

Collection #  
M1061  
OM0526

## GERMAN-AMERICAN COLLECTIONS MATERIALS, 1873-2000

[Collection Information](#)

[Historical Sketch](#)

[Scope and Content Note](#)

[Contents](#)

[Cataloging Information](#)

Processed by

Maire Gurevitz  
August 2013

Manuscript and Visual Collections Department  
William Henry Smith Memorial Library  
Indiana Historical Society  
450 West Ohio Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46202-3269

[www.indianahistory.org](http://www.indianahistory.org)

## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box, 1 oversized manuscript folder

COLLECTION DATES: 1873-2000

PROVENANCE: IUPUI University Library, Indianapolis, IN

RESTRICTIONS: None

COPYRIGHT:

REPRODUCTION RIGHTS: Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained from the Indiana Historical Society.

ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: German American Boating Club Indianapolis, SC 1936; Verein Bavaria BV 2249-2250; The Germans in Indianapolis, 1840-1918, F534.I55 P76 1989

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004.0373

NOTES:

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Indianapolis Liederkrantz is a singing society that was formed in 1872 and is still in existence today. The society was initially only for men, but a Damenchor (women's choir) was added in 1997. The organization puts on concerts, hosts dances, and has its own building near the Holy Cross neighborhood.

The Germanistic Society of Indianapolis was founded January 21, 1916 to promote the study of German civilization by arranging public lectures and publishing literature for distribution.

The Verband Deutscher Vereine (Federation of German Societies) of Indianapolis was organized on November 13, 1899 as an umbrella organization for other German cultural and social organizations in the city. The organization is still present today and is run out of German Park, a property the organization purchased in 1934.

The Evangelical Brotherhood Bowling League in Indianapolis was formed in 1921 in order to promote fellowship between the members of the Brotherhoods of the Evangelical Churches in the city.

The German-American Klub has been at their Indianapolis Southside location since 1979, where they operate the Edelweiss Restaurant and host a variety of cultural events and festivals for their members. The Klub is still active today with annual Oktoberfest events, picnics, Volksmarch, and other activities to preserve and promote German culture.

The Indianapolis Saenger-Chor was founded in 1885 by ten men who had recently immigrated to the United States from Germany to celebrate through song the freedoms of America and the labor movement. The Saenger-Chor is still active today and is headquartered in Old Northside neighborhood in Indianapolis.

Sources:

Materials in the collection

“A Short History.” <http://www.saengerchor.org/history.html>

“The German American Klub of Indianapolis, Inc.” <http://www.indianapolisgak.com/>

“Federation of German Societies Records, 1931-1988.” <http://www-lib.iupui.edu/special/collections/german-american/mss069>

“Indianapolis Liederkrantz.” <http://www.indyliederkrantz.org/>

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains materials produced by various German-American clubs and organizations in Indianapolis. Some of the items contained in the collection are written entirely in German, but many are in English or have some translation. The organizations and clubs documented by this collection are: The Indianapolis Liederkrantz, Deutsch-Amerikanische Gut-Geld Liga von Indiana, Germanistic Society, Verband Deutscher Vereine, Evangelical Brotherhood Bowling League, German-American Klub, and Indianapolis Saenger-Chor. Also contained in the collection are two menus, one for the Red Ox and another for the Heidelberger Restaurant, both of which are written entirely in German. There is also a photocopy of a certificate from the German Pioneer Society and some correspondence relating to the Indianapolis Orchestra Association. Many of the materials are administrative in nature, minutes taken at meetings, correspondence, or financial documents. The other items are generally promotional material or programs for events held by the clubs and organizations.

## CONTENTS

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
Indianapolis Liederkranz, Programs, 1873-1911	Box 1, Folder 1
Indianapolis Liederkranz, Lease, 1886	Box 1, Folder 2
Program, Complimentary Reception by the Citizens of Indianapolis for the GAR Encampment, 1893	Box 1, Folder 3
Deutsch-Amerikanische Gut-Geld Liga Von Indiana, Meeting Minutes, 1896	Box 1, Folder 4
Indianapolis Tribune, 5 January 1896	OM0526, Folder 1
Menu, Roten Oschen (Red Ox) Restaurant, ca. 1900	Box 1, Folder 5
Germanistic Society, Correspondence, 1904-16	Box 1, Folder 6
Verband Deutscher Vereine, Minutes, Constitution and Programs, 1905-13	Box 1, Folder 7
Indianapolis Orchestra Association, Correspondence, 1913-14	Box 1, Folder 8
Germanistic Society, History, 1915-16	Box 1, Folder 9
Germanistic Society, Bylaws and Constitution, 1916	Box 1, Folder 10
Germanistic Society, Financial Summary, 1916-17	Box 1, Folder 11
Germanistic Society, Minutes, 1916-17	Box 1, Folder 12
Germanistic Society, Tickets and Receipts, 1916-17	Box 1, Folder 13
Evangelical Brotherhood Bowling League, Historical Information, ca. 1920s-1991	Box 1, Folder 14
Evangelical Brotherhood Bowling League, Secretary Reports, 1921-65	Box 1, Folder 15
Menu, Heibelberger Restaurant, 1936	OM 0526, Folder 1
Evangelical Brotherhood Bowling League, Chicken Dinner Minutes, 1966-79	Box 1, Folder 16

Evangelical Brotherhood Bowling League, Membership Fees, 1971-73	Box 1, Folder 17
Indianapolis Liederkrantz, 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1972	Box 1, Folder 18
Indianapolis Liederkrantz, Programs and Concert Announcements, 1974-84	Box 1, Folder 19
Evangelical Brotherhood Bowling League, Minutes, 1980-91	Box 1, Folder 20
German-American Klub, Correspondence, 1983-2000	Box 1, Folder 21
Indianapolis Saenger-Chor, 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flier, 1985	Box 1, Folder 22
German Pioneer Society, Certificate Translation, 1989	Box 1, Folder 23

## CATALOGING INFORMATION

For additional information on this collection, including a list of subject headings that may lead you to related materials:

1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog:  
<http://opac.indianahistory.org/>
2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, M1061).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.