

ORDER OF THE SONS OF HERMANN

MsSc 110

BACKGROUND

Named for Hermann the "Cherusker," who united the German tribes against Roman invaders, the Order of the Sons of Hermann had its origins as a mutual protection society for the protection of German immigrants in New York City during the 1840s. Washington State's first Order of the Sons of Hermann lodge was organized in Tacoma in 1889. The German community in Seattle formed Washington's second lodge in 1890 and within five years lodges had been formed in Bellingham, Everett, Spokane, Uniontown, Walla-Walla, and Chehalis. The order promoted the love of German language and preservation of German traditions and customs. Also provided for members was low cost insurance. The Tacoma and Seattle lodges were still in operation in 1977. However, by the 1990s these lodges had ceased to exist.

SCOPE & CONTENT

INCLUSIVE DATES

1889-1923

RESTRICTIONS

NONE

VOLUME

1.3 Linear Feet

ACCESSION NUMBER

1979.5

ACCESSION DATE

1979

FILE LISTING

BOX 1

ASSESSMENTS; CERTIFICATES; CORRESPONDENCE.

1. **Assessments:** 1899-1901. Ledger book of assessments of membership dues (Written in German script).
2. **Assessments:** 1905-1909. Ledger book of assessments of membership dues (Written in German script).
3. **Certificate:** 1890. Abgangs-Karte. (Written in German script).
4. **Certificate:** 1908. Membership of Heinrich Petersen.
5. **Certificate:** 1892-1904. Membership (Reise-Karte) of C. Scheone-
mann and G. Ellinger (Written in German script).
6. **Certificate:** 1904-1905. Schatzmeister-Caution (Written in
German script).
7. **Certificate:** 1904. Verwaltungsrath Caution (Written in German
script).
8. **Correspondence:** 1892-1900. 6 letters, all written in German
script).
9. **Correspondence:** 1901. 34 letters all, written in German script.
10. **Correspondence:** 1902. 45 letters all, written in German script.
11. **Correspondence:** 1903. 32 letters all, written in German script.
12. **Correspondence:** 1904. 47 letters all, written in German script.
13. **Correspondence:** 1905. 58 letters all, written in German script.
14. **Correspondence:** 1906. 61 letters all, written in German script.
15. **Correspondence:** 1907. 69 letters all, written in German script.
16. **Correspondence:** 1908. 12 letters all, written in German script.
17. **Correspondence:** 1909-16. 7 letters all, written in German script.

BOX 2

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS; MINUTES.

1. **Membership Book:** 1908-10. Roster of membership dues paid.
2. **Membership Dues Ledger:** 1889-1897. Written in German script.
3. **Membership Dues Ledger:** 1904-05. Written in German script.
4. **Minutes Ledger:** 1897-1900. Written in German script

BOX 3
MINUTES.

1. **Minutes Book:** 1900-04. Written in German script.
2. **Minutes Book:** 1904-09. Written in German script.
3. **Minutes Book:** 1909-14. Written in German script.

BOX 4

MINUTES; NEWSPAPERS; PAMPHLETS; PROCEEDINGS; RECEIPTS;
REGULATIONS; AND RITUAL MUSIC.

1. **Minutes Book:** 1914-19. Written in German script.
2. **Newspaper:** 1914. *Der Cherusker*. Written in German script.
3. **Pamphlets:** 1901-09. 6 Different pamphlets all in German script.
4. **Proceedings:** 1901. Proceedings of the 22nd convention of the
"National Gross-Loge des Ordens der Hermanns Soehne in
der
Staaten von Amerika," held in San Antonio, Texas. Written in
German script.
5. **Proceedings:** 1905. Proceedings of the 23rd convention of the
"National Gross-Loge des Ordens der Hermanns Soehne in
der
Staaten von Amerika," held in Seattle. Written in German
script.
6. **Proceedings:** 1906. Proceedings of the Washington State Annual
Convention of the "Staats-Grossloge von Washington, Orden
der Hermanns Soehne," held in Tacoma. Written in German
script.
7. **Proceedings:** 1910. Proceedings of the Washington State Annual
Convention of the "Staats-Grossloge von Washington, Orden
der Hermanns Soehne," held in Bellingham. Written in
German script
8. **Proceedings:** 1912. Proceedings of the Washington State Annual
Convention of the "Staats-Grossloge von Washington, Orden
der Hermanns Soehne," held in Walla-Walla. Written in
German script
9. **Proceedings:** 1914. Proceedings of the Washington State Annual
Convention of the "Staats-Grossloge von Washington, Orden
der Hermanns Soehne," held in Tacoma. Written in German
script

