

C Hashbarger, Ruth (1917-2004), Papers, 1852-1988
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INTRODUCTION

The papers of Ruth Hashbarger contain family documents and books from the Goebel, Roesche, and Haeberle families, all of whom immigrated to the United States from Germany. Ruth Hashbarger was a descendent of these families.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Adolf and Rebecca Schroeder on 16 August 1988 (Accession No. 4851).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Ruth Louise Emily Hashbarger was born to Louis and Edith Roesche Goebel on February 9, 1917. She was married to Harlan Hashbarger until his death in 1996. She lived in the St. Charles area until her death in 2004.

Hashbarger was a descendent of German immigrant families. Her parents were Louis and Edith Roesche Goebel. Her grandparents, George and Emilie Haeberle Goebel were both born in Germany. George Goebel served as the pastor for Friedens United Church of Christ, a predominantly German-American church in St. Charles, Missouri. Her grandfather on her mother's side, Henry Roesche, was also a German immigrant.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers have been arranged into three series:

Correspondence
Family Papers
Children's Books

The **Correspondence** series contains letters between Ruth Hashbarger and Adolf Schroeder. The letters discuss Hashbarger lending artifacts for an exhibit on German heritage in Missouri.

The **Family Papers** series includes immigration documents for Henry Roesche and copies of sermons written by George Goebel. It also includes a book documenting the history of Friedens United Church of Christ, which discusses George Goebel. Also included is a legal guide aimed at German immigrants. In both English and German, it outlines how one would go about purchasing land, creating a will, and becoming an American citizen. Additionally, there is a notebook used by Ruth Hashbarger's grandmother, Emilie Haeberle, for poetry.

The **Children's Books** series contains German language children's books. The book titled *Kommet her zu mir* (Come to Me), is a collection of biblical stories with full-page illustrations. *Der Schneemann* (The Snowman) tells the story of a snowman that comes to life. *Unsere Jugendzeit* (Our Youth), tells a story of childhood and growing up.

Ein gutes Kind gehorcht geschwind (A Good Child Obeys Quickly), is a book of poems, and was published in New York rather than Germany. *Rothkäppchen*, is a German version of the familiar story of Little Red Riding Hood. *Der Negerknabe Cuff*, is a Christian-themed book from roughly the start of the 20th century. *Der Thierstruwelpeter*, is a collection of humorous poems about animals and finally, *Aesop's Fabeln*, and it is simply a German language collection of the ancient stories.

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