The German Orphan Home of the District of Columbia succeeded the "Allgemeiner Deutscher Waisenhaus Verein" (General German Orphan Asylum Association), which was organized in 1879 by members of the Concordia Lutheran Evangelical Church, 20th and G Streets, N.W., in Washington, D.C., and other members of the Washington community. Initially intended for German children, the institution gradually accepted children without regard to their race, creed, national origin or color. Having previously occupied modest houses on L and K Streets in northwest Washington, the children moved in 1890 to spacious quarters on Good Hope Hill in the southeastern part of the city. In 1965 they relocated to a farm on Melwood Road in Prince George's County, Maryland.

The increasing availability of medical care, foster homes and government programs under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, resulted in a decrease in the resident population and a shortage of funds. By 1980 the Association had terminated its direct care for children and has since engaged solely in grant-in-aid programs and other youth welfare activities. The institution has been known under several titles, including "German Protestant Orphan Asylum Association", "German Orphan Asylum Association of the District of Columbia", "Good Hope Orphan Home", "Kinderheim: A Project of the German Orphan Home," “German Orphan Home Association,” and the "German Orphan Home of the District of Columbia," although the latter is its official, legal name.

In 1999, the Good Hope Road property was sold and the German Orphan Home became primarily a foundation, known as The Children's Fund of Metropolitan Washington. The foundation retained the legal title of the German Orphan Home of the District of Columbia and continued its historic mission by funding charitable organizations that serve at-risk children and youth within their own communities. The Children's Fund concluded funding activities in 2010.

addendum added in 2005, includes some materials after 1994, including oral histories, video and audio cassettes, photographs, clippings and by-laws. The second addendum, added in 2014, was arranged according to the Series numbers, and includes minutes of board meetings and real estate correspondence.

The collection is arranged in eighteen series:

**PROCESSOR'S NOTE:** In order to maintain historical chronology, records are described according to their intellectual arrangement. Where bound records needed to be filed separately, a reference to physical location is included (Bold container and folder numbers follow listing). Additional cross-references may be added to further guide researchers.

**SERIES I: CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS** consists of Articles of Incorporation, Rules and Regulations and related drafts, 1879-1977. The series is arranged chronologically.

**SERIES II: HISTORICAL EVENTS AND ANNIVERSARIES** consists of newspaper clippings regarding the laying of cornerstones for the Steuben monument, 1870, and the German Orphan Home, 1890, many in German; material regarding anniversary celebrations, 1889-1989; and the reunion of former residents, 1988. The series also includes an album with photographs and correspondence, 1870-1893, most in German, as well as historical notes, 1882-1988. The series is arranged chronologically.

**SERIES III: MINUTES OF MONTHLY AND ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AND ASSOCIATION** consists of monthly and annual Board minutes, partly in German, 1879-1981, and of monthly board meetings, 1953-1982. Minutes of board meetings, 1983-1994, cover meetings held at various times during the year. These groups include minutes of some special meetings and some also include newspaper clippings and correspondence. The series also includes resolutions of the Board, 1935-1947. Association minutes cover annual meetings, 1953-1994. All minutes are arranged by document type and then chronologically. The addendum #2 contains minutes from 1990 to 2013.

**SERIES IV: ANNUAL REPORTS** consists of annual reports of the Board of Directors, in German and English, 1879-1929. The series includes two bound volumes (donated by Elizabeth M. Kettler and W.C. Zimmerman), and four folders. The bound volumes also contain legal documents and some newspaper clippings. They also include a pamphlet on the 25th Anniversary of the German Orphanage in Baltimore, 1891; and a booklet on the 50th anniversary of the German Orphan Home in Washington, D.C., 1929.

**SERIES V: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS** consists of monthly and annual reports, 1930-1973, including monthly and annual reports of the "Hintze Memorial Fund", 1946-1958. The series is arranged chronologically.

**SERIES VI: VARIOUS REPORTS** consists of Administrator's reports, 1967-1981; Secretary's annual reports, 1930-1977; and reports of special committees. Reports are arranged by type and then chronologically for Administrator’s and Secretary's reports and alphabetically for special committee’s reports.

SERIES VIII: FINANCIAL RECORDS consists of a ledger showing receipts, disbursements and other financial data, 1887-1906; monthly expenditure records, 1937-1939; Treasurer's annual reports, including the Dr. Anna Bartsch-Dunne Educational Trust Fund, 1941-1980; a ledger showing receipts and disbursements, 1943-1951; Treasurer's monthly reports, 1946-1959, and 1964-1978; a report on Melwood Hall, 1980; and audit reports, 1955-1994. The series is arranged by document type and then chronologically.

