

NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG4198.AM: Staack-Ehmen Family

Papers: 1812-1969; mostly 1880s-1920s

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HISTORICAL NOTE

Willm [William] Tönjes Ehmen, born on 4 November 1846 in Spetzerfehn, East Friesland, Germany, came to America with his family in 1856 and settled in Golden, Adams County, Illinois. He served in the Civil War in 1864-1865 as a member of the 43rd Illinois Infantry Volunteers. From 1866 to 1874, he was employed by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. He married Tjede Mennen Aden in Quincy, Illinois, on 27 August 1870. (The Aden family had also come to Illinois from East Friesland, Germany.) William and Tjede had ten children, two of whom died in infancy. In 1874, he moved to Mendota, La Salle County, Illinois, to enter the Lutheran theological seminary (ultimately Wartburg College, currently located in Waverly, Iowa). He was ordained on 20 September 1877 and then moved to Bear Creek (Bonn), Gage County, Nebraska, to become the pastor of a Lutheran congregation as well as the postmaster. In March 1879, he and his family moved to Plum Creek (Lexington), Nebraska, and then to Gothenburg, in Dawson County, where he established a Lutheran congregation, subsequently called Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. He was also appointed the United States Land Commissioner. Ehmen resigned as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in January 1884 and became more actively involved in his real estate and farming investments in central and western Nebraska. One of his properties in Gothenburg (Ehmen Park) eventually became the site of the Pony Express Station Museum. He made a sixth-month trip to Germany in 1889 to visit family members still living there. He died in Gothenburg on 27 February 1890 and was buried in the Christ Lutheran Church cemetery.

Children of William and Tjede Aden Ehmen:

Tönjes Willm (1871-1873)

Cornelia Maria (1873-1874)

Schwantje (Fannie) Ehmen Kraxberger (1875-1943); husband: Martin Kraxberger

Emilie Ehmen Boatsman (1877-1961); husband: John Boatsman

Menhard Ehmen (1879); wife: Fannie

Anna Ehmen Blankman (1881-1951); husband: Will Blankman

Wilhelmine (Minnie) Ehmen Christlene (1883-1959); husband: John Christlene

Johanna (Hannah) Juliana Ehmen (1886-1960)

Wilhelm (William) Ehmen (1888-1954); wife: Josie

Tjede (Lena) Ehmen Staack (1890-1975); husband: Henry Frederick Staack

Jürgen T. Ehmen, brother of William Ehmen, was a road master (railroad maintenance official) with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad in Galesburg, Illinois. In later years he was named, for a short time, the administrator of the estate of William Ehmen.

Tjede Mennen Aden, the daughter of Cornelia Maria Aden, was born on 8 July 1852 in Wrisse, East Friesland, Germany. Tjede married William Ehmen on 27 August 1870. Following her husband's death in 1890, she remained in Gothenburg, applied for a license to sell real estate, and then managed and expanded the Ehmen land holdings. She moved to Sterling, Nebraska, in 1897, and then to Iowa City, Iowa, in 1924. She died in Seattle in August 1942.

Other members of the Aden family (siblings of Tjede Aden Ehmen) mentioned in the correspondence include: Gerhard Aden, Heye Mennen Aden, and Ehe Aden Albers. Ehe Aden married Lübbe Ulfert (L.U.) Albers, one of the major contributors to the correspondence in this collection. Albers, along with Onke Ihnen, owned a dry goods business in Keokuk Junction, Illinois. The first son of Ehe and Lübbe Albers was named Ulfert, but he was called Alfred. Friedrich C. Albers, brother of L.U. Albers, is also mentioned in the letters and is an occasional correspondent himself.

Tjede (Lena) Ehmen, the youngest daughter of William and Tjede Ehmen, was born on 24 June 1890. She attended school in Syracuse, Nebraska. On 8 June 1916, in Sterling, Nebraska, she married Henry Frederick Staack, who subsequently became a Professor of History at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. She died on 4 January 1975 in Sylvania, Ohio. She was buried in Syracuse, Nebraska.

Henry Frederick Staack was born on a farm near Syracuse, Nebraska, on 9 July 1889, the son of Karl and Catherine Staack, who were originally from Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. He graduated from Syracuse High School in 1910, and went on to earn teaching certificates in biology from the Nebraska State Normal College and Peru State Normal College and, in 1917, a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Nebraska. He earned a master's degree from the State University of Iowa in 1925. He married Tjede (Lena) Ehmen on 8 June 1916. Henry and Lena Staack had three children: Henry Frederick Staack, Jr.; Ruth Staack Flaskamp; and Katherine Staack.

[See: Lena Ehmen Staack, *William T. Ehmen*: NSHS 929 E33s; Sara J. Anderson Velder, *The Staack Family Tree. 1660-1981*: NSHS 929 S775v]

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection includes correspondence, land documents, financial receipts, and miscellaneous records related to the Ehmen, Aden, Albers, and Staack families. The Ehmen family, originally from East Friesland, Germany, settled in Illinois in the 1850s and moved to Nebraska in 1877; William and Tjede Ehmen were among the original settlers of Gothenburg, Nebraska. The collection spans the years 1859 to 1969, but the bulk of the material (Folders 1-12) is correspondence in German involving members of the Ehmen, Aden, and Albers families from 1859 to 1909. William Ehmen (and, after his death in 1890, his wife Tjede Aden Ehmen) was actively engaged in the purchase of land in Gothenburg and Dawson County and elsewhere in Nebraska and Wyoming. Lena

Ehmen, youngest daughter of William and Tjede Ehmen, married Henry Frederick Staack, so the Staack family records and correspondence are included in this collection.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

SERIES A: Ehmen Family Correspondence: 1859-1909. Folders 1-11 include letters and documents, primarily in German, written by members of the Ehmen, Aden, and Albers families in Germany and America. Most of the correspondence deals with day-to-day matters within the families (payments for butter or hogs, the arrival of a German pastor, crops, rainstorms and weather, etc.). The letters and documents are arranged chronologically by year and then by month and day. Folder 12 includes undated family correspondence arranged alphabetically by writer.

