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Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Wieser, Joseph Benedikt (J.B.) (1888-1960) and Wieser, Mark B., son of J.B.
Title:	J.B. Wieser Family Papers, 1854-2013
Dates:	1854-2013 (bulk 1910-1960)
Creator Abstract:	J.B. Weiser, born in Germany, immigrated to the U.S. at the age of 26. Settling into Fredericksburg, TX, Weiser earned a law degree and ran a successful law practice and abstract company.
Content Abstract:	Letters, documents, postcards, photographs, books and other items belonging to J.B. Weiser.
Identification:	Col 10
Extent:	5 boxes
Language:	German and English
Repository:	Archives and Special Collections, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas.

Biographical Note

Joseph Benedikt (J.B.) Wieser, 1888-1960, was born in Volkertshausen, Baden. He arrived in the United States in 1914, just prior to the start of World War I. By 1917, J.B. had earned a law degree via correspondence courses and passed the Texas State Bar. He lived much of his life in Fredericksburg, Texas. He served as county attorney and county judge for Gillespie County. He ran a successful law practice and abstract company until his death in 1960. J.B.'s brother, Ernst, immigrated to the United States in the early 1920s.

Scope and Content Note

The collection includes five boxes of letters, documents, postcards, photographs, books and other items. The majority of the items belonged to J.B. Wieser who immigrated to Texas in 1914 from Germany. The bulk of the collection includes his letters written back to his family in Germany and copies of letters from his brother in New York to German family members, primarily J.B. and Ernst's sister, Anna. Other items include postcards of his travels around the United States and legal documents of Gillespie County, TX from the 19th and early 20th centuries. The family's letters are translated from German to English by J.B. Wieser's youngest son, Mark, of Fredericksburg.

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Acquisition Information

Donated by Mark Wieser, youngest son of J. B. Wieser.

Processing Information

Processed by Stefanie Wittenbach, 2015 June/July.
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Detailed Description of the Collection

The letters are arranged chronologically.

Box	Title
1	Wieser Family letters with translations by Mark B. Wieser
	Vol. I, 1910-1935
	Vol. II, 1936-1953
	Vol. III, 1954-1982
	Additional vol. 1954-1960, 1997
	Vol. of miscellaneous photographs, postcards and receipts
2	Ledgers (2 vols.), photographs
	Gavel, Citizens Bank, Fredericksburg, TX billfold, undated
	<i>Oestergaard's Hand-Atlas: enthaltend politische, physikalische, astronomische, meteorologische Und historische Karten in 150 Kartenseiten mit vielen Spezialkarten; bearbeitet nach dem neuesten Material</i> , undated
	Kimball, Gustavus S. <i>Kimball's business English with lessons on business letter writing, capitalization, and punctuation</i> . Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Company, c1908.
	Martin, Wilhelm. <i>Kurzes Lehrbuch der Landwirtschaft, zugleich reunte Auslage der Schrift: die Hauptlehren der neueren Landwirtschaft</i> . Stuttgart, 1903.
	<i>Auslandsbuch für Kaufleute. Erfter Band: die Deutschen Kolonien und das überseeische Ausland</i> .
	Leipzig: Buchverlag des Verandes Deutscher Handlungsgehilfen, c1913. Otto, Emil. <i>Franzöfische Sprachlehre</i> . Heidelberg, 1906.
3	Legal documents, notes and drawings, 1854-2013 and undated
4	Postcards, photographs and flash drives with documents, 1900- and undated
5	Oversize photographs and documents, 1854-1978

Separated Material

Wieser, Mark B. (2014). J.B. Wieser and his American Dream: a 20th Century German Immigrant to Texas. OVERSIZE E184.W45 J39 2014