SERIES IX: RECORDS OF RESIDENTS AND STAFF consists of data of admission and discharge, 1879-1935 (book); acceptance forms for children, including some correspondence relating to the release of children, 1885-1954 (two books); index cards of residents, 1895-1978, application forms for admission, 1933-1950; and notes on children's whereabouts, 1968-1973 (two books), staff problems 1975-1980. (see also series XVII: Photographs)

SERIES X: LEGACIES AND BEQUESTS consists of documents and correspondence, including the Dr. Anna Bartsch-Dunne Educational Trust Fund, 1887-1979, arranged chronologically.

SERIES XI: WOMEN'S COMMITTEE OF THE GERMAN ORPHAN HOME, known as the Ladies Aid Society from 1914 to 1971, consists of a "Record of Visitors", 1914-1964, for both Ladies' Aid Society and Ladies' Sewing Society; constitution and bylaws; newspaper clippings, 1909; minutes of monthly meetings, 1919-1975; annual reports, 1931-1979; and correspondence, 1954-1976. The series is arranged by document type and then chronologically. (see also Series XVII: Photographs)

SERIES XII: LADIES' SEWING SOCIETY RECORDS consists of annual reports, 1930-1954; minutes of monthly meetings, 1935-1956; a list of contributions, 1937-1955; and two Treasurer's books of receipts and disbursements, 1940-1956. The series is arranged by document type and then chronologically. (see also Series XVII: Photographs)

SERIES XIII: HAPPINESS CLUB RECORDS (established July 1929 for the promotion of and the entertainment of the children of the home and provide aid when possible), consists of constitution, bylaws and related correspondence, 1929-1981; minutes of mostly bimonthly meetings, 1929-1985; correspondence, 1929-1985; annual reports, 1930-1974; invitations to anniversaries and related correspondence, 1939-1979; records of the "Birthday Fund", 1948-1962; records of Crab feasts, 1955-1975; and the "Newsletter", 1970-1971. The series is arranged by document type and then chronologically. (see also Series XVII: Photographs)

SERIES XV: BIOGRAPHY consists of biographical notes, obituaries, correspondence and other material, some in German. Files are arranged alphabetically and then chronologically. Addendum #2 contains correspondence adoption papers of a resident.


SERIES XVII: PHOTOGRAPHS consists of group and individual pictures, 1879-1989, including several color photographs and copies of four tableaux of board members, 1929-1989. This series also includes a tinted mounted portrait of William C. Zimmerman. Addendum #2 contains a photograph of the Kettler family with the patriarch who was President of GOH, 1881-1986. Other originals, several mounted, are catalogued separately as CHS 11142, 11143, 11144, 11145 and 11147.


Size: 7 cubic ft. plus 2 oversize folders


Restrictions: None

Related Materials:

William Henry Grass Collection, 1890-1974, which includes records of the Christian Rupert estate and of the Christian and Eleanor Rupert Home for the Aged and Indigent Residents of the District of Columbia. MS 534

Photographs showing residents and events at the German Orphan Home, donated by Fred P. Harwich. CHS 09659-09661


Charcoal drawing of Millwood Road Home placed in Original Art Collection.

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**CONTAINER LIST**

**SERIES I: CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

**Container 1**

**Folder 1:** Assorted documents, including:
- Articles of Incorporation of the "German Protestant Orphan Home Association of the District of Columbia", September 20, 1879;
- Act of Congress changing the name of the Association, April 26, 1882; "Constitution and Neben-Gesetze des Deutschen Waisenhaus-Vereins im Distrikt von Columbia", 1882, in German (booklet);
- "Haus Ordnung des Allgemeinen Deutschen Waisen-Hauses des Distrikts Columbia", April 13, 1892, in German and English, (booklet);
- Constitution and Bylaws, 1896;
- Act of Congress reincorporating the "Association", February 6, 1901;
- Act of Congress permitting the "Association" to determine the number of its directors, February 3, 1913;
- Constitution and Bylaws, 1913, in German and English (booklet);
- Act of Congress changing the name of the "Association", June 5, 1935; Constitution and Bylaws, 1941;
- "District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act", 1962; and certification, October 3, 1962, of attached copy of Articles of Incorporation.

**Folder 2:** Constitution and Bylaws, 1963; Rules and Regulations, 1963; amendments to bylaws, 1968; constitution and amendments, 1971.

