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Collection Overview

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TITLE: Hohenzollern-Schlaberg-Hughes collection

DATES: 1519-2007

BULK DATES: 1700-1980

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 12.5 linear feet (14 boxes) + 3 broadside

LANGUAGE: In German and English.

SUMMARY: The collection consists of artwork, photographs, correspondence, government documents, and printed material relating to the House of Hohenzollern and its descendants.

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f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Thomas Lowe Hughes, 2010.

Conditions Governing Access

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This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection or revisions in arrangement and description.

House of Hohenzollern

The House of Hohenzollern was a German royal family whose members were princes, electors, kings and emperors of Hohenzollern, Brandenburg, Prussia, the German Empire, and Romania. The Hohenzollerns were overthrown when the Weimar Republic was established in 1918. Family members include Frederick William I, King of Prussia; Frederick II, King of Prussia; Kaiser Wilhelm II; and Charles Frederick Schlaberg II. Several family members, such as Prince August Wilhelm and Prince Alexander Ferdinand of Prussia, were supporters of the Third Reich. American descendants include Dr. Thomas Hughes and Thomas Lowe Hughes, a Yale Law School graduate and Director of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research during the Kennedy and Johnson administrations.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of artwork, photographs, correspondence, government documents, and printed material relating to the House of Hohenzollern and its descendants. Artwork contains portraits of Frederick II, King of Prussia, and German Emperor William II, maps, and genealogical charts by artists including Dominicus Custos, Albrecht Dürer, and Anton Schutz., as well as correspondence, such as letters from Frederick II during the Seven Years' War to military commanders such as General Hans Karl von Winterfeldt. The collection also contains letters to Thomas Hughes and Thomas Lowe Hughes from various family members, including Prince August Wilhelm and Prince Alexander Ferdinand, both Nazi Party supporters, who wrote during World War II. Among the other correspondents are Kaiser Wilhelm II and Armgard Weygand, Prince Alexander Ferdinand's wife.

Arrangement

Organized into four series: I. Artwork, 1519-1929, undated. II. Correspondence and Photographs, circa 1860s-2007. III. Printed Material, 1735-1993. IV. Other Papers, 1986, undated.

Collection Contents

Series I: Artwork, 1519-1929, undated

10 linear feet (14 boxes) + 3 broadside

This series contains lithographs, etchings, engravings, and photographs of Hohenzollern family members including William II and Frederick II, as well as scenes of German palaces and cities, correspondence and military documents, maps, and family trees.

Not arranged in any particular order.

b. 1, f. 1	Friedrich Wilhelm, Elector of Brandenburg. Document, signed, with a 19th century steel-engraved portrait and a facsimile page	1666, 19th century
b. 1, f. 2	Frederick William I, King of Prussia. Military commission in the Königlichen Regiment zu Fuss, signed with an engraved portrait	1738, undated
b. 1, f. 3	Frederick II, King of Prussia. Letter, signed, to General Hans Karl von Winterfeldt, with colored lithograph portrait	1756, 19th century
b. 1, f. 4	Frederick II, King of Prussia. Autograph letter, signed, to Major von Bruening, with a 19th century colored, engraved portrait	1782, 19th century
b. 1, f. 5	Artist unknown. View of Berlin Castle, engraving	18th century
b. 1, f. 6	Prince August Ferdinand of Prussia. One letter in French and one letter in German signed "your affectionate friend," with an engraved portrait	1800-1803
b. 1, f. 7	Prince August Wilhelm of Prussia. View from the Prince's window in Schloss Langenburg, watercolor, signed with monogram and inscribed Langenburg Sept. '48	1848
b. 1, f. 8	Photographer unknown. Knochenhaueramtshaus on the Markplatz	circa 1880
b. 1, f. 9	Photographer unknown. Altdeutschenhaus, the Schlagerg-Behrens house	circa 1880
b. 1, f. 10	View of Jagdschloss Grunewald, Berlin, copperplate engraving signed with initials E.H.X.A.	19th century
b. 1, f. 11	Levering, Albert. Satiric view of the Kaiser from <i>Life</i> magazine	1905
b. 1, f. 12	Photographer unknown. William II, German Emperor, sitting on a park bench at Doorn (silver gelatin print)	circa 1929
b. 1, f. 13	Photographer unknown. C, photographic postcard	circa 1929
b. 1, f. 14	Atelier Sandau. William II, German Emperor, autographed portrait, inscribed and dated Doorn. 11.II.39 (silver gelatin print)	1939
b. 1, f. 15	Schutz, Anton Joseph Friedrich. <i>Schloss Sans Souci</i> , etching, signed, titled, and inscribed in pencil	20th century
b. 2, f. 16	Dürer, Albrecht. <i>Cardinal Albrecht of Brandenburg; or, The Small Cardinal</i> , engraving	1519
b. 2, f. 17	Dürer, Albrecht. <i>Cardinal Albrecht of Brandenburg; or, The Great Cardinal</i> , engraving	1523

