

Title: Ratzsch, Karl Papers

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Abstract: Karl Ratzsch opened the Old Heidelberg restaurant at 116 E. Mason Street (now 320 E. Mason) with his wife Helen in 1929. By 1937 it was renamed Karl Ratzsch's at the same location. Karl also owned the Fox and Hound restaurant and both enjoyed national recognition. Karl Ratzsch was involved with the Wisconsin Restaurant Association for more than 25 years and served as president for several years. In addition, Karl Ratzsch, Jr., wrote a column for the Wisconsin Restaurant Association's newsletter. Mr. Ratzsch was a founding member of the Ozaukee Country Club and a member of the Milwaukee Athletic Club.

Scope and Content: The collection contains correspondence, newspaper clippings, articles, menus and other ephemera. There is information on the Ratzsch family genealogy, including material on Otto Herrmann, Karl's father-in-law and owner of Herrmann's Café. There is also material relating to the National Press Club and Milwaukee Press Club as well as the 1957 inauguration of President Eisenhower, which Ratzsch attended.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English, German

Notes: Originally processed by Paul Geib, February 15, 1991. Folders five and six contain general German restaurant information.

Arrangement:

Folder Heading	Box #	File #
Correspondence to Karl Ratzsch, 1951-1964 -From Victor Johnston, Feb. 9, 1957; Andrew Hertel, Nov. 3, 1964; and Carl Brisson, March 20, 1951 and undated	1	1
Correspondence from Karl Ratzsch, 1920-1971 -Includes German language and letters to Ella Herrmann Ratzsch	1	2
Correspondence-Miscellaneous, 1965-1972 -Includes German language and one undated	1	3
Old Heidelberg-Newspaper advertisements, 1929	1	4
Magazine Articles - <i>Exclusively Yours</i> , Sept. 1959; <i>Hospitality</i> , Feb. 1963; <i>The Wisconsin Restaurateur</i> , Sept.-Oct. 1972; and others undated	1	5
Karl Ratzsch's and Fox and Hound	1	6

-Karl Ratzsch's business card, wine cellar list and menu -Fox and Hound wine cellar list, menu and business card -Arthur Fiedler \$1,000 dinner, Jan. 1958 -Letter from Treasury Dept. re war bond campaign, June 26 & 30, 1942 - <i>Los Angeles Times</i> , Oct. 6, 1957 - <i>Milwaukee Journal</i> , Sept. 2, 1951 -Milwaukee Salutes and Milwaukeefest for the National Press Club, Washington, D.C., May 9, 1969		
Family Information -Otto Herrman-Clippings - <i>Milwaukee Press Club News</i> : Ratzsch donation -Milwaukee Athletic Club, receipts -Genealogical tree, maternal grandmother's birth certificate, maps and misc. -Autobiography of Karl Ratzsch -Karl Ratzsch, Sr., Memorial Service, 1972	1	7
Wisconsin Restaurant Association -Karl Ratzsch's 25 year membership card - <i>The Wisconsin Restaurateur</i> , Dec. 1948, April 1953, June 1955, July 1955, Sept.-Oct. 1972 -Wisconsin Restaurant Association newsletter written by Karl Ratzsch, Jr. -Wisconsin Restaurant Association 1 st Annual Golf Outing	1	8
1957 Presidential Inauguration-Clippings from <i>Washington Post and Herald</i> and <i>Washington Star</i> , Jan. 2-Jan. 22, 1957	1	9
1957 Presidential Inauguration-Invitations, Programs, Tickets	1	10
Oversize volume: Karl Ratzsch's Old World Restaurant in Holiday Magazine	Loose on shelf	
PHOTOS: See M-59		