SERIES B: Historical and Genealogical Documents relating to the Ehmen and Aden families. (Folder 13)

SERIES C: Sermons of William T. Ehmen (not translated). (Folder 14)

SERIES D: William T. Ehmen: Land Documents and Correspondence
Folder 15: William T. Ehmen: Correspondence and Receipts, 1871-1890
Folder 16: Warranty Deeds, Mortgages, Receipts

SERIES E: Tjede Aden Ehmen (wife of William T. Ehmen)
Folder 17: Documents related to the estate of William T. Ehmen
Folder 18: Land Documents and Correspondence
Folder 19: Miscellaneous Receipts and Correspondence
Folder 20: Ehmen vs. City of Gothenburg (court records)
Folder 21: Miscellaneous Ledgers

SERIES F: Lena Ehmen Staack (Folder 22)

SERIES G: Henry Frederick Staack
Folder 23: Academic records
Folder 24: Miscellaneous Documents, Receipts, and Records

SERIES H: Miscellaneous
Folder 25: Gade Weaver: Correspondence and Land Documents
Folder 26: Joseph B. Thomas: Land Documents
Folder 27: General Miscellaneous

DESCRIPTION

SERIES A: EHMEN FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE

[Date of letter or document (location): writer]

Folder 1 Correspondence 1859-1870

27 Oct 1859 (Camp Point, IL): L.U. Albers
17 Nov 1860 (Camp Point, IL): Ehe M. Albers & L.U. Albers
4 Jan 1870 (Keokuk Junction, IL): L.U. Albers
22 Apr 1870 (Bonn, Gage Co., NE): Willm Janssen & Willm Ehmen
23 Aug 1870 (St. Louis, MO): Jürgen Zimmerman
12 Nov 1870 (Basco Station, IL): L.U. Albers
15 Dec 1870 (Spetzerfehn, Germany): [probably Engel Freese]
22 Dec 1870 (Terre Haute, IN): Antje Zimmermann

Folder 2 Correspondence 1871

9 March [1871] (Wrisse, Germany): Fohlke Mennen Aden
13 Aug 1871 (Wrisse, Germany): Jürgen Goldenstein
13 Aug 1871 (Wrisse, Germany): Jürgen Goldenstein & Jann Siebelts
14 Sept 1871 (Basco Station, IL): L.U. Albers
2 Oct 1871 (Basco Station, IL): L.U. Albers
5 Oct 1871 (Basco Station, IL): L.U. Albers
10 Oct 1871 (Basco Station, IL): L.U. Albers
15 Oct 1871 (Felde, Germany): J.H. Siebelts & Cornelia M.G. Aden
27 Oct 1871 (Rantoul, IL): Harm Löschen
6 Nov 1871 (Basco Station, IL): L.U. Albers
19 Dec 1871 (St. Louis, MO): Receipt for purchase of sewing machine

Folder 3 Correspondence 1872

8 Jan 1872 (Wrisse, Germany): Jürgen Goldenstein, Fohlke Aden
23 Jan 1872 (Felde, Germany): Cornelia M. G. Aden, J. H. Siebelts
8 Feb 1872 (Bentley, IL): Eduard Hoffling [Höfeling]
16 Feb 1872 (Basco Station, IL): L.U. Albers
17 Feb 1872 (Rantoul, IL): Eduard Hoffling [Höfeling]
17 Feb 1872 (Basco Station, IL): L.U. Albers, J.T. Ehmen
8 March 1872 (Basco Station, IL): L.U. Albers
14 March 1872 (Galesburg, IL): A.H. Freese
28 March 1872 (Felde, Germany): Cornelia M. Aden, J. Siebelts
3 Apr 1872 (Basco Station, IL): L.U. Albers
8 Apr 1872 (Basco Station, IL): L.U. Albers
12 Apr 1872 (Galesburg, IL): J.T. Ehmen
13 Apr 1872 (Basco Station, IL): L.U. Albers
14 Apr 1872 (Wrisse, Germany): Jürgen Goldenstein, Fohlke Aden
15 Apr 1872 (Basco Station, IL): L.U. Albers
17 Apr 1872 (Basco Station, IL): L.U. Albers
16 May 1872 (Basco Station, IL): L.U. Albers

5 June 1872 (Basco Station, IL): L.U. Albers
13 June 1872 (Felde, Germany): Cornelia M. Aden
13 June 1872 (Felde, Germany): Cornelia M. Aden, J.H. Siebelts
19 July 1872 (Spetzerfehn, Germany): Engel Freese Johanning
30 July 1872 (Basco Station, IL): L.U. Albers
5 Oct 1872 (Rantoul, IL): Eduard Hoffling [Höfeling]
7 Nov 1872 (Wrisse, Germany): Jürgen Goldenstein

Folder 4 Correspondence 1873

15 Jan 1873 (Quincy, IL): Receipt for purchase of stove
18 Jan 1873 (Rantoul, IL): Eduard Höfeling
25 Jan 1873 (Wrisse, Germany): Jürgen Goldenstein, Fohlke Aden
13 Feb 1873 (Galesburg, IL): J.T. Ehmen
15 Feb 1873 (St. Louis, MO): Eduard Zimmermann
27 Feb 1873 (Spetzerfehn, Germany): Oje Zimmermann
7 March 1873 (Galesburg, IL): J.T. Ehmen
18 March 1873 (Felde, Germany): Cornelia M. Aden, J. Siebelts
29 March 1873 (Galesburg, IL): J.T. Ehmen
18 Apr 1873 (Rantoul, IL): Eduard Hoffling [Höfeling]
19 Apr 1873 (Galesburg, IL): J. T. Ehmen
22 Apr 1873 (Galesburg, IL): J.T. Ehmen
1 May 1873 (Galesburg, IL): J.T. Ehmen
10 May 1873 (Galesburg, IL): J.T. Ehmen
19 May 1873 (Galesburg, IL): J.T. Ehmen
21 May 1873 (Rantoul, IL): Eduard Höfeling
13 June 1873 (Wrisse, Germany): Jürgen Goldenstein
18 June 1873 (Felde, Germany): J.H. Siebelts
30 June 1873 (Edgar, NE): Hinrich Julfs
30 June 1873 (Galesburg, IL): J.T. Ehmen
July 1873 (Galesburg, IL): J.T. Ehmen
11 July 1873 (Holtropp, Germany): Cornelia M. G. Aden
28 July 1873 (Edgar, NE): Hinrich Julfs
10 Aug 1873 (Wrisse, Germany): Jürgen Goldenstein, Fohlke Aden
12 Aug 1873 (Basco Station, IL): L.U. Albers
24 Sept 1873 (Hobucken, Germany): H.G. Aden
27 Sept 1873 (Galesburg, IL): Jürgen T. Ehmen
16 Oct 1873 (Wrisse, Germany): Jürgen Goldenstein, Fohlke Aden
17 Oct 1873 (Bremerhaven, Germany): Oje Zimmerman
3 Nov 1873 (Felde, Germany): Cornelia M. Aden, J.H. Siebelts
1 Dec 1873 (Rantoul, IL): Eduard Höfeling
6 Dec 1873 (Bremerhaven, Germany): Oje Zimmerman
12 Dec 1873 (Keokuk Junction, IL): William Ehmen
15 Dec 1873 (Holtropp, Germany): H.G. Aden

