

C Dingeldein, Otto F. (1906-1991), Papers, 1944-1990
4291 1.0 cubic feet (19 folders), 8 oversize items

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INTRODUCTION

The papers contain photographs and information relating to silver products created by silversmith, Otto F. Dingeldein.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Otto F. Dingeldein on 14 December 1989 (Accession No. 2768).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Otto F. Dingeldein was born in Hanau, Germany, on June 15, 1906. He came from a family of silversmiths. While in Germany, he trained at the Staatliche Zeichenakademie Hanau, a school specializing in metal work. He immigrated to the United States on September 20, 1927. He lived in New York from 1927 until 1930 before moving to Chicago, where he worked in a craft studio with his brother, Carl. In 1934, he moved to St. Louis, Missouri. He continued to live in Missouri with his wife Margaret until his death in 1991.

Dingeldein lived most of his life in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He owned and operated his own studio, St. Louis Silversmiths, Inc., and his work gained national recognition. Many of his commissions came from churches, particularly Lutheran churches.

Otto Dingeldein established the Christian Arts Council in Cape Girardeau. For his contributions to the area arts, the Southeast Missouri Council of the Arts presents the Otto F. Dingeldein award annually in his honor. Dingeldein died on March 21, 1991.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers have been arranged into the following five series:

Personal and Business Information
Photography and Design
Catalogues
Exhibit
Oversize

The **Personal and Business Information** series consists of Otto Dingeldein's background information and documents relating to his studio, St. Louis Silversmiths, Inc. Folder 1, which contains personal information, includes a document from 1944 showing how Dingeldein, being a German immigrant, had to inform the federal government of any travel within the United States during World War II.

The **Photography and Design** series consists of slides, transparencies, negatives, and photos showcasing silver sculptures created by Otto Dingeldein. Many of these photos were taken by prominent Cape Girardeau photographer, Paul Lueders.

The **Catalogues** series contains two folders of catalogues and other pamphlets listing what Dingeldein had for sale.

The **Exhibit** series contains information relating to the “Meaning in Metal Exhibit,” which was held at the Western Historical Manuscript Collection in Columbia, Missouri, in November of 1988.

The **Oversize** series contains larger photographs of Otto Dingeldein’s work and a design for a piece commissioned by St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

In addition to these five series, the collection also contains one additional folder that contains three pieces of silver crafted by Dingeldein for the Semo Black Mask Wrestling Team.

FOLDER LIST

f. 1-3	Personal and business information
f. 1	Personal Information
f. 2	Trademark Information, 1949-1950
f. 3	St. Louis Silversmiths, Inc. Information.
f. 4-13	Photography and Design
f. 4	Slides
f. 5	Transparencies
f. 6	Negatives
f. 7	Studio Artifacts and Designs
f. 8	Photos- Jewelry
f. 9	Photos- Chalice
f. 10	Photos- Chalice
f. 11	Photos- Crosses
f. 12	Photos- Sculptures
f. 13	Photos- Sculptures
f. 14-15	Catalogues
f. 14	Catalogue- The Church
f. 15	Miscellaneous Catalogues
f. 16-18	Exhibit
f. 16	Correspondence, 1989-1990
f. 17	Exhibit, Photos and Information
f. 18	Exhibit, Photos and Information
f. 19	Silver pieces

OVERSIZE

Item #1	Crucifix, color
Item #2	The Good Shepherd, black and white print
Item #3	The Family of Man/The Loneliness of “I” sculpture, black and white print

Item #4 Christ's Cup, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Jackson, color print
 Item #5 Interior, Hanover Lutheran Church, Cape Girardeau, black and white print
 Item #6 Design proposal for sculpture, St. Francis Hospital, watercolor
 Item #7 Design sketch for silver hand mirror
 Item #8 Missouri House Resolution, April 23, 1987

INDEX TERMS

Index Term	Folder	Other	Image
Artists--Missouri	1-19	Items 1-8	Yes
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Silverwork--Pictorial works	1-19	Items 1-8	Yes
Lueders, Paul (1914-1995)	4-13		Yes