

THE GERMAN AMERICAN COLLECTION— MANUSCRIPTS

I. GERMAN SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA

The collection of materials pertaining to the German Society of Pennsylvania is massive and includes the official minutes, membership lists, accounting ledgers, publications, statutes, the official act to incorporate the society, society reports, anniversary commemorations, copies of the German Society of Pennsylvania Yearbook, catalogs, and materials pertaining to the society's library, etc. The materials date from the society's founding (1764) through the twentieth century.

II. GAC MANUSCRIPTS (CATALOGED) I

[Note: There is a complete Shelf-List (made of photocopies of the cards) located on the shelf at the beginning of this section.]

Notable entries:

Protocols of the Tischler-Unterstützungsverein (9 June 1860–12 January 1867)

Mosheimische Gesellschaft zu Philadelphia. Abhandlungen. (12 September 1789–28 July 1792)

Report of Casualties in the 98th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers (1865)

Pennsylvania Militia Legion Cashbook (1865)

Protocols of the Philadelphia-Journalisten-Verein (10 May 1885–3 April 1898)

Items pertaining to the Künstlerverein des Namenlosen

Items pertaining to Singing Festivals and Singing Societies (ca. 1856–1913)

Pastorius, Francis Daniel, "Res Propriae: Kürtzer Lebens Lauff meiner Eltern und mein Selbst" [Manuscript] (Germantown, Pa., 1692)

Kellpius, Johann, Journal dating from 1694 [Photostatic reproduction]

Short biographies, photographs, and a recital program of Carl Gärtner
Saul, Erich, "Meine Jahre im Dienst in deutschen Gemeinden und unter deutschen Seeleuten, Einwanderern und Flüchtlingen" [Saul worked in Philadelphia from 1912 to 1942 and in Boyertown from 1942 to 1952] [undated]

Fick, Heinrich H., "Zwischen Anfang und Ende: mein Leben" [undated]

Dorsch, Eduard, "Dr. Schäfers Valentine. Ein Lustspiel" [undated]

III. GAC MANUSCRIPTS (CATALOGED) II

[Note: This section is comprised of two boxes: one is marked "Manuscripts (2) AE 78–AJ 410," and the other is marked "Manuscripts (2) AM 316.3–AN 7030.3."]

[Note: There is a complete Shelf-List of GAC Manuscripts (Cataloged) II (made of photocopies of the cards) located in each of the two boxes.]

Notable entries:

Various items pertaining to the German Society of Pennsylvania (ca. 1923–1964)

Various items pertaining to music and singing societies (ca. 1849–1874)

Huch, C. F., "Geschichte des Sängerbundes und Mitgliederlisten der älteren Gesangvereine in Philadelphia" [dated 1899]

"Petition to Congress Concerning Emigration" [manuscript from the Baltimore Convention, 1868]

Biographical sketch of Dr. Constantine Hering compiled by his daughter, Odelia Hering Pope [n.d.]

Verfassung der Deutschen freien Gemeinde von Philadelphia [n.d.]

IV. GAC MANUSCRIPTS (CATALOGED) III

[Note: This section is comprised of two boxes: one marked "Box I: AA–AM" and another marked "Box II: AN–AXB."]

[Note: There is a complete Shelf-List of GAC Manuscripts (Cataloged) III (made of photocopies of the cards) located in each of the two boxes.]

Notable entries:

Certificat der Mitgliedschaft der Deutschen Gesellschaft von Pennsylvanien (27 December 1784)

Letter from Theodor Heuss to Herman Witte (1958)

Elliot's Indian Bible [Specimen] (Philadelphia, Pa.: Andrew Bradford, 1719)

V. GAC MANUSCRIPTS (NON-CATALOGED)

1. Heinrich Muhlenberg writings
Three items (ca. 1774)
Includes a report of the committee for the German Society of Pennsylvania
2. Analysis textbook of Oswald Seidensticker
A handwritten copy of “Analysis bei Herr Prof. Ulrich” made by Oswald Seidensticker between 1844 and 1845
3. Johann Heinrich Keppeler Family Book
Includes poetry written in English, including a humorous poem titled, “A Sneeze”
4. Pamphlets and other items pertaining to choirs
5. *Ein Schöne und wol gegründte Lionied vellei Ergangei und verlossnei geschichten gern und lieblich zu hören und mit höchstem vleiß zusammen getragen und zu wegen gebracht* [A handwritten book from 1575]
6. *Morgen Lieder*
A handwritten collection
7. *Haus-Chronik der Familie Grzybowski in Porträts und Ansichten von Heimstätten: Gesammelt von Paul Grzybowski* (Frankfurt a.M., 1903)
8. *Geheime Gericht*
An original collection of drawings depicting explicit torture [appears to have been made to look old]
9. Prince Henry of Prussia in America
A special edition book commemorating the visit of Prince Henry of Prussia (brother of Kaiser Wilhelm II) to the United States during 1902
10. Max Heinrici Manuscripts
A collection of typewritten manuscripts (with handwritten edits) by Max Heinrici. The manuscripts are historiographic sketches of a variety of subjects—from personalities, such as George Washington and members of the German Society of Pennsylvania, and of institutions—of which various facets of the German Society of Pennsylvania are particularly prominent. The material is most helpful in providing a window into the German Society of Pennsylvania from 1915–1935.
11. *Westliche Post* (Newspaper from St. Louis, Mo.)