Folder 5 Correspondence 1874

7 Jan 1874 (Voskullen, Netherlands): Tütter Lüken
11 Jan 1874 (Terre Haute, IN): Antje Zimmermann
18 Jan 1874 (Keokuk Junction, IL): Wilhelmine Garrells
23 Feb 1874 (Edgar, NE): Hinry Julfs
25 Feb 1874 (Rantoul, IL): Eduard Hoffling
28 March 1874 (Quincy, IL): Receipt from Quincy Marble Works
2 Apr 1874 (Terre Haute, IN): Antje Zimmermann
10 Apr 1874 (Terre Haute, IN): Lizzie Zimmermann
14 Apr 1874 (Quincy, IL): Receipt from Quincy Marble Works
2 May 1874 (T.N.W. Junction Station, IL): C. Hennick
16 May 1874 (Felde, Germany): Cornelia M. Aden, J. H. Siebelts
31 May 1874 (Rantoul, IL): Eduard Höfeling
5 June 1874 (no location indicated): Gerhard Aden
27 July 1874 (Keokuk Junction, IL): Gerhard M. Aden
31 July 1874 (Galesburg, IL): Jürgen Ehmen
17 Aug 1874 (Keokuk Junction, IL): L.U. Albers
21 Aug 1874 (Keokuk Junction, IL): Trientje Behrend
26 Aug 1874 (Keokuk Junction, IL): L.U. Albers
2 Sept 1874 (Keokuk Junction, IL): L.U. Albers
13 Sept 1874 (Galesburg, IL): Jürgen Ehmen
30 Sept 1874 (Rantoul, IL): Eduard Hofling [Höfeling]
29 Oct 1874 (Keokuk Junction, IL): Fokke Aden
2 Dec 1874 (Keokuk Junction, IL): L.U. Albers
12 Dec 1874 (Keokuk Junction, IL): L.U. Albers
30 Dec 1874 (no location indicated): Almut Aden, G. Aden

Folder 6 Correspondence 1875

13 Jan 1875 (Rantoul, IL): Eduard Höfeling
13 Jan 1875 (Keokuk Junction, IL): H. L. Zimmermann
28 Jan 1875 (Rantoul, IL): Pastor G. Fischer
31 Jan 1875 (no location indicated): Schwantje Ehmen
12 Feb 1875 (Rantoul, IL): Heinn J. Meents
15 Feb 1875 (Rantoul, IL): Eduard Höfeling
2 March 1875 (Keokuk Junction, IL): L.U. Albers
16 March 1875 (Rantoul, IL): Friedrich C. Albers
19 & 21 March 1875 (no located indicated): Schwantje Ehmen
4 Apr 1875 (Wrisse, Germany): Jürgen Goldenstein
5 Apr 1875 (Rantoul, IL): Friedrich C. Albers
5 & 8 Apr 1875 (Keokuk Junction, IL): L.U. Albers; William Ehmen
12 June 1875 (Keokuk Junction, IL): L.U. Albers
30 June 1875 (Edgar, NE): Hinrich W. Julfs
18 Aug 1875 (Rantoul, IL): Friedrich C. Albers
29 Aug 1875 (Pocahontas, MO): Pastor G. de Zoker
7 Sept 1875 (Rantoul, IL): Friedrich C. Albers
8 Sept 1875 (Keokuk Junction, IL): L.U. Albers

14 Sept 1875 (Galesburg, IL): J.T. Ehmen
9 Oct 1875 (Wrisse, Germany): Jürgen Goldenstein
1 Nov 1875 (Rantoul, IL): Eduard Höfeling
9 Nov 1875 (Keokuk Junction, IL): Pastor Kleinlein
14 Nov 1875 (Rantoul, IL): Eduard Höfeling
17 Nov 1875 (Keokuk Junction, IL): Gerhard M. Aden
23 Nov 1875 (Keokuk Junction, IL): Wilhelmine Garrels
29 Nov 1875 (Keokuk Junction, IL): L.U. Albers
5 Dec 1875 (Denver, CO): Heije M. Aden
9 Dec 1875 (Keokuk Junction, IL): F. Aden
14 Dec 1875 (Keokuk Junction, IL): L.U. Albers
14 Dec 1875 (Keokuk Junction, IL): L.U. Albers

