

Learned supplementary collection on German-language theater

Ms. Coll. 902

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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Learned, Marion Dexter, 1857-1917
Title	Learned supplementary collection on German-language theater
Call number	Ms. Coll. 902
Date [inclusive]	1879-1912
Extent	12 boxes
Language	German
Language note	In German

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Biography/History

Marion Dexter Learned was a professor of Germanic Languages and Literatures at the University of Pennsylvania from 1895 to 1917, serving as the department's first chair.

Scope and Contents

Collection assembled by Learned on German-language theater performed in Philadelphia in the last quarter of the 19th century and first decade of the 20th century. Among the materials documenting twelve plays are annotated published texts, manuscript role books, playbills, and music, although not all forms of material exist for each title. Also included in the collection are scrapbooks of (1) newspaper clippings documenting the history of the German-language theater in Philadelphia, in particular the years 1870 to 1894, and (2) programs for the Arch Street Deutsches Theater Programm, 1901-1904, 1907-1908. The majority of the collection was originally the property of Theodor Bloch, a German immigrant who was active in German-language theater in Philadelphia from approximately the mid-1860s until at least 1895.

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Source of Acquisition

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

At the University of Pennsylvania, Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts:
Learned Collection on German Language Theater, 1832-1898 (bulk 1873-1895), Ms. Coll. 638
Marion Dexter Learned papers, circa 1885-1913, Ms. Coll. 705

Controlled Access Headings

CORPORATE NAME(S)

- Arch Street Theatre (Philadelphia, Pa.).
- Germania Theater. (Philadelphia, Pa.)

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Librettos
- Manuscripts, American--19th century
- Manuscripts, German--19th century
- Playbills
- Prompt books
- Scores
- Scrapbooks
- Scripts
- Theater programs

SUBJECT(S)

- Performing arts
- Theater
- Theater--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia

Collection Inventory

	Box
Graupenmüller.	1
Hendemann und Sohn.	2
Der Jongleur.	3
Kläffer.	4
Klein Geld.	5
Eine leichte Person.	6
Der letzte Thaler.	7

Das Mädel ohne Geld.	8
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Moses und Propheten.	9
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Sodom und Gomorrah.	10
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Die Spitzenkönigen.	11
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Undine, oder.	12
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Eine verlorene Seele, and miscellaneous material.	12
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Scrapbooks.	13
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Scrapbooks, 1870-1877.	14
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Scrapbooks, 1876-1877.	15
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Scrapbooks, 1879-1880.	16
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Scrapbooks, 1881.	17
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Scrapbooks, 1882-1890.	18
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Scrapbooks, 1891-1892.	19
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Scrapbooks, 1892-1893.	20
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Scrapbooks, 1893-1894.	21
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Arch Street Deutsches Theater Programm programs, 1901-1904, 1907-1908.	22
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