



## Dorothy Ferneding Diary (S0551)

**Collection Number:** S0551

**Collection Title:** Dorothy Ferneding Diary

**Dates:** 1914

**Creator:** Lohn, Dorothy Ferneding, 1896-1992

**Abstract:** The Dorothy Ferneding Diary consists of 98-page diary written by St. Louis native Dorothy Ferneding (1896-1992) recounting her travel abroad to Europe in 1914 during the outbreak of World War I.

**Collection Size:** 0.1 cubic foot  
(1 folder)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

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### Historical Note:

Dorothy Ferneding was born on April 14, 1896, to Heinrich and Barbara (Sipple) Ferneding in Brooklyn, New York. Ferneding lived in St. Louis City with her grandmother, Barbara Sipple,

and her aunt and uncle, Emelie (nee Sipple) and Emil S. Clauss, executive of Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company. On May 29, 1914, Ferneding embarked with her aunt and uncle on a 6-month trip to Austria and Germany shortly before the outbreak of World War I. During their travels, she observed the German public's first-hand reactions to Austria-Hungary's declaration of War against Serbia, witnessing German men marching through the streets of Feuerbach, a borough of Stuttgart, supporting Austria-Hungary. Ferneding herself supported the Axis powers, believing the best way for a quick resolution was victory via the German and Austrian forces.

### Scope and Content Note:

The Dorothy Ferneding Diary describes Europe on the eve of World War I as seen through the eyes of Ferneding. The accounts of simple day-to-day travel through Europe rapidly become a description of Germany and Austria mobilizing for war. The diary dates from May 29, 1914, to November 2, 1914.

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