**Folder 3:** Proposed and existing bylaws, 1976.

**Folder 4:** Amended bylaws, 1977; Rules and Regulations and recommended changes for bylaws, both undated.

**SERIES II: HISTORICAL EVENTS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**Folder 5:** Baron von Steuben Monument, laying of cornerstone, May 16, 1870, consisting of newspaper clippings, most in German.
Folder 6: Dedication of German Orphan Asylum, October 26, 1890, and of the Steuben Monument, May 22, 1893, consisting of photographs (including C.A.Didden, Architect of home, 1890) correspondence and newspaper clippings of advertisements, 1870-1893, most in German (removed from a red binder).

Folder 7: Historical notes, including newspaper clippings, 1883-1988, some in German. Also includes a prospectus of Green Vale Aquarium and Park. The map of this park marked with Carl Obermeyer's name was moved to Map collection M0216.

Folder 8: Anniversary celebration, 1889, newspaper clipping in German.

Folder 9: German Orphan Asylum, laying of cornerstone and dedication, 1890, newspaper clippings, most in German, and program for dedication.

Folder 10: Anniversary celebration, 1904, newspaper clipping.

Folder 11: Anniversary celebration, 1929, including "50th Anniversary 1879-1929 Illustrated History", June 30, 1929, (booklet) and assorted pages of text; "Geschichte des Deutschen Waisenhauses in Washington, D.C." in German, by Dr. Paul Gleis, based on the afore mentioned English text (booklet).

Folder 12: Anniversary celebration, 1954, including invitation to 75th anniversary tea; letter soliciting funds undated; newspaper clippings; and letters thanking contributors to the tea.

Folder 13: Anniversary celebration, 1979, including text of speech by President Harry Kriemelmeyer; newspaper clippings, some in German; letter, March 3, 1980, from Carla Ockershausen to President Kriemelmeyer regarding donation of $100; and guest book. 
Guest book (Cont. 5, Folder 230)

Folder 14: Reunion of former residents, 1988, newspaper clippings.

Folder 15: Anniversary celebration, 1989, including invitation to reception, text of remarks by President Christopher Christensen and Margaret Z. Currie; newspaper clippings in German; and "German Orphan Home Association Inc. 110th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 1989" of the Council of the District of Columbia, November 21, 1989, which is in oversize folder 261.

SERIES III: MINUTES OF MONTHLY AND ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AND ASSOCIATION

Board Minutes

Monthly, annual and special meetings, September 7, 1879-October 14, 1891, including semiannual reports on receipts and disbursements, October 1, 1882-April 1, 1883, in German (book).
(Cont. 7, Folder 252).
Monthly, annual and special meetings, including some newspaper clippings, October 27, 1891-October 14, 1900, in German (book).

(Cont. 5, Folder 231)

Monthly, annual and special meetings, including many newspaper clippings, October 26, 1900-July 14, 1912, in German (book)

(Cont. 5, Folder 232)

Monthly, annual and special meetings, August 11, 1912-December 11, 1921 (August 11, 1912-March 17, 1918 are in German, April 14, 1918 is partly in German), and May 12, 1918-December 11, 1921 (book)

(Cont. 5, Folder 233)

Monthly and annual meetings, August 11, 1912-June 14, 1914 (book)

(Cont. 5, Folder 234)

Monthly and annual meetings, January 13, 1922-August 9, 1936 (book)

(Cont. 5, Folder 235)

Monthly and annual meetings, September 13, 1936-January 28, 1949 (book)

(Cont. 5, Folder 236)


(Cont. 5, Folder 237)

Folder 16: Monthly meetings, March 9-December 14, 1952.

Folder 17: Monthly meetings, February 8-December 6, 1953.

Folder 18: Monthly meetings, January 10-December 12, 1954.


Folder 31: Monthly meetings, January 8-December 9, 1967.
Folder 34: Monthly meetings, January 18-December 14, 1970.
Folder 45: Monthly meetings, January 12-October 12, 1981.

Folder 51: Meetings, April 9-November 19, 1990.


Folder 54: Meetings, March 8-November 22, 1993.


