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# Guide to the Helen Heller Family Papers 1840-1941



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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Identifier** ICU.SPCL.HELLERFAMILY

**Title** Heller, Helen Family. Papers

**Date** 1840-1941

**Size** 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

**Repository** Special Collections Research Center  
University of Chicago Library  
1100 East 57th Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

**Abstract** The Helen Heller Family Papers document experiences of the Rudolph and Wetzler families after immigration to the United States. The papers also included printed documents from the 1848 revolution in the German states.

## **Information on Use**

### **Access**

The collection is open for research.

### **Citation**

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Heller, Helen Family. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

### **Biographical Note**

The family of Helen Rudolph Heller immigrated to the United States in the nineteenth century. Heller herself trained as a classical pianist and was married to Albert Heller, whose family founded B. Heller and Company in Chicago.

### **Scope Note**

The Helen Heller Family Papers include correspondence, printed matter, mementos, and legal documents of the Rudolph and Wetzler families dating from the 1840s to 1940s. Series I contains proclamations, broadsides, and other printed material pertaining to the 1848 revolutions in the German states; most of these documents were printed in Vienna. Series II contains general family correspondence and papers dating from 1840 to 1893, including letters between various family members in Europe and the United States, the 1853 marriage certificate of Joseph Rudolph and Charlotte Wetzler, Joseph Rudolph's will, and an 1865 German language account of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Series III contains letters to and from Bertha Rudolph dating from the early 20th century. Series IV contains correspondence and other documents of the Wetzler family dating from 1883 to 1921, including programs and publicity

for concerts given by members of the Wetzler family. Also included is correspondence pertaining to musical compositions by Herman Wetzler, as well as an 1890 photograph of Minna Wetzler.

## **Related Resources**

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

## **Subject Headings**

- Heller, Helen
- Gabrilowitsch, Ossip, 1878-1936
- Immigrants -- America -- History
- Austria -- History
- Austria -- Emigration and immigration
- Europe -- History -- 1848-1849

## **INVENTORY**

### **Series I: Printed Material, Germany and Austria, 1848**

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 1**

Proclamations, March, April

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##### **Folder 2**

Proclamations, March, May

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##### **Folder 3**

Broadsides, May

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 4**

Speech, March 30

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 5**

Narrative, April 6-20

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 6**

Report, April 27

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 7**

Newspaper for the Vienna National Guard, June 1

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 8**

Petition to Ferdinand I, March 15-16

### **Series II: Family Documents and Papers**

**Box 1****Folder 9**

## Correspondence

- Anton Rudolph to Bertha Rudolph, 1840
- No signature; to parents, n.d.
- "Old ones" to "Dear ones," 1893
- "The old ones" to "Dear little children," 1894
- Karl Rudolph to "Dear grandparents," 1862
- Charles Wetzler to Joseph Rudolf, 1862
- Xaveria Erler and Paul Erler to "Very dear sir," n.d.

**Box 1****Folder 10**

## Correspondence

- Rudolph to "My dear uncles," 1848
- Joseph Rudolph to parents, 1849
- no signature; to "Honorable and beloved brothers," n.d.

**Box 1****Folder 12**

## Meeting Notes

- "The Committee of the Union for Spiritual Enlightenment and Social Reform," n.d.
- Meeting transcript, organization not identified, 1851

**Box 1****Folder 13**

## Ephemera

- Marriage certificate, Joseph Rudolph to Charlotte Wetzler, 1853
- Attendance certificate, N.Y. Grammar School for Boys to Charles Rudolph, 1863
- Will, Joseph Rudolph, 1893
- Receipt, Illionis School of Trade to Charles Rudolph, 1865
- "Little Diary or Memories of Past Days," manuscript by Rupert Mittelbach, 1842
- Promissory note, A. Wetzler to Lotti Rudolf, 1863

**Box 1****Folder 14**

Illinois Staats-Zeitung, April 15, 1865

**Series III: Bertha Rudolph Correspondence****Box 1****Folder 15**

## Bertha Rudolph Correspondence

- Bertha Rudolph to Frank, 1900
- Bertha Rudolph to "My dear ones and dear veritable old man," 1900
- Bertha Rudolph to Mr. Pritsch, 1900
- Bertha Rudolph to Paul Rudolph, 1911
- no signature; to Bertha Rudolph, 1927
- Bertha Rudolph to Paul Rudolph, 1936
- Julia B. Wendt and Billy to Bertha Rudolph, 1941
- Julia B. Wendt to Bertha Rudolph, 1941

## **Series IV: Wetzler Family Correspondence and Printed Ephemera**

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 16**

Ephemera

- Concert program, 1883
- Advertisement, 1884
- Concert series program, 1902-1903
- Photograph of Minna Wetzler, 1890

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 17**

Correspondence

- C.H. Cremer to "My dear Fräulein," 1900
- Ossip Gabrilowitsch to Herman Wetzler, 1921
- Alfred Hertz to Herman Wetzler, 1921
- Ossip Gabrilowitsch to Bertha Rudolph, 1921

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 18**

Article on Herman Wetzler from Schweizer Illustrierte Radio-Zeitung, February 1933