Julius Lingenfelder Papers
(C4167)

Collection Number: C4167

Collection Title: Julius Lingenfelder Papers

Dates: 1876-1934

Creator: Lingenfelder, Julius, 1864-1934

Abstract: The papers of Dr. Julius Lingenfelder contain both a typescript and published versions of his book, The Physician as Leader of the New Era, family correspondence, a scrapbook containing correspondence and news clippings, 1915-1920, and school certificates, including his medical diploma.

Collection Size: 0.5 cubic feet, 1 oversize volume
(17 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English and German.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

Julius Lingenfelder was born in Germany on September 23, 1864. He immigrated to the United States in 1891 to join his brother Philipp in medical practice in St. Louis. Before this, he studied for the Lutheran order and participated in military service in Germany. He received medical training at the University of Munich and Berlin.

Lingenfelder briefly practiced medicine in St. Louis and then moved to Nebraska and the state of Washington before finally settling in Gasconade County, Missouri. He purchased land overlooking the Gasconade and Missouri Rivers, which he called Bergfried, with the intention of opening a health school. He authored The Physician as Leader of the New Era, which serves as a sort of precursor to modern medical practices. Lingenfelder brought certain revolutionary ideas to the medical field such as the idea of health insurance and the process of quarantining the sick.

Lingenfelder married Anna Louise Scherpe in 1894 and the couple had five children: Julia, Frederick, Doris, Richard, and Karl. Lingenfelder died at Bergfried on November 4, 1934, at the age of 70.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged chronologically by type of material.

Scope and Content Note:

The papers contain both a typescript and published versions of Lingenfelder’s book, The Physician as Leader of the New Era, family correspondence, a scrapbook containing correspondence and news clippings, 1915-1920, and school certificates, including his medical diploma.

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- f. 1 Chapters 3-11 of The Physician as Leader of the New Era (English)
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- f. 3 Correspondence, generally between Anna Scherpe and Julius Lingenfelder, 1892-1893
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- f. 17 The Physician as Leader of the New Era, by Julius Lingenfelder, German and English versions, published by the Washington Press
v. 1  Scrapbook containing German newspaper clippings, correspondence in German and English, writings by Lingenfelder on social issues, World War I, and his philosophy on life and health. Includes letters Lingenfelder wrote to State Department officials during WWI, including Woodrow Wilson. [Oversize]

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