b. 2, f. 18	<i>Von dem Teutschen Landt</i> . Page from book with an account of the Brandenburg electors, pedigree of Joachim II, and a list of his children including Sigismund	circa 1575
b. 2, f. 19	Plate XV (engraving) from "Art Heraldique" showing the Royal arms of twelve European sovereigns	1740
b. 2, f. 20	Winckler, Jean Benoît. Hand-colored engraving of Rheinsberg	circa 1745
b. 2, f. 21	Artist unknown. View of Sans Souci from the rear entrance and yard, hand-colored engraving	circa 1750
b. 2, f. 22-23	Artist unknown. Prospect of the formal gardens of Sans Souci, hand-colored engravings	circa 1750
b. 2, f. 24	Thornton [first name unknown]. <i>A View of the City of Berlin</i> , copperplate engraving for Millar's <i>New Complete & Universal System of Geography</i>	[1783?]
b. 3, f. 25-26	Carmine, Joseph. Frederick the Great, en route to the Battle of Torgau, pair of hand-colored engraved vues d'optiques	[18th century?]
b. 3, f. 27	Benning, R. <i>The Front of the Palace of the King of Prussia</i> , hand-colored engraving	mid-19th century
b. 3, f. 28	Benning, R. <i>The Palace of the King of Prussia</i> , hand-colored engraving	mid-19th century
b. 3, f. 29-33	Artist unknown. Five color lithographs of Hohenzollern-related buildings and settings from Berlin and Potsdam	mid-19th century
b. 3, f. 34	William I, German Emperor. Military commission signed by William as king and countersigned by Otto von Bismarck, with royal seal, accompanied by colored steel engraved portrait	1868
b. 3, f. 35	Seitz, I. Engraving with portraits of the first nine Hohenzollern archbishops and administrators of Magdeburg	circa 19th century
b. 3, f. 36	Artist unknown. Black and white print of 16th century royal scene depicting the Hohenzollern household, possibly 19th century facsimile	circa 19th century
b. 3, f. 37	Artist unknown. Black and white print of 16th century royal scene, possibly 19th century facsimile	circa 19th century
b. 3, f. 38	Regnier, C. Jos. Nikolaus Graf zu Hohenzollern, color lithograph	19th century
b. 3, f. 39	Artist signature illegible. View of Burgrave's Castle (Hohenzollern Castle), Nuremberg, etching	19th century
b. 3, f. 40	Steiger, E. Black-and-white photograph of William II, German Emperor, "signed and colored by His Majesty," with a letter from the Kaiser's Court Marshal Letter thanks Dr. Thomas Lowe for the two volumes on Abraham Lincoln by Albert Beveridge which Dr. Lowe sent to the ex-Kaiser for his 70th birthday.	1929
b. 3, f. 41	Artist signature illegible. Hand-colored etching depicting the Berlin Schloss viewed from the Spree	early 20th century
b. 3, f. 42	Schutz, Anton Joseph Friedrich. <i>Sans Souci, Park, Orig.</i> ***, Signed A. Schutz and titled in pencil, lower margin, etching	20th century
b. 4, f. 43	Chereau, Jacques. View of Koenigstsein, hand-colored engraving	circa 1750

