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Guide to the

**Joseph Sohn papers**

1896-1935

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## Summary

**Creator:** Sohn, Joseph, 1862-1935

**Title:** Joseph Sohn papers

**Date:** 1896-1935

**Size:** .3 linear feet

**Source:** Gift, Weinberg, Helen Joy, 1978

**Abstract:** American pianist, teacher, and music critic; grandson of Helen Bernays, member of a family distinguished in several countries. Biographical articles; published writings in periodicals including articles on Schumann, Wagner, and Rubinstein; typescripts of stories, poems, and photoplays; personal papers including passport and will; letters and photographs relating to the Bernays family; letters from Rudolf Eucken; letters from Joseph Sohn to Helen J. Kimball; other correspondence; portraits of Joseph and his father Louis Sohn; and a portrait of Cosima Wagner with a grandchild, signed by Siegfried Wagner.

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<https://www.nypl.org/about/locations/lpa/requesting-archival-materials>

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## Custodial History

Gift of Helen Joy Weinberg, Jan. 9, 1978.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Clippings  
Correspondence  
Manuscripts (for publication)  
Passports  
Photoprints  
Wills

### **Subjects**

Music -- History and criticism

### **Names**

Sohn, Joseph, 1862-1935  
Eucken, Rudolf, 1846-1926  
Wagner, Cosima, 1837-1930  
Wagner, Siegfried, 1869-1930  
Weinberg, Helen Joy  
Bernays family  
American Music Collection