Guide to the Helen Heller Family Papers 1840-1941

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract The Helen Heller Family Papers document experiences of the Rudolph and Wetlzer 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 Wetlzer 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 Wetlzer, 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 Wetlzer 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:

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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

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  Petition to Ferdinand I, March 15-16

Series II: Family Documents and Papers
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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.

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

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

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• 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, Illinois 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

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Series III: Bertha Rudolph Correspondence

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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

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  • Concert series program, 1902-1903
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  • Ossip Gabrilowitsch to Herman Wetzler, 1921
  • Alfred Hertz to Herman Wetzler, 1921
  • Ossip Gabrilowitsch to Bertha Rudolph, 1921

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