Sloan  
Inquiry of marriage between John Madison  
Breeden and Ann Marshall Whittington, with  
envelope

**Folder 8**

November 9, 1912 To Charles N. Young; From Mary A. Hoar  
Family visit information, with envelope

November 26, 1912 To Mary A. Hoar; From "C"  
Family updates

July 29, 1913 To Fannie M. Sloan; From William M. Paxton  
Trying to find connection with Thomas Riley  
Marshall to family

December 19, 1913 To Clifton B. Sloan; From [Mannie Sloan]  
Family updates, Christmas greetings with  
envelope

December 30, 1913 To Clifton B. Sloan; From Hal Clay Breeden  
Genealogical chart for Breedens, Christmas  
greetings, with envelope

**Folder 9**

January 1, 1914 To Clifton B. Sloan; From M. A. Breeden  
Breeden family chart errors, with envelope

January 5, 1914 To Clifton B. Sloan; From Waldo P. Breeden  
Thanks for the Breeden chart, with envelope

January 13, 1914 To Clifton B. Sloan; From William Breeden  
Corrections to chart, clippings enclosed "About  
Our Ancestors" and "An Anecdote of John  
Marshall"

April 19, 1916 To Mary Hoar; From Clifton B. Sloan  
Easter greetings, question of Scotch ancestry

**Folder 10**

April 29, 1916 To Clifton B. Sloan; From Mary A. Hoar  
Reply to letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> about James Graham,  
with envelope

May 1, 1916 To Mary Hoar; From Ella M. Queen or Zuein?  
Letter mentioned previously about Graham

May 12, 1916	To Mary Hoar; From R. L. Given Scotch ancestry question
May 16, 1916	To Clifton B. Sloan; From Mary A. Hoar James Graham connection, with envelope
May 22, 1916	To Mary A. Hoar; From Clifton B. Sloan Family genealogy information
August 16, 1916	To Mary A. Hoar; From Clifton B. Sloan Family news
<b>Folder 11</b>	
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 Refers to the Lillie Lewis Woods letter above, with envelope
April 17, 1917	To Mary A. Hoar; From Clifton B. Sloan Family history information
<b>Folder 12</b>	
May 4, 1917	To Clifton B. Sloan; From Anna Hordy Family information
May 23, 1917	To Mrs. Hortense Sergeant Traber; From Anna M. Breedon Family information, with envelope
July 8, 1917	To Mrs. Hortense Sergeant Traber; From Anna M. Breedon Discussion of family including Clifton Sloan
May 30, 1917	To Clifton B. Sloan; From Hortense Sergeant Traber Suggested by Anna Breedon that Hortense write Sloan about family information
<b>Folder 13</b>	
June 1, 1917	To Hortense Sergeant Traber; From Clifton B. Sloan Genealogical research on Madison family with chart of the Madison Family
June 6, 1917	To Clifton B. Sloan; From Mrs. H. L. Traber Madison genealogy research
August 11, 1917	To Mrs. Mary A. Hoar; From Clifton B. Sloan Sloan genealogical chart
October 31, 1917	To Mr. H. Clay Breedon; From Clifton B. Sloan Regards to Breedon and Marshall family charts, Madison family information
<b>Folder 14</b>	
November 9, 1917	To Clifton B. Sloan; From Henry Clay Breedon Breedon family, includes Brief Record and Origin of Breedon Family, envelope
April 4, 1918	To Mary A. Hoar; From Clifton B. Sloan

Family news, mention of the war and how it is affecting the architect business

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)  
References above letter and includes clipping  
and envelope

April 6, 1918 To Cora Case Porter; From Clifton B. Sloan  
Sloan and Given ancestry, 2 copies

April 6, 1918 To Mrs. Clarence Lemmon (Elva); From Clifton B. Sloan  
Sloan family, 2 copies

**Folder 15**

April 6, 1918 To Anna Lewis Kelley; From Clifton B. Sloan  
Lewis, Sloan, Ottenkirk families, blueprint

December 10, 1920 To Annie; From Aunt Blanche  
Family updates

December 10, 1920 To Clifton B. Sloan; From Annie  
Family updates and Christmas greetings

**Folder 16**

August 15, 1921 To Clifton B. Sloan; From Henry Clay Breeden  
Grave markers information on family members

August 20, 1921 To H. Clay Breeden; From Clifton B. Sloan  
Grave marker blueprints and bids

August 25, 1921 To Clifton B. Sloan; From H. Clay Breeden  
Grave markers bid and thank-you, article of  
agreement

November 3, 1921 To Clifton B. Sloan; From H. Clay Breeden  
Discusses building boom in KC, grave marker  
update

**Folder 17**

December 14, 1921 To Clifton B. Sloan; From H. Clay Breeden  
Grave marker bill, family update, envelope

January 17, 1922 To Clifton B. Sloan; From H. Clay Breeden  
Johnson and Sons bill, envelope

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

- Wedding announcement of her daughter Virginia Margaret Burmister to Ralph Rugherford Dresel, envelope
- May 11, 1926 To Clerk of the Probate Court; From Clifton B. Sloan  
Request for Hoar will
- May 13, 1926 To Clifton B. Sloan; From R. Munzer, Register  
Request for payment for copy of will
- May 15, 1926 To R. Munzer; From Clifton B. Sloan  
Payment of \$10 for will
- Folder 18**  
January 20, 1928 To Clifton B. Sloan; From Ann B. Fullerton  
Updates, envelope
- July 23, 1928 To Clifton B. Sloan; From Ann B. Fullerton  
Enclosed family notes with letter, envelope
- August 8, 1928 To Jas. D. Cusenbary; From Clifton B. Sloan  
Return of \$1, confusion as to the gesture, after  
architectural plans had been made
- Folder 19**  
August 27, 1937 To Clifton B. Sloan; From Ardella Sloan  
Updates and Uncle Hall's illness, envelope
- June 5, ? To Clifton B. Sloan; From Fannie  
Family updates, thanks for family chart
- n. d. To Clifton B. Sloan; From Fannie  
Work prospects, updates
- August 16, 1938 To Clifton B. Sloan; From Mrs. Charles A. Dryer  
Thanks for gift, ideas for selling boxes, updates
- May 1920 envelope with no letter

### **Genealogical Materials**

**Folder 20**  
Breedon family, notes

**Folder 21**  
Graham family, charts

**Folder 22**  
Lewis family, chart and notes

**Folder 23**  
Madison family, charts and notes

**Folder 24**  
Madison family, charts and notes

**Folder 25**  
Marshall family, charts and notes

**Folder 26**  
Sloan family, chart, notes, and memoriam of Fannie Sloan (3 copies)

## Legal and Financial Documents

### **Folder 27**

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

## Clippings

### **Folder 28**

Madison genealogy, n. d.

Mustard Pickle recipe, n. d.

String beans, Oriental Style recipe, n. d.

"What You Cannot Do." poem, n. d.

"The Lost Chord." poem, n. d.

"Let Her Vote." poem, n. d.

"The Book of Life." poem, n. d.

"The Bridge," poem, 1912

Funeral of Judge Breeden, October 27, 1916

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.

"The Pilot's Daughter, Faith and Works" by William 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

"About Our Ancestors, Famous Families of the South—The Morgan Family," n. d. (from *Southern Woman's Magazine*)

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