

Title: Mueller Family Papers

Call Number: Mss-1932

Inclusive Dates: 1919 – 1991

Bulk: 7.9 cu. ft. total

Location: WC, Sh. 060-062 (7.1 cu. ft.)
RC11, Sh. 005 (0.8 cu. ft.)

Historical Note: Johann Wilhelm Theodore Mueller was born April 4, 1889 in Bremen, Germany. He was the son of Johann Frederick Theodore Mueller, a cigar maker, who had been born in Switzerland, and Eva Fassoth, a Wallovian from the southern part of Belgium. Theodore graduated from school in 1903 and became an apprentice art locksmith. In 1904 he organized the first Socialist Youth Club. He left Bremen in 1906 after an argument with his employer, arriving in New York on April 13, 1906. Much of his early career was as a seaman on the Great Lakes.

In 1921, he returned to Bremen to teach in a Berlitz Language School. He married Augusta Faber in 1923, and their daughter, Lillian, was born March 6, 1924. They came to the U. S. in 1925 and lived in Chicago until 1930, when they moved to Milwaukee. Theodore then worked for the Federal Writer's Project. In 1942 he became curator of the Milwaukee County Historical Society, retiring in 1959. Theodore died in Milwaukee May 25, 1968.

Augusta Faber was born in Bremen, Germany July 19, 1896. She graduated from public schools there and also from the Werniches Business School in 1912. She worked as a clerk and cashier for a warehouse company from 1912-1915 and, briefly, in 1923 for Cigaretta Fabrik Lesmona. In the interim period she must have been married to a man named Siebel. As noted above, she married Theodore Mueller in 1923 in Bremen and came to the U.S. in 1925. Augusta Mueller died in Milwaukee August 23, 1992.

Lillian Mueller was born March 6, 1924, in Bremen and came to Chicago with her parents in 1925. After the family moved to Milwaukee in 1930, she attended Milwaukee Public Schools, except for the 1938-1939 school year when the family was in Madison, Wis. She graduated from Milwaukee's West Division High School in 1942 and from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1946. She received a MA degree from Columbia University in 1949 and did further graduate work at the Universidad Nacional de Mexico, the Universite de Paris a Lasorbonne, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, and the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Summer Institute. She travelled and worked overseas from 1949 to 1957 and taught languages at Greenfield High School from 1957 until her unexpected death on September 18, 1961.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English, German

Administrative Note: The collection was processed on May 3, 1993 by Helen Vaeth. Material was added to the collection on Sept. 15, 1995 and was processed by Steve Daily.

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3 newspaper clipping scrapbooks, some in German		Loose in box
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1. Grand Canyon, California, Bryce, Zion #59		
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#4. Clippings, 1958-68	R.C. 11 Sh. 5	