Folder 7 Correspondence 1876

26 Jan 1876 (Wrisse, Germany): Jürgen Goldenstein
7 Feb 1876 (Milford, IL): Gerhard M. Aden, Almut Aden
10 Feb 1876 (Spetzerfehn, Germany): Engel H. Freese
22 March 1876 (Keokuk Junction, IL): L.U. Albers
22 March 1876 (Keokuk Junction, IL): L.U. Albers
29 March 1876 (Rantoul, IL): Adolph A. Kuhlman [Coleman]
7 Apr 1876 (Galesburg, IL): J.T. Ehmen
20 Apr 1876 (Keokuk Junction, IL): L.U. Albers
1 May 1876 (Chicago, IL): American Tract Society
7 May 1876 (Keokuk Junction, IL): John J. Jürgens
21 May 1876 (Wrisse, Germany): Jürgen Goldenstein
23 June 1876 (Reading, PA): Receipt from Pilger Booksellers
17 July 1876 (Reading, PA): Receipt from Pilger Booksellers
17 July 1876 (Reading, PA): Receipt from Pilger Booksellers
21 Aug 1876 (Gifford, IL): Tilly Fritzen
28 Aug 1876 (Reading, PA): Receipt from Pilger Booksellers
17 Sept 1876 (Gifford, IL): John H. Fritzen
20 Sept 1876 (Terre Haute, IN): Antje Kudel
11 Oct 1876 (Galesburg, IL): J.T. Ehmen
18 Oct 1876 (Keokuk Junction, IL): John Bohlen
5 Nov 1876 (Wrisse, Germany): Jürgen Goldenstein
29 Nov 1876 (Keokuk Junction, IL): H.G. Miller
1 Dec 1876 (Keokuk Junction, IL): Heye M. Aden
27 Dec 1876 (Keokuk Junction, IL): L.U. Albers

Folder 8 Correspondence 1877

7 Jan 1877 (Keokuk Junction, IL): B. GroNEwolt
12 Jan 1877 (Keokuk Junction, IL): Fokke Aden
12 Jan 1877 (Rantoul, IL): Friedrich C. Albers
15/18 Jan 1877 (Keokuk Junction, IL): L.U. Albers, J.T. Ehmen
18 Jan 1877 (Spetzerfehn, Germany): Oje Zimmermann
24 Jan 1877 (Rantoul, IL): Jürgen E. Zimmerman

30 Jan 1877 (no location indicated): Gerhard M. Aden
9 Feb 1877 (Galesburg, IL): J.T. Ehmen
24 Feb 1877 (Reading, PA): Receipt from Pilger Booksellers
28 Feb 1877 (Spetzerfehn, Germany): Oje Zimmermann
6 March 1877 (Reading, PA): A. Bendel, Pilger Booksellers
12/13 March 1877 (Keokuk Junction, IL): L.U. Albers; J.T. Ehmen
17 March 1877 (Rantoul, IL): Friedrich C. Albers
26 March 1877 (Keokuk Junction, IL): L.U. Albers, J.T. Ehmen
26 March 1877 (Keokuk Junction, IL): L.U. Albers
3 Apr 1877 (Galesburg, IL): J.T. Ehmen
23 Apr 1877 (Hamburg, Germany): Receipt from Koch Booksellers
26 Apr 1877 (Hamburg, Germany): Ludwig Koch
27 Apr 1877 (Galesburg, IL): J.T. Ehmen
15 May 1877 (New York, NY): Receipt from Steglich & Smyth
8 July 1877 (Bonn, NE): Willm Janssen
6 Sept 1877 (Keokuk Junction, IL): Fokke Aden
5 Oct 1877 (Keokuk Junction, IL): William Ehmen

Folder 9 Correspondence 1878

31 Jan 1878 (no location indicated): G. Grossmann
7 March 1878 (Quincy, IL): L.U. Albers
16 March 1878 (Keokuk Junction, IL): Heye M. Aden
3 Aug 1878 (West Salem, IL): H. Miller
12 Aug 1878 (Minden, NE): August Hast
21 Aug 1878 (no location indicated): G. Grossmann
23 Aug 1878 (Galesburg, IL): Jürgen T. Ehmen
18 Sept 1878 (Rantoul, IL): Adolph Kuhlman and Friedrich C. Albers
29 Nov 1878 (Rantoul, IL): Friedrich C. Albers

Folder 10 Correspondence 1879

22 Jan 1879 (Keene, NE): August Hast
2 Feb 1879 (Hill Creek, KS): Th. Seyler
21 Feb 1879 (Milford, IL): Gerhard M. Aden
21 March 1879 (Bonn, NE): Receipt from Th. Seyler
25 March 1879 (Arapahoe, NE): Jakob F. Rühle
5 May 1879 (Willow Island, NE): William Ehmen, A.D. Buckworth
10 May 1879 (Basco Station, IL): L.U. Albers
8 June 1879 (Alpena, Michigan): Martin Woelk
11 June 1879 (Stover, MO): T.G. Fikenscher
9 July 1879 (Stover, MO): T.G. Fikenscher
21 July 1879 (Terre Haute, IN): Anna Zimmerman
9 Aug 1879 (Moweaqua, IL): Edmond Winchel
18 Aug 1879 (Keokuk Junction, IL): H.L. Köllmann
13 Sept 1879 (Keokuk Junction, IL): [incomplete: no signature]
24 Sept 1879 (Rantoul, IL): Friedrich C. Albers
14 Oct 1879 (Seward, NE): H.W. Brede

4 Nov 1879 (Keokuk Junction, IL): John Poppe
6 Nov 1879 (Stover, MO): T.G. Fikenscher
1 Dec 1879 (Weston, OH): Gottlieb Ballmer

Folder 11 Correspondence 1880-1909

16 Jan 1880 (Keokuk Junction, IL): Fokke Aden
16 March 1880 (Versailles, IN): William Strien
5 July 1880 (Weston, OH): Gottlieb Ballmer
21 July 1880 (Willow Island, NE): William Ehmen
13 June 1881 (KewaNEe, IL): Karl Lotz
5 Oct 1881 (Bennks, KS): Friedrich Borges
24 June 1884 (no location indicated): G. Grossmann
4 July 1884 (Scotland, Dakota): Carl Emil Wiederaenders
6 March 1885 (Gothenburg, NE): Receipt for hardware purchases
21 July 1887 (Gothenburg, NE): Credit invoice for W. & J.S. Ehmen
1 Nov 1887 (Gothenburg, NE): William Ehmen
13 Dec 1889 (Denver, CO): D.W. Mullen (Hungarian Mills)
8 Feb 1890 (Lodge Pole, NE): Chr. Helmreich
12 Feb 1890 (Denver, CO): D.W. Mullen (Hungarian Mills)
24 Feb 1890 (Golden, CO): Heye Aden & Gretje Aden
28 Apr 1891 (Sterling, NE): Fokke Aden
9 Apr 1892 (Mendota, IL): G. Grossmann
16 Apr 1892 (Mendota, IL): G. Grossmann
7 Aug 1894 (Golden, CO): Heye M. Aden
13 Sept 1897 (Golden, CO): Gretje Aden
28 Apr 1909 (Gothenburg, NE): T.J. Ehmen

