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Biographical / Historical

Harry Saxer was an executive with a Pennsylvania steel company, Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation. He had been a manager for that company, at their works in Pittsburgh and nearby Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

Scope and Contents

In 1949 Harry Saxer, a Pennsylvania steel executive, and his wife Anna Saxer traveled to Germany to assist U. S. military officials with the restoration of Germany's steel industry after World War II. The Saxers were in Germany for much of 1949. Harry Saxer was a civilian employee of the U. S. Army, and worked with the Combined Steel Group in Germany.

They assembled two scrapbooks (Acc. 2009.136) to document their stay in Germany. Some of the predominant formats included are photographs, postcards, calling cards, business and private correspondence, fliers, invitations, and maps.

Before returning to the U.S. in September, 1949, the Saxers visited Paris, France. They assembled another scrapbook documenting their travels (Acc. 2009.162). This third scrapbook contains photographs taken by Harry Saxer, postcards, maps, a tourist guide to Paris, and a restaurant menu.

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Germany--History--Allied occupation, 1945-

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Custodial History

The seller purchased these items from an antiques dealer in Pennsylvania.

Description of Subordinate Components

Scrapbook I

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Unit Date 1949

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents The following description was provided by the seller: "The first scrapbook includes: 374 black-and-white photographs, 125 black-and-white postcards, 22 calling cards, 22 color postcards, and many pieces of correspondence, invitations, documents, and other printed matter. The Original Photographs Include: Sailing from New York to Rotterdam on the ocean liner Nieuw Amsterdam / Holland-America Line; 41 photos of Dusseldorf: architecture, bombed buildings, streets, people, castles, parks, offices of Combined Steel Group, market square, Dusseldorf Club, children, planetarium, remains of Remagin Bridge, bomb shelter, town of Zons, Rhine River, etc; 5 photos of travelling from Bremen to Dusseldorf to get a Ford ca, YMCA, etc; Beethoven House in Bonn; 44 photos of Lenz and its Wine Festival; Godesbert, Bad Honnef von Rolandswerth, 18 photos of Köln / Cologne: cathedral, bombing damage, etc; 3 photos of war damage in Coblenz; 6 photos of Worms: Martin Luther church, etc; Rhine wine vineyards, Rhine River, 2 photos of bombed steel fabricating plant, 6 photos of Krupp mansion and gardens near Essen; 9 photos of damage to Krupp factory at Essen; Same Keener airplane, Gypsy caravan, potato farming, Essen photos; 22 photos of Goslar in Lower Saxony; 10 photos of Schloss Burg in Burg an der Wupper; 30 photos of Hamelin Hameln; 24 photos of Garmish in Bavarian Alps; 5 of Black Forest agriculture; 4 photos of Mohnesee Dam before and after bombing; Trier; Blick auf Drachenburg und Königswinter near Petersburg; 7 photos of Bernkastel, 17 of Berchtesgaden; 3 of Nuremberg / Nürnberg, 12 of Limberg, etc. Photo portraits of the Mr. and Mrs. Saxer's friends and colleagues include: Harry Stark, Maud Stark, Fred Gillers, Miss Schaeffer, John Brinerhof, Ruth Quinn, etc. The Calling Cards are: Herr Bergwerksdirektor Mueller of Mulheim - Ruhr; Frau Dr. Aubertin; Herr Dipl. - Ing. Brandi; Herr Dr. Güldner of Dortmund Steel Plant; Harry Saxer's card signed by Major General Clarence C. Adcock; Hans Frauchiger of Berne Switzerland; Fremdenheim / A. Beyer of Dusseldorf; Karl Bungereth of Dusseldorf; Hansjorg Sendler of Bochum; Park B. Tuner of Janes and Laughlin Steel Corporation in Pittsburgh; Captain L. W. Akerman of Southampton; Rev. John F. B. Carruthers of Pasadena California and London; Max Friederic of United Engineering and Foundry Company; William Larimer Jones Jr; Bert L. Faison of Texas, Jochen-Wolfgang Meyn of Hanburg, etc. The Black-and-White Postcards Include: 8 postcards of Düsseldorf: Konisgallee, Markt Platz, Hofgarten, Schloss Benrath Radschläger am Rheinufer, cathedral at Bad Aachen before World War II bombing, market at Bad Aachen, altestadt, Carnelius Platz, 7 cards of Linz am Rhein, Remagen bridge before bombing; 5 cards of Köln / Cologne: war damage etc; 2 cards of Worms; 6 cards of Black Forest / Schwarzwald: Todtnau, Glottertal Gasthaus zum Engel; Glottertal; Hotel Kurhaus Feldberg, folk costumes, Triberg, etc; 5 of Wupper and Schloss Burg; Reichsbauernstadt Goslar; 6 of Goslar; 2 of Hamen; Garmish in Bavaria / Obergrainau; Bernkastel-Kues, 20 cards of Berchtesgaden: Hiter house etc; Rhondorf, Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, Königstein castle near Frankfurt, 7 cards of Heidelberg; Wassin; 5 cards of Stüttgart; 3 cards of Frankfurt; Munich / München; 9 of Nuremberg; 7 of Limburg; 7 of Zons; etc. The Color Postcards Include: Ocean liner "Nieuw Amsterdam" of the Holland-America Line; Postcard of the company airplane for the Salem Engineering Company, signed and inscribed on the front of the postcard to Anna Saxer by Sam Keener: "To Anna Saxer / Good for one free ride. / October 6, 1949"; Dusseldorf ; 5 cards of Linz am Rhein; Hebelhof in the Black Forest; 3 of der Rattenfanger zu Hamelin / Pied Piper of Hamelin, 8 cards of Hitler's house at Berchtesgaden; Heidelberg, Limberg, etc. The Other Items Include: Papers describing Dusseldorf postcards / bildkarten designed by artist Karl Petau, English-language travel brochure for Linz, English-language booklet guide to Berchtesgaden Recreation Area for U. S. military personnel; German-language guide to Linz wine fest / Winzerfest with an admission ribbon, color portrait print of Martin Luther by Prof. Karl Bauer; 1945 English-language guide booklet about city of Worms by Dr. Fr. M. Illert published by the Municipal Archives, folding road map of the Moseltal / Moselle River Valley by Stollfuß Wanderkarte; 3 Eucom Exchange System cards, dining card for Officers' Mess at York House in Dusseldorf; dance invitation from British Major General W. H. A. Bishop at Schloss Röttgen near Cologne, with 2 dance programmes; dinner invitation signed by K. P. Harten of the Verein Deutscher Eifenhüttenleute VDEh; a 4-page typewritten article: "The History of Vonigstein", 10 prints of Nuremberg scenes; cocktail party invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Butler the British Consul General, and from Mr. and Mrs. Clark in Dusseldorf, and from Mr. and Mrs. Frederick M. Gillies of Dusseldorf, travel orders for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Saxer when they return to the U.S., etc."