Association Minutes


SERIES IV: ANNUAL REPORTS

Yearbook 1879-1906 (donated by Elizabeth M. Kettler and W.C. Zimmerman) containing: booklets of "Constitution, By-laws and Rules and Regulations of the German Orphan Asylum Association of the District of Columbia", 1897, in German and English; "Constitution and Neben-Gesetze des Deutschen protestantischen Waisenhaus-Vereins im Distrikt von Columbia", 1881 and 1882, in German; "Jahres-und Finanz Bericht des Allgemeinen Deutschen Waisenhauses vom District Columbia, 1882-1883", in German; "Jahresbericht des Allgemeinen Deutschen Waisen-Hauses vom District Columbia, 1884-1887", in German; annual reports of the German Orphan Asylum of the District of Columbia, 1888-1906, partly in German; Program for the dedication of the German Orphan Asylum, 1890; and some newspaper clippings
(Cont. 5, folder 238)

Yearbook 1907-1929 (donated by Elizabeth M. Kettler and W.C. Zimmerman) containing:
Booklets of annual reports of the German Orphan Asylum of the District of Columbia, 1907-1929, partly in German;
"Fifth Annual Report of the Christian and Eleanora Ruppert Home", 1907;  
50th Anniversary booklet of the German Orphan Asylum, 1929; "Haus Ordnung des  
Allgemeinen Deutschen Waisen Hauses des Distrikts Columbia", 1892, in German;  
"Jahres- und Finanz-Bericht des Allgemeinen Deutschen Waisenhauses vom District  
Columbia", 1882-1883, in German;  
"25 jahriges Jubilaum des Allgemeinen Deutschen Waisenhauses von Baltimore", 1891,  
in German.  
(Cont. 6, folder 239)

Folder 60: Annual report, 1882, and semiannual report, 1883, in German, including some  
newspaper clippings.

Folder 61: Annual Reports, 1882-1901, of which 1882-1883 is in German, others are in  
German and English (booklets).

Folder 62: Annual Reports, 1902-1910, in German and English (booklets).

Folder 63: Annual Reports, 1911-1920, of which several are in German and English  
(booklets).

Folder 64: Annual Reports, 1921-1926 (booklets).

Folder 65: Annual Reports, 1927-1932 (booklets).

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SERIES V: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Folder 66: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1935.

Folder 67: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1936.

Folder 68: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1937.

Folder 69: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1938.

Folder 70: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1939.

Folder 71: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1940.

Folder 72: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1941.

Folder 73: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1942.

Folder 74: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1943.
Folder 75: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1944.
Folder 76: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1945.
Folder 77: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1946.
Folder 78: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1947.
Folder 79: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1948.
Folder 80: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1949.
Folder 81: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1950.
Folder 82: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1951.
Folder 83: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1952.
Folder 84: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1953.
Folder 85: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1954.
Folder 86: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1955.
Folder 87: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1956.
Folder 88: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1957.
Folder 89: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1958.
Folder 90: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1959.
Folder 91: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1960.
Folder 93: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1962.
Folder 94: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1963.
Folder 95: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1964.
Folder 97: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1966.


Folder 100: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1970.


Folder 102: Superintendent's monthly reports, 1972.


Folder 104: Superintendent's annual reports, 1930-1972.


SERIES VI: VARIOUS REPORTS


Folder 108: Secretary's annual reports, 1930-1940.

Folder 109: Secretary's annual reports, 1941-1949.


Folder 111: Various committees' reports and correspondence, 1947-1994, in alphabetical order, by name of committee.

SERIES VII: CORRESPONDENCE

Folder 112: Letter, August 27, 1891, from attorneys Wolf and Cohen to Carl Obermeyer regarding his employment and GOH correspondence, 1918-1952.

Folder 113: Correspondence, 1953, including letter of February 17, 1953, advising of legacy of $100,000 from Christian Heurich.

Folder 114: Correspondence, 1954.
Folder 115: Correspondence, 1955.

Folder 116: Correspondence, 1956, including letter of September 5, 1956, stating replacement value of the main building of the "Home" as $225,000.

Folder 117: Correspondence, 1957.

Folder 118: Correspondence, 1958.

Folder 119: Correspondence, 1959.

Folder 120: Correspondence, 1960-1963, including letter of October 4, 1962, enclosing a copy of the decision of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia regarding the authority of the "Asylum" to care for nonresident girls until the age of eighteen years, 1891.

Folder 121: Correspondence, 1964.

Folder 122: Correspondence, 1965.

Folder 123: Correspondence, 1966.

Folder 124: Correspondence, 1967.

Folder 125: Correspondence, 1968, including copy of the license to operate the German Orphan Home in Maryland.

Folder 126: Correspondence, 1969, including federal income tax form, 1969.

Folder 127: Correspondence, 1970.


Folder 129: Correspondence, 1974.

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Folder 130: Correspondence, 1975, including letters regarding personnel matters.