Folder 12 Undated Correspondence [writer (location): salutation/addressee]

Cornelia M. Aden (Wrisse, Germany): Willm & Tjede Ehmen
Heye Aden (Golden, CO): Dear Sister-in-Law
John G. F. Aden (Sterling, NE): Warrington and Stewart
Trientje [Behrend?] (Keokuk Junction, IL): Dear Mrs. Ehmen
Schwantje Ehmen (no location indicated): Dear Uncle and Aunt
Schwantje Ehmen (no location indicated): My dear Children
William E. Franzen (Bonn, Gage Co., NE): Pastor Ehmen and Wife
Wilhelmine [Gardels? or Garrells] (Keokuk Junction, IL): Dear Relatives
Wilhelmine Garrells (Keokuk Junction, IL): Beloved Friends
Wilhelmine Garrells (Keokuk Junction, IL): Dear Friends
Wilhelmine Garrells (Keokuk Junction, IL): Beloved Friends
Wilhelmine Garrells (Keokuk Junction, IL): Dear Cousin and Wife
Wilhelmine Garrells (Keokuk Junction, IL): Dear Cousin and Niece
Johann Tönjes & Hinrika Janssen Lüken (no location indicated): Dear Cousin
Tütter Lüken (Voskullen, Netherlands): Dear Friend
Heinn J. Meents (Rantoul, IL): Dear Friend
Heinn J. Meents (Rantoul, IL): Dear Friend Ehmen and Wife
Heinn J. Meents (Rantoul, IL): Dear Friend Ehmen and Wife

Heinn J. Meents (Rantoul, IL): Dear Friend
Heinn J. Meents (Rantoul, IL): Dear Friend Ehmen and Wife
Heinn J. Meents (Rantoul, IL): Dear Friend
Heinn J. Meents (Rantoul, IL): Dear Friend Ehmen
Heinn J. Meents (Rantoul, IL): Dear Friend
Heinn J. Meents (Rantoul, IL): Dear Friend
Heinn J. Meents (Rantoul, IL): Dear Friend
Heinn J. Meents (Rantoul, IL): Dear Friend
Heinn J. Meents (Rantoul, IL): Dear Friend
Lübbinus Tilemann (no location indicated): Dear Friend (W.T. Ehmen)
Antje F. Wardick (Carthage, IL): Dear Relatives
Antje F. Wardick (Carthage, IL): Dear Friend
E. Winchel (Moweaqua, IL): Wm. Ehmen, Esq.
Geo. Ehmen Zimmerman (Rantoul, IL): Dear Cousin and Family

SERIES B: HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL DOCUMENTS

Folder 13 Ehmen, Aden, and Staack Families

Letter-book belonging to Heye Aden Mennen (1812)
Book of poems belonging to Ehe Mennen Aden (1853)
Church Hymn-Book belonging to Willm [William] Ehmen (1863)
Undated document transferring land in Keokuk Junction, Illinois
Financial settlement for William Aden (1872)
Birthday poem by Engel H. Freese (1872)
Baptismal certificate for Cornelia Maria Ehmen (1873)
Document with signatures of family members and others
Abschied-Gruss [farewell poem, 2 copies] (1877 or 1878)
Undated birthday poem
Document listing birthdates of children of William and Tjede Ehmen
Copy of original photograph of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church [Gothenburg, Nebraska]
Historical Sketch for Golden Jubilee of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1881-1931
Diarium Pastorale: diary belonging to William Ehmen detailing his activities as a pastor
Extract from the will of Cornelia Maria Aden (1891)

Folder 14 SERIES C: SERMONS OF WILLIAM T. EHMEN [not translated]

SERIES D: LAND DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Folder 15 William T. Ehmen: Correspondence and Receipts, 1871-1890

27 Oct 1871 (Centralia, IL): Letter to William Ehmen from Illinois Central Rail Road Co.
13 Dec 1871 (Centralia, IL): Receipt for Deed from Illinois Central Rail Road Co.
4 May 1872 (Urbana, IL): Letter to William Ehmen from John Hill, County Treasurer
8 June 1876 (Urbana, IL): Receipt for payment of taxes for 1875
20 Feb 1879 (Beatrice, NE): Receipt for payment of taxes for 1878

1 Dec 1879 (Willow Island, NE): William Ehmen to J.H. McColl
22 Dec 1879 (Stover, MO): T.G. Fikenscher to William Ehmen
29 May 1880 (Willow Island, NE): William Ehmen to A.D. Buckworth
8 Jan 1883 (Gothenburg, NE): Receipt for payment from O. Bergstrom to William Ehmen
29 March 1883 (Bartlett, MI): Charles Downs to William Ehmen [with envelope]
24 May 1884 (Gothenburg, NE): Receipt for payment from O. Bergstrom to William Ehmen
29 July 1885 (Plum Creek, NE): Receipt for \$16.25 to William Ehmen
8 Feb 1886 (Livingston Co., IL): Power of Attorney given by Hinrich F. Janssen to William Ehmen
6 Aug 1886 (Rock Island, IL): Letter from Hugh Ralston to William Ehmen
6 Aug 1886 (North Platte, NE): Receipt from United States Land Office
13 August 1886 (Omaha, NE): Letter from G.M. Cumming, General Land Commissioner for the Union Pacific Railway Company, to William Ehmen regarding railroad right of way
14 Nov 1887 (Gothenburg, NE): Record of (or template for) a decision by a county judge regarding an estate for which William Ehmen was (or might serve as) administrator
16 Jan 1888 (Council Bluffs, IA): Release and quitclaim from L.W. Tulleys to William Ehmen
[1888?] (Lexington, NE): Receipt from County Treasurer of Dawson Co., NE
31 Jan 1889 (Elm Creek, NE): Letter from W.L. Smith to William Ehmen
12 Feb 1889 (Dawson Co., NE): Deed from State of Nebraska to William Ehmen
12 Feb 1889 (Dawson Co., NE): Receipt from Treasurer's Office to William Ehmen
5 March 1889 (Kearney, NE): Letter from C.H. Elmendorf to William Ehmen
1 Oct 1889 (Dawson Co., NE): Lease from William Ehmen to A.C. Breckenridge
30 Dec 1889 (Gothenburg, NE): Chattel Mortgage transferred to William Ehmen by C.D. Booker
18 Feb 1890 (Phoenix, AZ): Letter from Daniel Hutchinson to William Ehmen

