



Art A. Schweighauser Collection (C3762)

Collection Number: C3762

Collection Title: Art A. Schweighauser Collection

Dates: 1713-1945

Creator: Bezold family

Abstract: The collection contains items from the Bezold family of Montgomery and Gasconade Counties in Missouri. There are many school-related items from 1879-1917. Also included are sermons in German by Reverend Niedhammer and a family history of John Jacob Meunzenmayer, who lived in Franklin County.

Collection Size: 0.35 cubic feet
(9 folders, 1 volume)

Language: Collection materials are in English and German.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia](https://www.shsmo.org/research-center-columbia). If you would like more information, please contact us at columbia@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Art A. Schweighauser Collection* (C3762); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Columbia].

Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Arthur A. Schweighauser on July 13, 1985 (Accession No. CA4659). An addition was made on December 2, 1987 (Accession No. CA4819).

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Historical Note:

Arthur A. Schweighauser (1908-1990) was a Hermann, Missouri, historian who was known for restoring the Klenk house in Hermann—the ancestral home of his wife, Julia M. Schweighauser (1908-1995). The Klenk house was built in 1846 by Julia’s great-grandfather, Mathias Klenk (1819-). It is on the list of national historic sites and was open for more than twenty years for tours. Julia’s mother, Louise Klenk (1880-), married Charles G. Bezold (1871-1914), in 1903. G. Adam Bezold, the great-grandfather of Julia Schweighauser, was a furniture designer in Germany who hoped to make a living making fine furniture in Hermann, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged chronologically by type of material.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains miscellaneous materials documenting German families in the Hermann, Missouri, area, and includes a book of folk remedies in German from 1713; drawings of furniture by G. Adam Bezold from the 1820s; two sermon books in German by Reverend Niedhammer, 1869-1905; and the family history of John Jacob Muenzenmayer (1832-1918). Also included is one German carpenter book showing drawings of German construction methods.

The science journal within these papers was written by Julia’s mother, Louise Klenk (1880-). The 1879 Hermann School report cards of Charles’s brother, Fritz, are in these papers. Charles’ niece, Elma Bezold’s (1896-), report cards, autograph books, and drawing book comprise much of these papers. The shop transaction registry in this collection belonged to Charles’ nephew, William A. Bezold (1893-1971), who, according to the 1920 McKittrick Census, was a harness maker who owned his own shop. The obituary scrapbook contains obituaries of many Bezold family members as well as other residents and former residents of Gasconade and Montgomery counties.

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- f. 2 Fritz and Elma Bezold’s report cards, 1879, 1904
- f. 3 Elma Bezold’s autograph books, 1905-1917
- f. 4 Elma Bezold’s practical drawing book
- f. 5 Louisa (Klenk) Bezold’s science notebook
- f. 6 William A. Bezold’s saddle shop transactions
- f. 7 Obituary scrapbook: Gasconade and Montgomery County residents and former residents, 1908-1945
- f. 8 Transcript excerpt: “The Histories of the Pioneer Families of Missouri” by William S. Bryan and Robert Rose
- f. 9 World’s Fair periodical: *The Universal Exposition Art Series*, Vol. 1 No. 1, 1904
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