b. 4, f. 44	Boettger [first name unknown] Depicting palaces of Frederick William III, King of Prussia	circa 1800
b. 4, f. 45	Fournier [?] "Entree triomphante des Francais dans la ville de Berlin," colored engraving	1806
b. 4, f. 46	Frederick III, German Emperor, autograph letter, signed, with a 19th century steel engraved portrait	1857
b. 4, f. 47	Hildebrandt, Carl [?] Brandenburg coat of arms (large and small), with titles and lists of Hohenzollern territories, color lithograph	19th century
b. 5 (Oversize), f. 48	Frederick William II, King of Prussia, letter, signed, with an oval engraved portrait by J. Poss	1793
b. 5 (Oversize), f. 49	Poppel, Johann. Hand-colored engraving depicting the Charlottenburg Schloss	circa 1850
b. 5 (Oversize), f. 50	[Poppel, Johann?] Hand-colored engraving depicting the Berlin Schloss	circa 1850
b. 5 (Oversize), f. 51	Wolf, Theodore. Hand-colored engraving for <i>Le Monde</i> depicting King William I and his family visiting the Hohenzollern castle in Hechingen	1867
b. 5 (Oversize), f. 52	William II, German Emperor. Military document, signed, with a portrait photograph	1888
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 53	Custos, Dominicus. Brandenburg-Hohenzollern genealogical chart, showing descent from the 12th century counts of Zollern, engraving	1614
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 54	Attributed to Dominicus Custos. Genealogical Hohenzollern family tree up to the time of Joachim Frederick, Magdeburg, in 1566, hand-colored engraving	1615
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 55	M. Rösler sculpsit. Hand-colored engraving depicting the procession of the French ambassador reaching Frankfurt-am-Main, from the Holy Roman Emperor's coronation book	1742
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 56	Rittner, Heinrich. <i>Vue occidentale de la forteresse de Koenigstein en Saxe</i> , after C. G. Hamer, colored engraving	circa 1800
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 57	William I, German Emperor. Military commission, signed, to Pehlemann, with an offset reproduction portrait	1884
b. 6 (Oversize), f. 58	William II, German Emperor. Patent document, signed, with a colored portrait	1902
b. 15 (Broadside)	Hohenzollern family tree	1712
b. 16 (Broadside)	Rosenberg, Jean. <i>Vue de la Place d'Armes</i>	1780
b. 17 (Broadside)	Rosenberg, Jean. <i>Passage de Chateau a la Ville Neuve</i>	1780

Series II: Correspondence and Photographs, circa 1860s-2007*1.04 linear feet (5 boxes)*

This series contains correspondence to Thomas Lowe Hughes and Dr. Thomas Lowe from other members of the Hohenzollern family. Included are letters from Prince August Wilhelm, a supporter of the Nazi party, and envelopes marked "checked" in German with the seal of Oberkommando der Wehrmacht. The series also contains several photograph albums with images dating from the 1860s to 1880s.

Materials arranged as found.