Folder 16 Warranty Deeds, Mortgages, Receipts

Warranty Deeds and Mortgages, 1881-1890

Receipts for Purchase of Land from the Union Pacific Railway Co., 1882-1891

SERIES E: TJEDE MENNEN EHMEN

Folder 17 Estate of William T. Ehmen

Lease between J.T. Ehmen and John G. Aden: 1 March 1890

Abstract of Title (1909) and Petition for Administrator: 4 March 1890

Proof of Publication regarding several land holdings of William T. Ehmen: seven half-pages

Letters of Administration and Oath: 22 Dec 1891

Letters of Guardianship of children: 22 Dec 1891

Letter of Tjede Ehmen requesting information: 30 Dec 1891

Treasurer's Tax Deeds: 22 June 1892

Document listing real estate belonging to the estate of William Ehmen: 1 Jan 1893

Undated newspaper clippings on sale of land owned by William Ehmen
Final report of Tjede M. Ehmen regarding the estate of William Ehmen

Folder 18 Land Documents and Correspondence (Tjede Mennen Ehmen)

- 25 May 1891: Receipt for payment of taxes (Keya Paha Co. NE)
- 23 March 1892: Receipt for payment of taxes (Dawson Co., NE)
- 31 Dec 1892: Receipt for payment of taxes (Dawson Co., NE)
- 27 June 1892: Letter to Tjede M. Ehmen from Warrington & Stewart, Attorneys, regarding tax deeds and real estate license
- 20 June 1896: Letter to Tjede Ehmen from Warrington & Stewart, Attorneys, regarding ownership of land
- 30 Aug 1900: Letter from Aetna Insurance Co. confirming payment to Mrs. T.M. Ehmen for loss of barn by fire
- 27 Nov 1903: Two communications (one handwritten) regarding a deed to a lot in Gothenburg, NE
- 15 May 1907: Assessment for real estate in Johnson Co., NE
- 19 Feb 1909: Warranty Deed transferring land holdings in Johnson Co. to Tjede M. Ehmen from the heirs (children) of William Ehmen
- 16 Apr 1909: Warranty Deed transferring land holdings in Dawson Co. to Tjede M. Ehmen from the heirs (children) of William Ehmen
- 21 Apr 1909: Warranty Deed transferring a parcel of land from Tjede M. Ehmen to Johanna Ehmen and Wilhelmine Christlene
- 23 June 1910: Letter to Tjede M. Ehmen from the Gothenburg Real Estate Agency requesting a signature on a quit-claim deed for Charles Bassett
- June 1910: Quit-Claim Deed transferring parcels of land from Tjede M. Ehmen to Charles I. Bassett
- 20 Nov 1915: Application for water contract signed by T.M. Ehmen
- 31 Dec 1915: Receipt for taxes paid (for 1915) in Goshen Co., WY
- 6 Jan 1916: Receipt for taxes paid (for 1916) in Goshen Co., WY
- 11 May 1916: Letter to T.M. Ehmen from the Goshen Land Co. requesting payment for water contracts
- 22 May 1916: Letter to T.M. Ehmen from G.H. Anderson regarding land in Goshen County, WY
- 27 May [1916]: Letter (in German) requesting payment of \$45.90 for maintenance on water contract
- 29 May 1916: Letter from Goshen Land Co. requesting payment for water contract 88-A
- 3 June 1916: Receipt for \$47.52 from Goshen Land Co. for payment on water contract 88-A
- 5 June [1916]: Letter (in German) addressed to T.M. Ehmen from Johann regarding payments on water contract
- 4 Oct 1916: Letter from Goshen Land Co. requesting payment on water contract
- 24 Nov 1916: Receipt for \$21.60 from Goshen Land Co. for payment on water contract
- 2 Nov 1917: Receipt for \$21.60 from Goshen Land Co. for payment on water contract
- 21 May 1918: Receipt for taxes paid (for 1917) in Goshen Co., WY
- 15 Nov 1919: Receipt for taxes paid (for 1919) in Goshen Co., WY
- 21 Aug 1919: Agreement for Warranty Deed between T.M. Ehmen and D.T. Shoemaker

10 Feb 1920: Letter from John Boatsman regarding rebate on taxes paid by T.M. Ehmen
12 Jan 1924: Letter from John Boatsman regarding tax sale certificate for T.M. Ehmen
16 Dec 1924: Letter to T.M. Ehmen from the F.H. Wellcome Co. regarding tax certificate
8 Jan 1925: Letter to T.M. Ehmen from the F.H. Wellcome Co. regarding receipt of payments for tax certificates
16 Jan 1925: Letter from John Boatsman regarding tax sale certificate for T.M. Ehmen
30 Aug 1926: Letter from T.M. Ehmen to County Treasurer in Gering, NE, regarding tax statements
8 Sept 1926: Letter from Treasurer of Scotts Bluff Co., NE, regarding tax payments
18 Sept 1926: Letter from John Boatsman to County Treasurer, Gering, NE (response to #35)
20 Sept 1926: Redemption Certificate, Scotts Bluff Co., NE
23 Feb 1927: Farm lease between T.M. Ehmen and W.C. Hudson
Undated document on real estate taxes in Johnson Co., NE

