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Title REIGERSBERG, GOTTFRIED VON. PAPERS

Approximate inclusive dates 1787-1961; bulk dates, 1920-1961

Date of receipt 1962

Received from The Estate of Gottfried
von Reigersberg

Volume on arrival unknown

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 2 AB, 1 FB, 1 photo FB, folder in oversize (1.5 l.f.)

Condition Fair

Restrictions None

Description

See attached sheet

Special Formats Photographs Maps Audio Tapes Films Graphics
 Artifacts Machine-readable records
 Other (list) _____

Temporary catalog card added entries

x Reigersberg, Gottfried von, 1893-1962
x Reigersberg, Elsie von
x Reigersberg, Emilie von
x Streit, Viktoria
x Streit, Christoff
x Streit, Franciszka (Fanny)
x Aubele, Anna
x Aubele, Raimund

German Americans
Germany - Nobility

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x = not found in RLIN NAF

Biographical Note

Gottfried von Reigersberg (1893-1962) was born Gottfried Streit in Munich, Germany. He was trained as a machinist and telegraph technician and served in the German army's signal corps during World War I. In 1922, Emilie Freien von Reigersberg, a descendant of a Bavarian noble house, adopted him. The adoption contract was at first nullified by the courts, but was eventually ruled valid in 1925. With the adoption, Gottfried received the title of Freiherr, or Baron, and the last name von Reigersberg. In 1927, Gottfried immigrated to the United States, where he continued his work as an instrument maker and married another German-American, Elisabeth (Elsie) Decker. He died without issue and did not pass his title on by adoption.

Description

The papers of Gottfried von Reigersberg span the years 1787 to 1961, with the bulk falling between 1920 and 1961. They are largely personal in nature, and most are written in German. Those papers antedating Gottfried's birth are the von Reigersberg family papers he inherited from his adoptive mother. The papers are organized into five series:

I) Gottfried von Reigersberg - Correspondence, ca. 1925-1961 is divided into letters sent and letters received, the latter being partially arranged by correspondent and partially unsorted. Chief correspondents are Christoff Streit, Gottfried's natural mother, Viktoria Streit, his sister, Franciszka (Fanny) Streit, and cousins Raimund and Anna Aubele.

II) Gottfried von Reigersberg - Assorted Documents, 1910-1961 includes school, military, and work certificates and papers, travel and emigration documents, some printed technical handbooks, World War II ration books, and papers relating to his membership in the Kingsbridge, Bronx, Masonic Lodge.

III) Elsie von Reigersberg - Legal Papers and Correspondence, 1955-1961 contains papers relating to the estate of her brother, Phillip Jacob Decker, and to a malpractice complaint she filed against a Florida ophthalmologist.

IV) Von Reigersberg Baronial Papers, 1787-1935 includes Emilie Freien von Reigersberg's personal papers, Gottfried's adoption papers, genealogical charts, poems, drawings, prints, and other heirlooms, including an elaborate embroidery of human hair.*

V) Photographs, ca. 1890-1961 consists of photographs of Gottfried, family, friends, and the town of Regensburg, Germany. Among the forms are cabinet cards, early snapshots, and an early color transparency.

* A rare book found with these papers has been removed to the NYPL Rare Books section. It comprises the two titles: Geistlicher Streitt and Der Seelen Schaß, both printed at Munich in 1627 by Cornelius Leyflerius.

GOTTFRIED VON REIGERSBERG PAPERS

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Container List

<u>Box</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	I) <u>Gottfried von Reigersberg - Correspondence</u>
2	II) <u>Gottfried von Reigersberg - Assorted Documents</u> III) <u>Elsie von Reigersberg - Legal Papers & Correspondence</u>
3	II) <u>Gottfried von Reigersberg - Assorted Documents</u> IV) <u>Von Reigersberg Baronial Papers</u>
4	IV) <u>Von Reigersberg Baronial Papers</u> V) <u>Photographs</u>
oversize folder	IV) <u>Von Reigersberg Baronial Papers</u>