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Guide to the Friedrich Armand Strubberg Collection

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: WA MSS S-1316

CREATOR: Armand, 1806-1889

TITLE: Friedrich Armand Strubberg collection

DATES: 1835-1962

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3 linear feet (4 boxes)

LANGUAGE: German

SUMMARY: The Friedrich Armand Strubberg Collection contains material documenting primarily the early years of the Verein zum Schutz deutscher Einwanderer in Texas, commonly known as the Adelsverein. The Adelsverein was an association of German noblemen, founded in 1842, who hoped to support emigration by German nationals to Texas. The papers consist primarily of correspondence and reports, with some business and legal papers, such as stock certificates, contracts, powers of attorney, receipts, and also some German-language newspapers and a few maps.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Friedrich Armand Strubberg Collection is composed of material which was removed from the Archiv des Vereins zum Schutz deutscher Einwanderer in Texas (WA MSS S-1291). In 1930 the entire

Archiv des Vereins was inventoried by the Reichsarchiv in Berlin. When a second inventory was conducted in 1960 by the Staatsarchiv in Marburg, pursuant to sale outside Germany, however, some thirty-eight files were missing. The Strubberg Collection represents approximately forty percent of these missing files. It is assumed that these records were removed in order to provide evidence to exonerate the reputation of Friedrich Armand Strubberg, who was employed by the German Emigration Company as general director of the Nassau Plantation during the late 1840s. He was subsequently removed from this position and sued by the company in 1850 for what would appear to be malfeasance. During this period Strubberg went under the name of Dr. F. A. Shubbert. [It is assumed that this is an Anglicized version of Strubberg. In German-language documents this version is frequently spelled with a "c," i.e. Schubbert.] In many of the files the name Shubbert is underlined in red with further sections underlined and occasionally annotated. Hence these records came to be known as the Strubberg Collection. The trail of the papers from Germany to the United States is unknown. At some time during the 1960s they became the property of Argosy Book Store, Inc. of New York City, where they remained until purchased by The Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library in December 1987. Purchase, 1987.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Friedrich Armand Strubberg Collection. Western Americana Collection. Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Scope and Contents

The Friedrich Armand Strubberg Collection, although only three feet in length, holds significant material removed from the Archiv des Vereins zum Schutz deutscher Einwanderer in Texas. The papers consist primarily of correspondence and reports, with some business and legal papers, such as stock certificates, contracts, powers of attorney, receipts, and also some German-language newspapers and a few maps. The material spans the years 1835 to 1962, with the bulk falling between 1846 and 1847. The collection was purchased in 1987 with income from the Frederick W. Beinecke Fund.

The papers are housed in four boxes and divided into four sections. Practically all the files in the Archiv des Vereins are bound. The material which constitutes the Strubberg Collection was separated from the Verein records as whole files and also as single items. The whole files were traceable on the Verein missing folders list and are contained in the first section filed according to the system used in the Archiv des Vereins. Items removed singly are arranged in the remaining three sections. As it was impossible to discern their origin, they have been grouped artificially by subject and record type.

The first section, [Verein Files](#), reflects the founding of the society and contains reports of the directors, commissioners, agents, and other functionaries. These files provide significant information on many leading and influential persons affiliated with the Verein, such as Louis Bené, Henri Alexandre Bourgeois d'Orvanne, P. Cappès, Count Carl of Castell, Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels, William Henry Daingerfield, Henry Francis Fisher, Count Joseph of Boos-Waldeck, William Kennedy, D. H. Klaener, John O. Meusebach, Burchard Miller, Friedrich von Wrede, and, of course, Friedrich Armand Strubberg, a.k.a. Dr. F. A. Shubbert.

The second section, [Miscellaneous Files](#), represents material which was individually cut out or ripped from bound files in the Archiv des Vereins. As the provenance of this material has been lost, it is now arranged

by subject. This section consists of emigrant correspondence, general correspondence, powers of attorney, and a file on damage claims of various emigrants.

The third section, [*Printed Material*](#), contains items such as pamphlets, receipts, cancelled checks, and contracts, as well as five maps.

The fourth section, [*Newspapers*](#), contains clippings and also complete issues of German-language newspapers from Germany and Texas from the 1840s and 1850s. Many of those from Germany are special supplements directed to prospective immigrants, listing such things as boat schedules, shipping agents, climatic conditions in America, availability of land, and locations of large German settlements.