Folder 19 Miscellaneous Receipts and Correspondence

15 Feb 1896: Receipt from pharmacist in Gothenburg, NE
31 Aug 1897: Receipt for work on well (Sterling, NE)
25 July 1898: Agreement (for carpentry work) between T. Ehmen and Fred D. Stinson
12 Aug 1898: Receipt for carpentry work (Sterling, NE)
1 Sept 1898: Receipt for purchase of mower (Sterling, NE)
17 Sept 1898: Receipt for carpentry work (Sterling, NE)
12 Oct 1898: Receipt for \$500 from J.H. Melville & Co. (Sterling, NE)
19 Oct 1898: Contract for painting of house (Sterling, NE)
25 Oct 1898: Receipt for carpentry work (Sterling, NE)
26 Oct 1898: Receipt for \$187.75 from J.H. Melville & Co. (Sterling)
26 Oct 1898: Receipt for \$4.25 from J.H. Melville & Co. (Sterling)
5 Dec 1898: Receipt for \$30 from T.M. Patton (Sterling)
9 Dec 1898: Receipt for \$20 for work on well (Sterling)
25 March 1899: Subpoena to Tjede Ehmen regarding a trial involving Eugene Schnuder and Fred D. Stinson
10 May 1899: Receipt for payment to Holton Lumber Co. (Sterling)
16 Sept 1899: Receipt for payment to F.O. Dort & Co. (Sterling)
16 Aug 1900: Promissory note for \$200 to Jasper Aden (Adams, NE)
16 Aug 1900: Promissory note for \$300 to Jasper Aden (Adams, NE)
3 Jan 1903: Receipt from Hygeia Creamery Co. (Sterling)
Aug 1909: Empty envelope addressed to Mrs. Wm. Ehmen and Family
15 Apr 1910: Statement for purchases from Foster Lumber Company in Torrington, WY
10 Aug 1912: Receipt for payment of drainage tax in Johnson Co., NE
31 July 1913: Statement for purchase of painting supplies (Sterling)
21 July 1914: Receipt for payment of drainage tax in Johnson Co., NE
27 Feb 1915: Receipt for payment of drainage tax in Johnson Co., NE
27 Aug 1917: Check for \$43.50 to George Menken and signed by T.M. Ehmen (Sterling)
15 Apr 1918: Subscription to Third Liberty Loan Bonds (\$100)
11 July 1918: Letter to T.M. Ehmen from the Johnson County War Council regarding her quota for war bonds and stamps

22 July 1918: Copy of a letter from the War Department to M.P. Kinkaid, Member of the House of Representatives, regarding cemetery headstone (in response to a letter from John Boatsman)

[1920]: Letter from the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions, regarding an increase in pension payments

2 Nov 1936: Receipt (to Tjede M. Ehmen) for payment to attorneys for writing a will

Undated receipt for payment of \$5 to John Boatsman

Undated statement of charges for threshing (to Herman Staskabaum)

Undated statement of charges from J.H. Melville & Co. (Sterling)

Undated receipt for payment to Holton Lumber Co. (Sterling)

Folder 20 Ehmen vs. City of Gothenburg

Undated newspaper clipping providing context for suit involving the Ehmen family and the Village of Gothenburg, NE

12 March 1898: Receipt for payment of fee to Clerk and Sheriff by Warrington & Stewart (Lexington, NE) on behalf of Tjede M. Ehmen

14 March 1898: Letter to Tjede M. Ehmen from Warrington & Stewart to accompany receipt for payment for Clerk's and Sheriff's fees

15 March 1898: Promissory note agreeing to pay attorney fees to Warrington & Stewart

18 Oct 1909: Letter to John Boatsman from George W. Berge, Lincoln (second page missing)

24 Nov 1909: Letter to John Boatsman from George W. Berge, Lincoln

22 Nov 1911: Letter to John Boatsman from George W. Berge, Lincoln (three pages)

10 Jan 1912: Letter to John Boatsman from George W. Berge, Lincoln

30 Apr 1913: Receipt for payment of court costs, North Platte

21 May 1913: Letter to George W. Berge from George E. Prosser, Deputy Clerk of the U.S. District Court in North Platte, NE

21 May 1913: Handwritten record of court costs

Folder 21 Miscellaneous Ledgers

Folder 22 SERIES F: LENA EHMEN STAACK

1896-1897 Monthly report card from Columbia School, Gothenburg

Report cards from Sterling High School (2)

24 May 1907: Sterling High School Commencement Programs (3)

Handwritten notes on *Macbeth* [no date]

18 Nov 1907: Handwritten note regarding first day as a teacher

22 May 1909: Card reporting the financial condition of Farmers & Merchants Bank in Morrill, Nebraska; Lena Ehmen, Assistant Cashier

1901-1911: Cancelled checks written to Lena, signed by T.M. Ehmen

2 May 1911: Report card for 1910-1911 academic year (University of Nebraska/School of Agriculture)

11 Aug 1914: Application for admission to the University of Nebraska

2 May 1912: Letter from Alfred Melville to Lena Ehmen

31 March 1916: Transcript of courses at the University of Nebraska

1916-1917: Record of courses for second semester, University of Nebraska
13 March 1916: Letter (in German) from the Reverend E. Schroeder
18 Feb 1942: Affidavit confirming birth date of Lena Ehmen Staack
22 May 1969: Letter to Mrs. Henry Staack (Lena Ehmen Staack) from the Nebraska State Historical Society

SERIES G: HENRY FREDERICK STAACK

Folder 23 Academic Records

Report cards (2) for Henry Staack from Syracuse Public School, NE
25 Feb 1910: Program from District Debate event in Seward, NE
3 June 1910: Commencement program, Syracuse High School (2)
8 Jan 1914: Certificate from Peru State Normal Alumni Association
3 Aug 1917: Transcript of record from the University of Nebraska
3 Aug 1917: Commencement program (2 copies), University of Nebraska
3 Aug 1917: Diploma (B.A.) from the University of Nebraska
Photograph of Henry Frederick Staack (undated)

