



Arthur W. Proetz Papers (S0065)

Collection Number: S0065

Collection Title: Arthur W. Proetz Papers

Dates: 1885-1917

Creator: Proetz, Arthur Walter, 1888-1966

Abstract: The Arthur W. Proetz Papers consist of a family scrapbook containing theatre programs, flyers, and newspaper clippings from German and English newspapers, documenting the musical and cultural milieu of turn-of-the-century St. Louis.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder, 1 roll microfilm)

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-St. Louis](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at stlouis@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Erma Proetz on January 31, 1969 (Accession No. SA0001).

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Alternate Forms Available: The contents of the scrapbook have been microfilmed.

Biographical Note:

Arthur Walter Proetz was born on October 12, 1888, in St. Louis, Missouri. He graduated from Washington University in 1910, and the Washington University School of Medicine in 1912. Dr. Proetz served in World War I from 1917-1918. When he returned home from the war, Dr. Proetz was married to Erma Proetz, a creative writing advertising specialist, from November 29, 1918, until her death in 1944.

In 1919, he took a position at Washington University serving as the Professor of Clinical Otolaryngology at the Washington University School of Medicine until his retirement in 1957. He is credited with the displacement technique when diagnosing sinus ailments. Dr. Proetz was awarded the DeRoaldes Gold Medal, an award given out by the American Laryngological Association for an individual with outstanding accomplishments in the field of Laryngology and Rhinology. He also served as president on the Sixth International Congress of Otolaryngology, the American Board of Otolaryngology, and the American Laryngological Association. He died in St. Louis, Missouri on January 31, 1966.

Arrangement:

The collection has been maintained in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The Arthur Proetz Papers contain a family scrapbook and one roll of microfilm. Materials within the scrapbook contain both English and German materials discussing music and plays throughout the United States. Items of note in the scrapbook include newspaper clippings discussing the arts, flyers, and booklets for plays and musical performances throughout the United States, including *King Henry VIII*, *Hamlet*, and *Carmen*. The location of these musicals and plays includes Chicago, New York, the Jefferson Theater, and the St. Louis Music Hall. The scrapbook materials date from 1885-1917 and are arranged in its original order.

Container List:

- f. 1 Arthur Proetz Family Scrapbook, 1885-1917

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