

C Goebel, Gert (1816-1896), *Länger Als Ein Menschenleben in Missouri*, 1877
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INTRODUCTION

Martin W. Heinrichsmeyer's 1956 English translation of Gert Goebel's *Länger Als Ein Menschenleben in Missouri*. The manuscript details Goebel's impressions and experiences while living in Franklin County, Missouri, and includes information on German settlement and early Missouri history.

DONOR INFORMATION

A copy of Heinrichsmeyer's 1956 translation of *Länger Als Ein Menschenleben in Missouri* was purchased by the State Historical Society of Missouri from the Missouri Historical Society on 20 March 1967 (SHS Accession No. 456). It is part of the German Heritage Archives.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Gert Goebel was born in Coburg, Germany, on April 1, 1816, to David and Henrietta Goebel. The family immigrated to the United States in 1834 and settled on a farm near Newport, Franklin County, Missouri. In 1842 he married Caroline Becker and they had ten children, three of whom died in infancy. During his lifetime, he served as public surveyor, chief clerk for the state register office, and state senator. He died in 1896.

Martin W. Heinrichsmeyer was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on September 13, 1883, to Henry and Carolina (Heitmeyer) Heinrichsmeyer. He was employed as the treasurer for the Heinrichsmeyer's Feed Company, but after retirement he devoted his time to translating publications at the Missouri Historical Society. He died on June 15, 1964.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The English translation of *Longer Than a Lifetime in Missouri* was completed in 1956 and consists of an introduction, preface, and thirty-three chapters on a variety of topics, including the Giessener Emigration Society, Germans immigration to Missouri, Franklin County, farming, grape culture, Civil War, and the early political history of the state.

Researchers should also see *Gert Goebel, "The Development of Missouri," 1879 (C1109)*, which is an English translation and update completed by the author in 1879.

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