Folder 131: Correspondence, January 10-June 30, 1976, including letters regarding personnel matters.

Folder 132: Correspondence, July 1-November 29, 1976, including material on administrative matters.

Folder 133: Correspondence, 1977.
Folder 134: Correspondence, 1978, including notice to Board regarding the closure of the "Kinderheim" program.

Folder 135: Correspondence, 1979, including lease agreement with ASSISI, July 21, 1979.

Folder 136: Correspondence, 1980, including agreement on the use of Melwood Hall, June 9, 1980; and draft lease agreement with SECOND GENESIS, INC., September 15, 1980.

Folder 137: Correspondence, 1981-1982.


Folder 139: Correspondence, 1988-1990.


SERIES VIII: FINANCIAL RECORDS

Receipts, disbursements and other financial data, 1887-1906, in original legal size ledger, (Cross reference only)
(Cont. 7, folder 253).

Folder 141: Monthly expenditure records, 1937-1939.

Folder 142: Treasurer's annual reports, 1941-1970; financial statements, June 30, 1980; and Dr. Anna Bartsch-Dunne Educational Trust Fund statements, 1961-1970.

Receipts and disbursements, 1943-1951 (ledger).
(Cont. 6, folder 240)

(Cont. 8, folders 256, 257, 258, 259)


SERIES IX: RECORDS OF RESIDENTS AND STAFF

Dates of admission, of discharge and personal information of residents, 1879-1935, partly in German, contained in legal size record book.

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(Cont. 6, folder 242)

Folder 149: Authorization for admission of May Cornelia Watts, July 18, 1929; authorization for discharge of James G., Howard O., Ernst C. and Dolly May Watts, July 11, 1933; applications for admission, 1933-1950; certification of admission, June 16, 1954, of Viola McQueen, nee Leahmah, and her brother Arthur Leahmah, December 18, 1897; and undated applications for admission and various blank forms. Original admission form are filed in

(Cont. 8, folder 260)


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(Cont. 6, folder 244)

Index cards for individual residents listing date of admission, discharge, contact name and home address, 1895-1978.

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Folder 150: Staff problems 1975-1976, consisting of material regarding the case of Jerry Rogers and Tony King.


SERIES X: LEGACIES AND BEQUESTS, 1887-1978

Folder 152: Legacy of Anton Eberly, February 11, 1887, in German.

Folder 153: Legacies, 1922-1943, arranged in chronological order.
Folder 154: Legacies, 1941-1959, listed in chronological order on oversize sheet (in oversize folder 261); Legacies, 1944-1959, arranged in chronological order; and correspondence regarding the Dr. Anna Bartsch-Dunne Educational Trust Fund, 1958-1973.


Folder 156: Legacies, 1964-1979, arranged in chronological order.

SERIES XI: WOMEN'S COMMITTEE OF THE GERMAN ORPHAN HOME

Folder 157: Constitution and Bylaws, undated.

Folder 158: Newspaper clipping, 1909.

"Record of Visitors" (attendance at meetings), Ladies' Aid Society and Ladies' Sewing Society, 1914-1964, contained in legal size book
(Cont. 7, folder 255)

Minutes of monthly meetings, 1919-1929, up to April 1929 in German (book).
(Cont. 6, folder 245)

Minutes of monthly meetings, 1930-1947 (book)
(Cont. 6, folder 246)

Folder 159: Minutes of monthly meetings, 1961-1964 (loose pages), and 1966-1971 (notebook).

Folder 160: Minutes of monthly meetings, 1974-1975.


SERIES XII: LADIES' SEWING SOCIETY RECORDS


Minutes of monthly meetings, 1935-1953, (book)
(Cont. 7, folder 247)

Minutes of monthly meetings, 1954-1956, (book)
(Cont. 7, folder 248)
List of contributions, 1937-1955 (book)  
(Cont. 7, folder 249)

"Treasurer's Book" showing receipts and disbursements, 1940-1948  
(Cont. 7, folder 250)

"Treasurer's Book", showing receipts and disbursements, 1949-1956  
(Cont. 7, folder 251)

SERIES XIII: HAPPINESS CLUB RECORDS


Folder 165: Minutes of meetings, 1929-1934.

Folder 166: Minutes of meetings and Treasurer's reports, 1946-1952.

Folder 167: Minutes of meetings and Treasurer's reports, 1953-1957.


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Folder 171: Minutes of meetings and Treasurer's reports, 1974-1985.

Folder 172: Correspondence, 1929-1962.

