

Frank-Klein Collection
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LOCATION: 8 B 3

ACQUISITION: This collection was donated by Sue Edwards in February 2005.
Additional materials donated in 2006.

ACCESS: Restricted access: materials fragile; access by request at Main Library Special Collections only; material does not circulate.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Materials belonged to donor's father: Alfons Frank (d. 2000 in Columbus) and her mother, Hedwig Klein Frank. Hedwig's father was Joseph Klein. Contains photographs, documents, books, and artifacts pertaining to the Frank and Klein families and several Akron's German Societies, including the Akron Maennerchor.

Container list:

1 photograph box

2 document boxes

1 artifact box

Other miscellaneous books and materials

Box 1

SERIES 1: Materials about the Frank Family

SUBSERIES: Papers

Folder #1

Alfons Frank Baptism record

Recommendation from work, Alfons passed apprenticeship, letter of June 1, 1928

Social Security cards for Alfons Frank and prayer card

Passport for Alfons Frank

Marriage Certificate for Alfons Frank and Hedwig L. Klein

Workmen's Compensation papers for Alfons Frank

2 church programs

Birth Certificate for Alfons Frank

2 booklets (Zeugnisheft)

Death Certificate for Alfons Frank

Auzug aus dem Geburtsregister (for Alfons Frank)

United States of America Certificate of Citizenship for Alfons Frank

Photo of Frank family (photocopy)

Photo of Max & Luise's Wedding (photocopy)

Photo of Frank Family Gathering (photocopy)

Assorted papers on family events and Frank family history

SERIES 2: Materials about the Klein Family

SUBSERIES: Papers

Folder #2

Confirmation Certificate for Gertrude Eitler

Freut euch des Lebens! (Gertrude Klein's booklet)

Certificate of Birth Registration, Hedwig Louise Klein

Death Certificate, Hedwig L. Frank

Confirmation papers for Hedwig Louise Klein (Frank) – April 1, 1928

Church program

Social Security cards and prayer cards

Papers regarding the Klein family history

Assorted high school mementos belonging to Hedwig Klein, including high school diploma, high school newsletter, certificates, class photos and newspaper clippings

SERIES 3: Miscellaneous from Gertrude Eitler Klein

Folder #3

Edelweiss

“My Mother's Letter Written in Pensacola”

Telegram printed by Karl Eitler, in Achern, Germany

SERIES 4: Materials about Akron's German Singing Societies

Folder #4

2 pamphlets of music with lyrics from Die Musikanten, a store specializing in spirited German/American music

1 small songbook

Folder #5

4 small songbooks

Folder #6

2 small songbooks

2 prayer books

Folder #7

Sheet music and lyric sheets

Folder #8

Al Frank's music

Folder #9

Rezept für ein gutes Jahr 1989 (Recipe for a Happy New Year 1989)

Psalm in German and English

Pages 3 and 4 of the *Akron Beacon Journal*, September 6, 1939

SERIES 5: Germany

Folder #10

Church cemetery records

Die Grenzen der vier Besatzungszonen Deutschlands (map of Germany)

Box #2

SERIES 6: Photographs

DESCRIPTIVE NOTE: Photographs in envelopes #35-95 were originally in 3 photo albums. Photo album #1 are envelopes 35-43. Photo album #2 are envelopes 44-68. Photo album #3 are envelopes 69-95. Some photographs were taken in Germany. Many photographs were taken in America.