Folder 24 Miscellaneous Documents, Receipts, Letters

9 March 1894: Promissory note for \$75 (C.W. Reed to Charles Staack)
Undated note addressed to Mrs. Catharina Staack (fragment)
1 Oct 1918: Letter to Henry Staack from U.S. Land Office
15 Oct 1918: Letter to Henry Staack from U.S. Land Office
Undated letter from the Commissioner of Public Lands
Army and Navy Service Book (1917)
Receipts (3) from M.H. Tilton Furniture Company (1920, 1925)
Warranty Deed for land in Thayer County, NE (20 October 1926)
Undated envelope addressed to Henry Frederick Staack at Augustana College
1 Dec 1950: Letter to Henry and Lena Staack (in German)

SERIES H: MISCELLANEOUS

Folder 25 Gade Weaver: Correspondence and Land Documents

Real estate mortgage bond coupons signed by Gade Weaver: 1885-89
21 Dec 1885: Real Estate First Mortgage Bond: Gade Weaver and Hannah Weaver to Lombard Investment Co. (\$800)
23 Dec 1885 (filing date): Nebraska Real Estate Mortgage: Gade Weaver and Hannah Weaver to Lombard Investment Co. (\$800)
10 Jan 1887: Three promissory notes signed by Gade Weaver and Hannah Weaver for payments due in 1888, 1889, 1890 (\$13.25 each)
10 Jan 1887: Mortgage: Gade Weaver and Hannah Weaver to Stull Brothers, Lincoln, NE (\$39.75)
10 Jan 1887: Real Estate Coupon Bond: Gade Weaver and Hannah Weaver to Louis Stull (\$400)
10 Jan 1887: Trust Deed: Gade Weaver and Hannah Weaver to William Stull, Trustee for Louis Stull (\$400)

18 Oct 1887: Real Estate First Mortgage Bond: Gade Weaver and Hannah Weaver to James L. Lombard (\$600)
18 Oct 1887: Real Estate Mortgage Bond: Gade Weaver and Hannah Weaver to James L. Lombard (\$60.45)
29 Oct 1887 (filing date): Nebraska Real Estate Mortgage: Gade Weaver and Hannah Weaver to James L. Lombard (\$600)
29 Oct 1887 (filing date): Mortgage: Gade Weaver and Hannah Weaver to James L. Lombard
26 July 1888: Letter (in German) from Gade Weaver (Holyoke, CO) to Dear Friend [William Ehmen]
15 Feb 1889: Letter (in German) from Gade Weaver (Holyoke, CO) to Dear Friend [William Ehmen]
26 Feb 1889: Letter (in German and English) from Gade Weaver (Holyoke, CO) to Dear Friend [William Ehmen]
16 March 1889: Letter (in German) from Gade Weaver (Holyoke, CO) to Friend Ehmen
25 March 1889: Promissory note to Gade Weaver signed by William Ehmen and Tjede M. Ehmen
18 Apr 1889: Redemption Certificate for taxes paid in Johnson Co., NE
18 Apr 1889: Tax Receipt for 1888 taxes paid in Johnson Co., NE
20 Apr 1889 (filing date): Mortgage Deed: William Ehmen and wife to Gade Weaver
20 Apr 1889 (filing date): Release of Mortgage: Lombard Investment Co. to Gade Weaver
24 Apr 1889: Letter from Gade Weaver (Holyoke, CO) to Russell & Holmes (Tecumseh, NE)
22 June 1889: Letter to William Ehmen from Russell & Holmes regarding Gade Weaver deeds (2 pages)
3 Oct 1889 (filing date): Release of Mortgage: Gade Weaver and Hannah Weaver to William Ehmen and Tjede M. Ehmen
12 Nov 1889 (filing date): Release: James L. Lombard to Gade Weaver and Hannah Weaver
15 Feb 1890: Letter to William Ehmen from Russell & Holmes
15 Feb 1890: Letter to William Ehmen from Russell & Holmes
1 Oct 1891 (filing date): Release of Mortgage: Lombard Investment Company to Gade Weaver and wife
9 Nov 1891 (filing date): Release of Trust Deed: Stull Brothers to Gade Weaver and wife
25 Nov 1892 (filing date): Release of Mortgage: James L. Lombard to Gade Weaver and wife
1885-1889: Four hand-written receipts to Gade Weaver signed by G. Leland Miller (Sheffield, MA)

Folder 26 Joseph B. Thomas: Land Documents

20 May 1889: Real Estate Mortgage: Joseph B. Thomas to Nebraska Mortgage and Investment Co.
20 May 1889: First Mortgage Bond: Joseph B. Thomas to Nebraska Mortgage and Investment Co.
11 June 1889: Abstract of Title (Keya Paha Co., NE)

10 Dec 1889: Abstract of Title (Keya Paha Co., NE)
18 Dec 1889 (filing date): Warranty Deed: Joseph B. Thomas to William Ehmen
4 Aug 1891: U.S. deed to land signed by President Benjamin Harrison
19 Oct 1891 (filing date): Release of Mortgage: Nebraska Mortgage and Investment Co.
to Joseph B. Thomas

Folder 27 General Miscellaneous

[1872-3] Two hand-written ledger/notebooks with entries in German
30 Apr 1878: card (in German) announcing the engagement of August Hast and Johanna
Sylvester in Charles City
Undated card (in German) announcing the engagement of Karl Lotz and Louise Kraemer
Undated card (in German) given to a Sunday School student
Undated envelope [1877?] addressed to Rev. [William] Ehmen in Bonn, Gage County,
NE
[1881]: Notebook from Deere & Company with hand-written notations in German
[possibly by William Ehmen]
One copy of Green's Diary and Almanac for 1882-83 with hand-written notations
possibly by a member of the Ehmen family
[1889]: Notice from the Nebraska Mortgage and Investment Co. indicating the dates and
amount to be paid on loan #4880
[1891-92] Hand-written ledger/notebook with notations regarding land purchases and
notes
18 May 1892: Abstract of Title for Lot 4, Block 11, in Gothenburg
Plat map for land along the Platte River in Hamilton County [no date]
Oct 1921: two articles entitled "The Flame-Capped Post" from *The Independent*
(Gothenburg)
1928: official notice from the Department of the Interior indicating that the pension
amount has been increased for an unnamed individual [possibly William Ehmen's Civil
War pension continuing for Tjede Ehmen (widow)]
Abstract of Title on land in Scotts Bluff County, NE

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