Folder 173: Correspondence, 1963-1985 and undated, including newspaper clipping, July 12, 1985, and handwritten note, regarding the dissolution of the "Happiness Club"; music contest evaluations and undated papers.


Folder 175: Anniversary celebrations, 1939, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1969, 1979, including invitations, correspondence and song sheet

Folder 176: "Birthday Fund", financial statements, 1948-1962

Folder 177: Crab feasts, 1955-1960, including accounting records, invitations and correspondence. (No records for 1961.)
Folder 178: Crab feasts, 1962-1975, including accounting records, invitations and correspondence.


SERIES XIV: RECORDS OF OTHER GOH ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Folder 180: Alumni Association, reports and correspondence, 1947-1952, and constitution, undated.

Folder 181: "Junior Auxiliary of the German Orphan Home", constitution and list of members both undated


Folder 183: Soap Box Derby, newspaper clippings regarding the participation of the Home and the residents, 1948-1958, some undated.

SERIES XV: BIOGRAPHY

Folder 184: Biographical notes, including personal observations, handwritten and undated, and biography of William B. Amonett, Prince George's Council Chairman, 1979.

Folder 185: Drechsler, Robert F., 1990, magazine articles, newspaper clipping; and Drechsler, Thomas, program for concert, 1946, and newspaper clipping, 1952. (see also Series 18, Post 1994 records, Video Robert F. Drechsler August 6, 1997)

Folder 186: Gerber, Carl R., newspaper clipping, 1945, and undated newspaper clipping and photos.


Folder 188: Imhof, Friedrich, newspaper clippings, 1908, and undated

Folder 189: Krug, Warren John Investiture at Calvert County Courthouse Oct. 8, 1993

Folder 190: Newspaper clippings, 1940-1993, including invitation to investiture of Warren J. Krug, former president of German Orphan Home Association, as circuit judge in Calvert County, Maryland.

Folder 191: Obituaries, 1894-1994, and several undated, some in German.

SERIES XVI: REAL ESTATE AND PROPERTY RECORDS


Folder 194: Melwood Road property, correspondence including agreements between the German Orphan Home Association and the architect and contractor, application for retail sales and use tax exemption, and plans for construction of new home, 1964-1966. The folder also contains the invitation and program for the dedication of the new Home on Melwood Road, 1966

Folder 195: ASSISI Family Center (a shelter for battered women and their children), 1979-1980, correspondence and newspaper clippings


SERIES XVII: PHOTOGRAPHS

Folder 197: Adults, groups in front of German Orphan Asylum, 1889-1890, and two undated, unidentified photographs (one man, one couple).

Folder 198: Adults, group of four, 1930's (original is catalogued as photograph CHS 11139)

Folder 199: Adults, several groups, including Navy Champions, 1941, planting of trees, 1968, presentations of checks from Lions Club, and other groups, some of which are in color.


Folder 201: Board members, Board and committee members, 1945, 1945; individual board members for showcase of Harris & Ewing, photographers, 1966; small group of board members, 1976; color photographs.


Folder 203: Buildings, Good Hope Road, 1879-1965, including dedication, (dated 1879 but actual date 1890) and 2 color photographs, 1965.
Folder 204: Buildings, Melwood Road, 1965-1966 including groundbreaking, one of which is in color.

Folder 205: Buildings, Melwood Road, dedication of "Home" 1966.

Folder 206: Buildings, Melwood Road, interior views, one includes residents.

Folder 207: Children, group with adults in yard of German Orphan Asylum, 1880's (original is catalogued as photograph CHS 11137); children with adults in front of German Orphan Asylum, ca 1890; children with two adults in front of German Orphan Home, 1920's (original is catalogued as photograph CHS 11136).

Folder 208: Children, individual baby photographs, ca. 1890's.

Folder 209: Children, various groups.

Folder 210: Children, various groups (continued).

Folder 211: Children, Labor Day Festival, 1940.

Folder 212: Children, Christmas Shopping, 1950's.

Folder 213: Children, Christmas celebrations, 1940-1960's.

Folder 214: Children, New Year's Eve party, 1950s.

Folder 215: Children, contact sheets, 1950s.

Folder 216: Children with Mrs. Nixon, wife of vice president of the United States, late 1950s.

Folder 217: Children, 75th anniversary party of the German Orphan Home, including a photograph showing president William H. Grass cutting the birthday cake, Mrs. Grass, Mr. and Mrs. Christman and guests.

Folder 218: Children, late 1950s, recreational activities, swimming, track, table tennis and jungle gym.