Collection Contents

Verein Files

	CA 4 a 1	
b. 1, f. 1-4	Nr. 2 Gründung des Vereins - Allgemeines -	1842-48, n.d.
	CA 4 b 3	
b. 1, f. 5	Nr. 1 Berichte des Herrn General- kommissär Prinzen Solms Durchl. mit Karten, auch Urkunde über die Grund- steinlegung des Forts Sophienburg mit geschichtlichen Daten über den Verein	1845
b. 1, f. 6-7	Nr. 5 Korrespondenz mit dem dele- gierten Kommissar in Indian Point, später Galveston, Capps	1846-49
b. 1, f. 8	Nr. 7 Briefe an Capps 1846 und 1847. hierin: Bericht über die Vorgänge in Texas vom Jahre 1846	1844-47
b. 1, f. 9	Nr. 8 Korrespondenz mit dem Generalagenten L. Bené	1846-55, n.d.
b. 1, f. 10-12	Nr. 11 Korrespondenz mit Herrn von Meusebach	1844-51, n.d.
b. 1, f. 13-15	Nr. 14 Korrespondenz mit dem Grant-Inhaber und Kolonial-direktor H. Bourgeois d'Orvanne	1843-53
b. 1, f. 16	Nr. 18 Administration der Plan- tage Nassau	1845-53
b. 1, f. 17-18	Nr. 20 Berichte des Herrn Grafen Boos-Waldeck, insbesondere über die Kolonie Nassau	1841-44, n.d.
	CA 4 b 5	
b. 1, f. 19	Nr. 3 Waisenpflege. - Sanitätsbe- richte, Namen von Waisenkindern	1847
b. 1, f. 19a	Nr. 5 Bestallung and Instruktion des General-Kommissärs, Herrn von Meusebach	1845
b. 2, f. 20	Nr. 8 Druckschriften, Rund- schreiben an die Aktionäre und Akten des Komitees [Stock certificates and contracts]	1842-52
b. 2, f. 21-22	Nr. 8 Druckschriften, Rund- schreiben an die Aktionäre und Akten des Komitees [Reports]	1849-53
b. 2, f. 23	Nr. 11 Anstellung des Herrn von Schütz in Texas	1846-47
	CA 4 c 1	
b. 2, f. 24	Nr. 37 Dienstvertrag mit dem Kolonialarzt Dr. Köster	1844 Jun 13
	CA 4 c 2	
b. 2, f. 25-26	Nr. 2 Papiere des Generalkommis- särs, Prinzen von Solms, Durch- laucht in Texas	1839-48, n.d.
b. 2, f. 27	Nr. 4 Allgemeine Gesetze der dritten Sitzung der Legislatur des Staates Texas (ins Deutsche über- setzt von Albert Max von Germar)	1850

Miscellaneous Files, 1844-53

b. 2, f. 28	Emigrant correspondence	1844-53
b. 2, f. 29	Entschädigungsansprüche verschiedener Einwanderer in Texas betr.	1847-49
b. 2, f. 30	General correspondence [Green Leitz binder]	n.d.
b. 2, f. 31-37	General correspondence	1846-50
b. 2, f. 38	General correspondence	1865-66
b. 2, f. 39	General correspondence	1958, 1962
b. 2, f. 40	Powers of attorney	1848-56

Printed Material, 1835, 1847

b. 2, f. 41	Pamphlets providing advice to prospective German emigrants (4)	1835, 1847
b. 2, f. 42	Receipts and cancelled checks	1844-54
b. 3, f. 43	Receipts and contracts	1845, 1854
b. 3, f. 44	Maps (5)	n.d.

Newspapers, 1845-47, n.d.

b. 3, f. 45	Clippings	1845-47, n.d.
b. 3, f. 46-51	Issues	1845-53
b. 4, f. 52	Issues	1853

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Wrede, Friedrich W. von

Subjects

German American newspapers
German Americans -- Texas

Corporate Body

Adelsverein

Geographic Names

Comal County (Tex.)
Fredericksburg (Tex.)
Galveston (Tex.)
Germany -- Emigration and immigration
Germany -- History -- 1789-1900
Kassel (Germany)
Mainz (Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany)
New Braunfels (Tex.)
San Antonio (Tex.)
Texas -- Emigration and immigration
Texas -- History
Wiesbaden (Germany)

Names

Armand, 1806-1889
Bené, Louis
Bourgeois d'Orvanne, Alexander
Cappès, P.
Carl, Count of Castell, 1801-1850
Christian, Count of Neuleiningen-Westerburg
Daingerfield, William Henry, 1808-1878
Dooley, M. A., fl. 1840-1845
Ervendberg, L. C.
Ferdinand, Prince of Solms-Braunfels
Fisher, Henry, fl. 1845
Hermann, Prince of Wied, fl. 1845
Joseph, Count of Boos-Waldeck
Kennedy, William
Klaener, D. H.
Köster, Theodor
Kriedel, W.
Mertz, C. C.
Meusebach, John O., 1812-1897
Miller, Burchard, fl. 1845
Pringle, William
Schütz, C. D. von, Baron
Shubbert, F. A., 1806-1889
Smith, Ashbel, 1805-1886
Solms-Braunfels, Carl, Prinz zu, 1812-1875
Victor, Count of Altleiningen-Westerburg