Envelopes: 1-114

Envelope 1: 4 x 6 Two Oldest Eitler Sisters

Envelope 2: 4 x 6 Gertrude Eitler Klein and Elizabeth

Envelope 3: 4 x 6 Gertrude Eitler
Envelope 4: 4 x 6 All 3 Eitler Sisters
Envelope 5: 4 x 6 Chauffeur Joseph Klein
Envelope 6: 4 x 6 Family photo on wedding day
Envelope 7: 5 x 7 Gertrude Eitler – Raised in house attached to business
Envelope 8: 5 x 7 Joseph, Gertrude and Elizabeth Klein
Envelope 9: 5 x 7 Chauffeur Joseph Klein
Envelope 10: 5 x 7 Gertrude Eitler, Achem, Germany
Envelope 11: 8 x 10 Hedy Frank with Milton J. Rhoad
Envelope 12: 8 x 10 M. J. Rhoad, Hedy Frank, M. F. Gillespie
Envelope 13: 8 x 10 Hedy Frank and C. S. Pyne
Envelope 14: 8 x 10 Milton J. Rhoad and Hedy Frank, March 1968
(3 photographs of 3 poses)
Envelope 15: 8 x 10 Hedy Frank receives 15-year pin, June 1, 1966
Envelope 16: 8 x 10 Joseph Alois Klein
Envelope 17: 5 x 7 Professor Van Steenhoven and Alfons Frank, March 1944
Envelope 18: 3¼ x 4½ Group photo, October 30, 1954
Envelope 19: 5 x 7 Group photo, including Gertrude and Joseph Klein
Envelope 20: 5 x 7 Group photo, including Hedwig Frank and Alfons Frank
Envelope 21: 5 x 7 A. Frank, Oct. 1943
Envelope 22: 3½ x 5 Joseph Alois Klein and Susan Frank (Edwards),
Summer 1940
Envelope 23: 4 x 6 Phillip MacGregor (and pamphlet with excerpts from reviews)
Envelope 24: 8 x 10 Man with Microphone
Envelope 25: Frank family, November 1941
Envelope 26: 8 x 10 Susan Louise Frank Edwards and Jean Karen Frank Emery
Envelope 27: 8 x 10 Photo of Akron Maennerchor Club, 1946
Envelope 28: 8 x 10 Joe Zoller and 2 Men, 6/6/54
Envelope 29: 8 x 10 Ladies Chorus
Envelope 30: 8 x 10 Alfons Frank at Columbus Maennerchor, October 1973
Envelope 31: 8 x 10 Ladies Chorus (proof)
Envelope 32: 8 x 10 Executive Committee
Envelope 33: 8 x 10 70th Anniversary of Akron Maennerchor, October 12, 1946
Envelope 34: 8 x 10 Photo of Men's Choir, 1946
Envelopes 35-43: From photo album 1
Envelopes 44-68: From photo album 2
Envelopes 69-95: From photo album 3
Envelope 96: 10 x 14 Early German named businesses, including Eitler name.
Envelope 97: 12 x 14: Wedding photo, Alfons and Hedwig Frank, 9 June 1934
Envelope 98: 3 x 5 Wedding photo, Dale and Susan (Frank) Edwards,
27 Dec 1959
Envelope 99: 3 x 5 Frank Family photo, 1941
Envelope 100: 3 x 5 Wedding photo, Robert and Jean (Frank) Emery, 24 Nov
1961
Envelope 101: 3 x 5 Family photo, "4 generations" members of the Eitler, Frank,
and Klein families, June 1939

Envelope 102: 3 x 5 "At home in Pensacola, FL" no date
Envelope 103: 3 x 5 Joseph Alois Klein at his home in North Hill, 1918
Envelope 104: 5 x 7 Jean Karen Frank, 1958
Envelope 105: 5 x 7 Elizabeth Klein Moeller and Hedwig Klein Frank, 1914
Envelope 106: 5 x 7 Gertrude Klein Eitler and Hedwig Walton Eitler, 1892
Envelope 107: 8 x 10 Photocopy of Elementary School Class picture, 1891,
Joseph A. Klein in photo, 8 yrs. old
Envelope 108: 8 x 10 Susan Louise Frank, Oct 1939, 9 mos. Old
Envelope 109: 8 x 10 Susan Louise Frank and Jean Karen Frank, 1941
Envelope 110: 8 x 10 Susan Louise Frank and Jean Karen Frank, 1952
Envelope 111: 8 x 10 Susan Louise Frank, 1956
Envelope 112: 8 x 10 Susan Louise Frank Edwards and Jean Karen Frank Emery,
1989
Envelope 113: 5 x 7 Frank 50th Wedding Anniversary, Alfons and Louise Klein
Frank, 9 June 1984 (other family members in photo, details with
photo)
Envelope 114: Joseph Alois Klein, portrait, no date.

Box #3

SERIES 7: Artifact

DESCRIPTIVE NOTE: Gold watch. Presented to Al Frank in appreciation of 30 years service: B. F. Goodrich.

SERIES 8: Books

Das mei knachtliche lied (Gertrude Klein's songbook)

Lieder: opernarien u.s.w. songbook (phase box)

Hlt-Heidelberg songbook (phase box)

Breitkopf & Härtel's Klavier-Bibliothek songbook (phase box)

Adolf Kunz Musikalische Volksbibliothek songbook (phase box)

Beethoven Sonaten II songbook (phase box)

3 large songbooks

Der Rhein von Mainz bis Düsseldorf (book with color and black and white paintings of Germany)

Baden-Baden (book with images of Germany)

The Sohian 1930 – Hedwig Klein’s yearbook, South High School, Akron, Ohio

Green scrapbook – Includes material from the Akron Maennerchor and the Akron Sangerbund, including programs, many song lyrics in German, some song lyrics in English, newspaper clippings of articles and blurbs about the groups

BOX 4

Series 9: Family materials added in 2006

Folder #1

Photocopies of (Frank?) Klein papers, in German, from 1904: something related to military service and disciplinary action

Folder #2

Photocopied passport of Gertrude Klein

Folder #3

Photocopies of letter, Kansas City Tire and Rubber Corporation in regards to Joseph Klein, 8 March 1920

Folder #4

Photocopied birth certificate of Wilbur Anton Klein, in German, 22 April 1883

Folder #5

Photocopied letters, Joseph Klein and Akron Saengerbund, 1936-1938.

Folder #6

Funeral card for Joseph A. Klein, d. 18 July 1953