Folder 219: Children, individual photographs, including Ben Swann in uniform; Raymond Lerch as baby and in uniform; Beverly Ford in her late teens and as a bride with related newspaper article, 1960; and Ellen Slay (color).

Folder 220: Children, individuals and group (color), some probably from the 1960s.

Folder 221: Families, Ruth Beale as teenager and with husband and children; Mr. and Mrs. Christman and their son John; and wedding picture (color) of former residents, Linda Saunders and Ronald King, with the Christmans.

Folder 223: Families, Obermeyer, including Karl Obermeyer's restaurant, ca.1890s; their adopted daughter Dora with her husband Frank Lerch, Rosina Obermeyer, annotated as having worked with her husband as matron and superintendent at the German Orphan Asylum; and other family members, ca. 1890s.

Folder 224: Happiness Club, 50th anniversary banquet, 1979 (color photographs).


Folder 226: Ladies' Sewing Society, composite of individual photographs of officers: Mrs. Catharina Loeffler, Mrs. Martin Wiegand, Mrs. Marie de Crain, Mrs. Emma Thomfordt, Mrs. William C. Zimmerman, Mrs. Elizabeth Wetzel, Mrs. William G. Widmayer, 1929. (Original is catalogued as photograph CHS 11138).

Folder 227: Reunion of former residents, October 1988 (color photographs and negatives).

Folder 228: Staff and residents, 1978

Folder 229: Soap Box Derby, photographs of participants in the races, 1940s 1950s, and of trophies displayed at the 1988 reunion, some in color.

Zimmerman, William C., president of the GOH Association 1925-1941, tinted mounted portrait (OVERSIZE FOLDER 261)

Container 5 (Bound items described above)

Folder 230: 1979 Anniversary Guest book (SEE folder 13)

Folder 231: Monthly, annual and special meetings, including some newspaper clippings, October 27, 1891-October 14, 1900, in German (book).

Folder 232: Monthly, annual and special meetings, including many newspaper clippings, October 26, 1900-July 14, 1912, in German (book).

Folder 233: Monthly, annual and special meetings, August 11, 1912-December 11, 1921 (August 11, 1912-March 17, 1918 are in German, April 14, 1918 is partly in German), and May 12, 1918-December 11, 1921 (book).

Folder 234: Monthly and annual meetings, August 11, 1912-June 14, 1914 (book)
Folder 235: Monthly and annual meetings, January 13, 1922-August 9, 1936 (book)
Folder 236: Monthly and annual meetings, September 13, 1936-January 28, 1949 (book)
Folder 238: Yearbook 1879-1906 (donated by Elizabeth M. Kettler and W.C.Zimmerman) cross reference, Series IV, annual reports.

Container 6 (Bound items described above)
Folder 239: Yearbook 1907-1929 (donated by Elizabeth M. Kettler and W.C.Zimmerman), cross reference, Series IV, annual reports
Folder 240: Receipts and disbursements, 1943-1951 (ledger).
Folder 245: Minutes of monthly meetings, 1919-1929, up to April 1929 in German (book).

Container 7a (Bound items described above)
Folder 247: Ladies Sewing Society, minutes of meetings 1935-1953
Folder 248: Ladies Sewing Society, minutes of meetings, 1954-1956
Folder 249: Ladies Sewing Society, List of contributions, 1937-1955
Folder 250: Ladies Sewing Society treasurer's book, 1940-1948
Container 7b (Bound items described above)

Folder 252: GOH Board minutes 1879-1883, cross reference Series III:

Folder 253: Financial data, 1887-1906, cross reference Series VIII:

Folder 254: Records of residents, 1879-1935, cross reference Series IX:

Container 7c (Bound items described above)

Folder 255: Ladies Aid Society, "Record of Visitors" 1914-1964

Container 8

Folder 256: Treasurer's monthly reports, 1946-1949.


Folder 258: Treasurer's monthly reports, 1954-1957.


Folder 260: Original admission forms, cross reference folder 149

Container 9

Index cards of individual residents, 1895-1978, cross reference Series IX: Records of Residents and Staff.

Oversize Folders

Folder 261: Tinted, mounted portrait of William C. Zimmerman, resolution regarding Christian Heurich's death (listed in folders 56); legacies, 1941-1959 (listed in folder 154); and GOH 110th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 1989 of the District of Columbia (listed in folder 13)

Folder 262: Three site plan maps for Melwood Road Property 1964-1966
SERIES XVIII: RECORDS, 1995-2000

Container 10
Audio Cassette Tapes

Interview with Karl, June 26, 1995.