12. Miscellaneous Manuscripts

Includes:

1. *Die Locomotive: Neue Fliegende Blätter aus Amerika: Mit 150 Original=Zeichnungen von C. H. Schmolze, Peter Krämer und anderen der ersten jetztlebenden deutschen Künstler* (Newspaper)
Place: Philadelphia, Pa.
Editor: Adolf Strodtmann
Publisher: A. Strodtmann & A. Kettlerlinus
Date: 1853
2. *Lancaster Journal* (Newspaper)
Issue: 9 October 1802
3. Austrian Industry—various items (ca. 1946)
4. *Fliegende Vögel* (Newspaper)
[Includes a manuscript of notes based on the text]
Publisher: Deutsch-Amerikanischer Freiheitsbund
Issue: No. 4, 1863
5. *Fliegende Vögel* (Newspaper)
[Includes original manuscript titled: "Berisserter Generalbass zur Melodie der fliegenden Vögel no. 1" by G. Fincke]
Publisher: Deutsch-Amerikanischer Freiheitsbund
Issue: No. 1, 1863
6. Palmer Cemetery (Kensington, Pa.) Burial Ground Register (ca. 1765)
7. Membership and Officer List and Attendance Lists—Various Singing and Choral Societies (ca. 1894–1900)
8. Der Pommerschen Ritterschaft Privilegien
 - A. Fürstliche Declaration über die Privilegien so der Ritterschaft in Länder zu Pommern
 - B. Liber Primus de Pomeraniae Antiquitate Caput Primum Sclavia duplex (ca. 1713 [?])
9. *Der unpartheyische Readinger Adler* (Newspaper)
Place: Reading, Pa.
Issue: 8 January 1799

13. Miscellaneous Manuscripts II

1. *Der unabhängige Republikaner* (newspaper)
Place: Allentown, Pa.
Issue: 29 October 1836

2. Various loose manuscripts (bulk from 1820s and 1830s) of minutes, etc., from various German societies including the German Society of Pennsylvania, Deutsche Ansiedlungsgesellschaft, and the German American Historical Society (ca. late nineteenth century for the latter)
 3. Blueprint for proposed Pastorius Monument in Vernon Park, Germantown.
 4. Various other loose documents
14. Large Items
1. Photograph of the Bärenriege von Sauthwark Turn-Verein Philadelphia 2.
Austro-American Relief Society (ca. 1920s)
Various items
 3. *Die Germantowner Zeitung*, 29 September 1790
 4. Survey Drawing of German Society Building [Fragment] (ca. 1889 [?])
 5. Drawing of German Society Hall and Library (ca. 1889 [?])
 6. Certificate presented to the Francis Daniel Pastorius Anniversary Committee by the Mayor of Windsheim (Bavaria, Germany) (1951)
 7. Photocopy of newspaper *Die Stimme des Volks, und allgemeiner Bekanntmacher* (15 June 1849)
Place: Orwigsburg (Schuylkill County), Pa.
Publisher: Charles Frailey
 8. Verses with marginal drawings translated from the German by the author, Ferdinand Moras (A gift presented by the author to the German Society of Pennsylvania.)
[Original manuscript with original illustrations]
[Philadelphia, Pa., 1903]
 9. File marked "Enclosure from Martin Luther Bible 1776" (dated 1877)
15. Prince Henry Scrapbook I

Contains twenty items pertaining the visit of Prince Henry of Prussia to the United States in 1902. The collection includes mounted photographs with letters from Prince Henry, Theodore Roosevelt, a photograph and accompanying autograph of Kaiser

Wilhelm II of Germany. Plus many prints and photographs pertaining specifically to the dinner held in the Waldorf-Astoria New York sponsored by the *New Yorker Staats-Zeitung* to the American Press with Prince Henry as the guest of honor on 26 February 1902. A number of the prints contain photographs and autographed letters of prominent personalities (including, among others, Herman Ridder, William C. Bryant, Charles Emory Smith, Edward Uhl, and German Ambassador von Holleben).

16. Prince Henry Scrapbook II

Contains twelve items pertaining the visit of Prince Henry of Prussia to the United States in 1902. The collection includes a seating chart, menu, program, addresses, and newspaper articles of the 26 February 1902 dinner held in the Waldorf-Astoria New York sponsored by the *New Yorker Staats-Zeitung* to the American Press with Prince Henry as the guest of honor.

17. Dreier Family

Composition books with handwritten collections of biblical notes, etc., (mostly religiously themed items) of various members of the Dreier family (ca. 1808–1849). Includes the diary of Theodor Dreier (1849).