Scrapbook II

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Unit Date 1949

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents The following description was provided by the seller: "Mr. and Mrs. Saxer assembled this scrapbook the same time as the first scrapbook, to record their work in Germany in 1949. Items include: Map and ship log abstract showing Mr and Mrs Saxer's transAtlantic route to Germany, folding English-language panorama guide of the Rhine River; English-language booklet: "The Dusseldorf Club Rules" for March 1949, rules and wine and bar menu for the Grand Hotel Officers' Club and for the Nurnbert - Furth officers' clubs and bars; large German-language folding color map "Das Land Nordrhein-Westfalen"; German-language letter to Harry Saxer from the Hüttenwerke Ruhrort-Meiderich at Duisburg; English-language menu for the American headquarters at Garmish, English language newsletter for June 1949: "The Sign Post" for the Americans and British in Germany which includes an image of Mr. Saxer, newspaper article about John J. McCloy, Germany's U. S. military governor; Itinerary for the visit of the John J. McCloy U. S. High Commissioner in Dusseldorf including information about: Ambassador Robert D. Murphy, Chester Maclain, Chauncey Parker, Glenn Wolfs, Alvin Boyd, William Lawson, Arthur Kimball, Lt. Col. Gerhardt, etc.; typed letter signed by Elas E. Shafer listing names and addresses of Americans working in Dusseldorf for the Combined Steel Group including: Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clark, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Gillies, Mr. I. F. L. Elliot, Henry A. Jonnston, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Naumann, Mr. and Mrs Harry Saxer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Stark, Ruth L. Quinn, Mr. and Mrs Ferdinand Fallin, Kathleen V. Baker; typed letter signed by T. E. Roop to Kay Lambert-Valle about the Saxers and Starks travelling to Genoa, Italy; typed letter signed by Frederick L. Devereux to Harry Saxer to welcome the Saxers to Germany; 2 letters from the Saxer's grandchildren mailed to Dusseldorf, Harry Saxer and Tom Saxer; road mileage map for Germany, German-language folding color map of the Rhine; booklet: Special Services Guide for the Berchtesgaden Recreation Area for September 1949; menu for the U. S. Army 's Victory Guest House in Konigstein: Harry Saxer's permit to visit steel plants in the British Zone of Germany; 3 type-written English-language pages about the International Work Student Exchanges; English-Language September Special Services Guide for the Stuttgart Military Post, German-Language church programme for Christus in Dusseldorf at the Evangelisch - Freikirchliche; 2 receipts from the Hotel Kaiserworth and Calenberger Hof; German-language booklet about the Duisburg - Ruhrorter Harbor; typed letter signed by Ronald Clark about Henry Stark and Harry Saxer; menu for the Haus Meererbush in Dusseldorf; 8 pages of travel orders from the U. S. Army for the Saxers to return to the U.S.; Harry Saxer's car registration for Germany, English-language large folding panorama / map of the Rhineland; several Germany road maps, June 1949 "The Stars and Stripes History of the Invasion" magazine about D Day; A hand-made booklet about Kalkar Germany, with a page of English-language text, and 3 original photographs of statues at the Kalkar parish church, 2 photos of officials taken at Huttenwerke Ruhrort Meiderich, including Herr Dinkelbach, John H. Holgate, George Cutsworth, etc. "

Scrapbook III

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Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Acc. 2009.162 consists of the scrapbook of the Saxer's travel to Paris, France. The following description was provided by the seller: "The scrapbook includes: A roadmap of Europe, a 64-page travel guide, titled "On Foot in Paris" (1948), advertisement for Hotel California in Paris on the Champs Elysee, a print titled "Grand Panorama of Lucerne" about the French Army and General Bourbaki during the Franco-Prussian war, with a page of introduction to that panorama, a guide brochure titled "Paris by Night," a map of Paris, a menu for the Cafe de Paris, map of the Paris Metro. The 101 black-and-white photos include: World War I and World War II memorial, Reims, Chateau Thery, Paris cafe and restaurants, Notre Dame, Rive Seine / Seine River, Arc de Triomphe, Paris flea market, The Eiffel Tower / Tour Eiffel, Opera house: Palais Garnier, Versailles, Belleau Wood Cemetery / American Cemetery, etc. The 25 black-and-white photo postcards include: L'église de la Madeleine, Notre Dame, Reims cathedral, Arc de Triomphe, etc. The 34 color postcards include paintings from the Louvre and other sites in and around Paris.