Interview with George Christman, Jr., May 13, 1996 (2 copies)

100th Anniversary of German Orphan Home September 16, 1979, Harry Kriegelmeyer, President (For related materials, see Series II: Historical Events and Anniversaries, folder 13.)

Video Cassette Tapes

Interview with Robert F. Dreschler, August 6, 1997

Interview with Karl Knobloch, June 16, 1995

Interview with George Christman, Jr., May 13, 1996

Interview with Louise Grass, October 7, 1996

Folder 263: Xerox copies of photographs and newspaper clippings, 1966-2000, several in German, contained in Scrapbook of Mrs. Christine Hambach.

Folder 264: Knobloch, Karl, June 1995 interview with former resident.

Folder 265: Hintze, Fritz W. 1996 interview with former resident


ADDENDUM #1

Processor: Marianne M. Gill

DATE: August, 2006

Records acquired after December, 2000

Container 10

Folder 268  Research notes of Anna Watkins, containing notes on residents and donors of the German Orphan Home. Anna Watkins holds an M.A. in history from Georgetown University, and the author of The History of the German Orphan Home of the District of Columbia (see related material).

Series XIV: Records of other GOH Associations

Folder 269  Ruppert Home, 1900-1964, includes real estate transactions to the German Orphan Home.

Series XI: Women’s Committee of the German Orphan Home

Folder 270  Women’s Committee of the German Orphan Home; includes notes, correspondence, meeting agenda’s and rosters of members. 1981-1988

Folder 271  Women’s Committee of the German Orphan Home, includes notes, correspondence, meeting agendas, and rosters of members, 1987-1993
ADDENDUM #2

Processor: Marianne M. Gill

Date: January, 2014

Records acquired in 2013.

(Processor note: Records were sorted by Series number noted on original document)

CONTAINER 11
SERIES I: CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Folder 272 1998-2001 By laws
Folder 273 2001 Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, history of German Orphan Home

SERIES III: MINUTES OF MONTHLY AND ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AND ASSOCIATION

Folder 274 1990 Minutes of Board Meetings and Annual Meeting
Folder 275 1991 “ “ “ “
Folder 276 1992 “ “ “ “
Folder 277 1993 “ “ “ “
Folder 278 1994 “ “ “ “
Folder 279 1995 “ “ “ “
Folder 280 1996 “ “ “ “
Folder 281 1997 “ “ “ “
Folder 282 1998 “ “ “ “
Folder 283 1999 “ “ “ “
Folder 284 2000 “ “ “ “

CONTAINER 12
Folder 285 2001 Minutes of Board Meetings and Annual Meeting
Folder 286 2002 “ “ “ “
Folder 287 2003 “ “ “ “
Folder 288 2004 “ “ “ “
Folder 289 2005 “ “ “ “
Folder 290 2006 “ “ “ “
Folder 291 2007 “ “ “ “
Folder 292 2008 “ “ “ “
Folder 293 2009, 2010, 2011, last meeting of Board held 3-30-2011
Folder 294 2003 Board of Directors, list

CONTAINER #12 (continued)
SERIES VII: CORRESPONDENCE
Folder 295  1990-2011

CONTAINER # 13

SERIES VIII: FINANCIAL RECORDS
Folder 299  1966-2004  Anna Bartsch-Dunne Trust Fund
Folder 300  1998 & 2002  Tax statements

SERIES IX: RECORDS OF RESIDENTS AND STAFF
Folder 301  1964-1975  Correspondence and adoption records of Frank Kalperis
Folder 302  1997  Transcript of interview of R.F. Dreschler
             1988  Reunion of former residents
Folder 303  1981-2003  List of grant recipients

SERIES XV: BIOGRAPHY
Folder 304  Obituaries of former members

SERIES XVI: REAL ESTATE AND PROPERTY RECORDS
Folder 305  1998  Correspondence and legal documents on sale of the German Orphan Home
            site on Good Hope Road, S.E., D. C.
Folder 306  2000  Correspondence and legal documents on sale of the Melwood Property, Upper Marlboro formerly the German Orphan Home, to the Second Genesis Program

SERIES XVII: PHOTOGRAPHS
Folder 307  1881-1886  President, Mr. Kettler with his family

SERIES XVIII: POST 1994 RECORDS
Folder 308  n/d  Web site information and Mission Statement
Folder 309  2005  CD disc, History Book
Folder 310  VHS tape “Christian Heurich and His House