Letters, photos, and cards to Dr. Thomas Lowe and Thomas Lowe Hughes		
b. 7, f. 59-77	Album I. Kaiser Wilhelm II and Kaiserin Hermine	1923-1947
b. 7, f. 78-89	Album II. Crown Prince Wilhelm, Crown Princess Cecilie, Prince Frederick, Prince Eitel Frederick, Prince Adalbert, Princess Adelheid, Princess Victoria Louise	1925-1980
Letters, photos, and cards to Thomas Lowe Hughes		
b. 7, f. 90	Album III. Description and photocopies of selected letters	undated
b. 7, f. 91-96	Album III. Louis Ferdinand, Prince of Prussia, and Kira Kirillovna, Grand Duchess of Russia	1954-1994
b. 7, f. 97	Album IV. Description and photocopies of selected letters	undated
b. 7, f. 98-99	Album IV. Prince August Wilhelm	1940-1949
b. 8, f. 100-104	Album V. Prince Alexander Ferdinand of Prussia and Princess Armgard Weygand	1947-1956
b. 8, f. 105	Album VI. Description and photocopies of selected letters	undated
b. 8, f. 106-111	Album VI. Prince Alexander Ferdinand of Prussia and Princess Armgard Weygand	1956-1993
b. 8, f. 112-117	Album VII. Prince Oskar, Princess Ina Marie, Princess Burchard, Princess Eleonore, Princess Herzeleide, Prince Biron of Curland	1938-1988
b. 9, f. 118	Album VIII. Description and photocopies of selected letters	undated
b. 9, f. 119-121	Album VIII. Prince Wilhem-Karl and Princess Armgard Weygand	1980-2007
b. 10	Photograph Album Cartes de visite studio portraits of the Prussian royal family. Primarily Kaiser Wilhelm I, Friedrich III, and Wilhelm II.	1860s-1880s
b. 11	Photograph Album	1880s

Series III: Printed Material, 1735–1993*1.42 linear feet (3 boxes)*

This series contains postcards, clippings, and other published ephemera, as well as several books.

Materials arranged as found.

b. 12	Unidentified book, printed in German	1735
	Postcard albums	1880s-1920s
	Also included are a small amount of original photographs.	
b. 13, f. 122-123	Volume I. Early Hohenzollerns and Kaiser Wilhelm II and family	
b. 13, f. 124-125	Volume II. Crown Prince Wilhelm & family; Prince Eitel Frederick; Prince Adalbert	
b. 13, f. 126-127	Volume III. Prince August Wilhem & family; Prince Oscar & family; Prince Joachim & family; Princess Victoria Louise	
	Published photographs	
b. 14, f. 128-129	Volume I: Emperor and Empress Frederick III; William II - Youth	circa 1850s
b. 14, f. 130-131	Volume II: Emperor William II	1888–1901
b. 14, f. 132-133	Volume III: Emperor William II	1901–1914
b. 14, f. 134-135	Volume IV: William II - World War I	1914–1918
b. 14, f. 136-137	Volume V: William II - Doorn	1919–1941
b. 14, f. 138-139	Volume VI: Crown Prince William and his family	1910s-1920s
b. 14, f. 140-141	Volume VII: The younger children of William II; Prince Henry of Prussia and his family	1910s-1920s
b. 14, f. 142	<i>Bernardo Bellotto : The Fortress of Königstein</i>	1993

Series IV: Other Papers, 1986, undated

This series contains one color slide, a newspaper clipping, and assorted labels for artwork and books in the Hohenzollern collection.

b. 14, f. 144

Other papers

1986, undated

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Genres / Formats

Engravings (prints)
Lithographs
Maps (documents)
Photographic postcards
Photographs -- Germany -- 20th Century

Subjects

Hohenzollern, House of
Kings and rulers -- Europe -- Portraits
World War, 1939-1945 -- Correspondence

Geographic Names

Germany -- Kings and rulers

Names

Alexander Ferdinand, 1912-1985
August Wilhelm, 1887-1949
Custos, Dominicus, -1612
Dürer, Albrecht, 1471-1528
Frederick, King of Prussia, II, 1712-1786
Hughes, Thomas, 1854-1934
Hughes, Thomas Lowe, 1925-
Schutz, Anton Joseph Friedrich, 1894-1977
Weygand, Armgard, 1912-2001
William, German Emperor, II, 1859-1941
Winterfeldt, Hans Karl von, 1707-1757