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Summary

- Main entry:** Klefecker family
- Title:** Klefecker and Saxer family papers, 1813-1907
- Size:** 3 linear feet (7 boxes)
- Source:** Gift of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2008
- Abstract:** The collection contains correspondence among members of the Klefecker and Saxer families in Germany and the United States, 1844-1906, family photographs, autograph albums, and other memorabilia. Nearly all of the materials in the collection are written in old German script.
- Access:** Advance notice required. Apply at <http://www.nypl.org/mssref>
- Preferred citation:** Klefecker and Saxer Family Papers, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library.
- Special formats** Autograph albums, diaries, photographs

Provenance note

Donated to New York Genealogical and Biographical Society by Marie L. Troup, 1976.

Biographical note

Franz (or Frans) Klefeker (1801-1882) of Hamburg, and later, Berlin, Germany was a merchant and customs official. He married Johanna Sophie Elenore Von Hanffstengel. Their daughter, Luise (b. 1829) married George Alexander Saxer of New York in 1857. The couple settled in St. Louis and later, Ft. Wayne, where Saxer taught at the Concordia Collegium. He returned to New York, and, during the 1870s served as personal secretary to railroad magnate Henry Villard. He later went into business. He disappeared in 1884 and was thought to have been robbed and murdered.

Saxer's daughter, Hannah Luise was born in 1869 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and died 1915 in Halesite, Long Island, NY. She married Robert A. Troup in New York City in 1889. Her daughter, Marie Louisa Troup, donated the family papers to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society

Scope and content note

The collection contains correspondence among members of the Klefeker and Saxer families in Germany and the United States, 1844-1906, family photographs, autograph albums, certificates, legal documents, drawings, poetry, religious writings, and memorabilia. Included is Franz Klefeker's diary/memoir, 1842-1882, and instructions for the disposition of his estate. Nearly all of the materials in the collection are written in old German script.

Arrangement note

The Klefeker and Saxer Family Papers are organized in the following series:

- I. Correspondence, 1844-1907, n.d.
- II. Family documents and memorabilia
- III. Photographs

Container list**Correspondence, 1844-1907, n.d.**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
1	1	1844-1849
	2	1850
	3	1852-1853
	4-20	1854-1869
2	1-12	1870-1877
3	1-8	1877-1884
4	1-14	1885-1898
5	1	1900-1907
	2	undated

Family documents and memorabilia

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
5	3	Franz Klefer
	4	Notebook, 1836-1846
	4	Memoir, 1876
		Memoir, 1882
	5	English transcript translation (photocopy)
	6	German typed transcript
	7	German holograph transcript
		George A. Saxer
	8	Letters received, accounts, estate documents, 1851-1898
	9	Elevator patent papers, 1883-1898
	10	Family documents, 1857-1895
11		Souvenir program, 1872
		50th anniversary of General Superintendent Dr. Saxer, Stade Gymnasium
6	1	Luise Klefer autograph album of verse, 1843-1887
	2	Luise Klefer autograph album, 1857
	3	Marie Saxer autograph album, 1872-1880
	4	Verse, 1813-1878, undated
	5	Drawings (Includes portraits of family members)
7	1-7	Photographs Chiefly carte-de-visite portraits of family members, souvenir album of images of Goslar, Germany. Also, copy negatives (1976) of some photographs and documents from the collection.