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OVERVIEW

Donor: Andrew Johs (1909-2005)

Accession Date: December 1999

Collection Number: 009

Quantity: 0.25 linear feet

Summary: A collection of German folk song texts, words to an Easter cantata, and four books.

Languages: German & English

Links:

- More information about Andrew Johs can be found on the [transcribed interview page](#)
- [Obituary of Andrew Johns](#)
- [Obituary of Leo Johs](#) (*Fargo Forum* – 14 December 2003)

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BIOGRAPHY

Andrew Johs was born in Logan County, North Dakota on December 10, 1909. His parents were Johann and Johanna (Schwartzberger) Johs. Johanna (1884-1965) was born in Elsass, South Russia. Johann (1879-1925) was born in Kleinliebentall, Russia. Andrew married Mary Ann Schmidt in 1932. They farmed near Napoleon, North Dakota for 45 years. Andrew Johs died on January 11, 2005 at the age of ninety-five.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Andrew Johs Collection** consists of copied German folksongs, a script to Easter Cantata “Passion,” and four books. The collection has been organized into three series: Folk Song, Subject, and Book.

The **Folk Song Series** contains many handwritten and typed folk songs. The vast majority of them are in the German language but some are in English. [See the collection [inventory](#) for a full listing of the folksongs].

The **Subject Series** is comprised of eight pages to an Easter Cantata: “Passion.” Also included is a two page insert of Pilate’s Trial of Christ. All of these are photocopies.

The **Books Series** includes four books. Three books are in German and one is in English. See the listing below for a more detail description of the books.

SEPARATION RECORD

Four books were donated along with the Andrew Johs Collection. These books have been separated from the rest of the collection and placed in the GRHC Library. Two books have cataloged while the other two have not.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box/Folder	Contents
1/1	Finding aid, inventory, and historical information
FOLK SONG SERIES	
1/2	Words to 37 of 38 German folk songs, handwritten, one song is in English (photocopy)
1/3	Words to 23 of 24 German folk songs, typed, one song is in English (photocopy)
SUBJECT SERIES	
1/4	Easter Cantata “Passion” <u>Das Leiden unseres Herrn Jesu Christi wie es uns der Heilige Matheus beschreibet</u> , eight pages, a two page insert of <u>Pilate’s Trial of Christ</u> (photocopies)

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BOOK SERIES

1. Fleitcher, Engelbert, Bernhard Runge, and Max Wolf. Mein Sanggesell. Berlin: Tromizsch & Sohn, pages 148, pages 25. [[M1994.R917 1927za](#)]
2. Franciscan Sisters of the Perpetual Adoration. The Saint Rose Hymnal. LaCrosse, Wisconsin: 1939, pages 208.
3. Rees, W.H. Lobet Den Herrn. New York: J. Fischer & Brothers, 1913, pages 299.
4. Deutsche Sprachlehre. New York: Verlag con Benziger Brothers, pages 102 plus ads. [[PF3111.D487 1875](#)]