



Haren Family Collection (S0077)

Collection Number: S0077

Collection Title: Haren Family Collection

Dates: 1831, 1968

Creator: Haren, William Augustus, 1854-1928

Abstract: This collection includes an 1831 farewell pamphlet for the German families of Geiger, Haren, and Von Leveling, a photocopy of *Haren Family Reminiscence* written by William A. Haren, and a photocopy of an excerpt from *German Americans: An Informal History* by Richard O'Connor.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English and German.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

The Geiger, Haren, and Von Leveling families were German nationals who immigrated to the United States in 1831. The three families were linked through the marriages of several family

members. Edward Haren (1809-1880) married Sophia Von Leveling (1805-1863) in 1833. Edward and Sophia had four children and resided in St. Louis. Sophia's sister, whose name is unknown, was married to a member of the Geiger family.

Charles Haren was born on November 15, 1820, in Germany. He is the younger brother of Edward Haren. Due to rising social tensions, Charles and his family left Germany in 1831 to immigrate to the United States and sought refuge in France. Unfortunately, while they were staying in France, the June Rebellion struck in 1832. The Rebellion would further delay entrance to the United States for Charles and his family. In 1833, the Harens landed in New Orleans. Like his brother Edward, Charles settled in St. Louis, Missouri. Charles married Josephine Haren. Josephine gave birth to William Augustus Haren in 1854. Charles died on August 17, 1908, in St. Louis, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note:

The Haren Family Reminiscence and Farewell Pamphlet contain three items: a pamphlet, an essay titled *Haren Family Reminiscence* by William A. Haren, and a photocopied excerpt from *The German Americans: An Informal History* by Richard O'Connor. The farewell pamphlet is written in German and was used by the Geiger, Haren, and Von Leveling families to bid farewell to their families in German. In the essay, William A. Haren chronicles his father's, Charles Haren, immigration journey from Germany to St. Louis. The last item in this collection is a photocopied excerpt of the chapter *Dreams of a Germania-in-America* from *The German Americans: An Informal History*. The chapter provides an overview of the settling of German immigrants throughout the Midwest. Topics of interest include the cholera outbreak in New Orleans in 1833 and Charles Haren's employment experience at the Old French Market in St. Louis. The materials in this collection date from 1831 to 1968 and are arranged chronologically into one folder.

Container List:

- f. 1 Farewell Pamphlet, *Haren Family Reminiscence*, and Dreams of Germania-America, 1831, no date, 1968

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