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## OVERVIEW

**Donor:** Leland Elhard

**Accession Date:** 5 December 2007; 10 February 2009

**Collection Number:** 019

**Quantity:** 0.5 linear feet

**Summary:** This collection contains four books inscribed “A.W. Werder” on the history of politics in Russia and Europe in the years between 1814 and 1831 and a 1905 publication containing an article on the perceived perils from the influx of immigrants.

**Languages:** German and English

**Links:**

- [Obituary of Rev. Leland Elhard](#) (*Bismarck Tribune* – 30 June 2010)
- [“Is There an Immigration Peril?”](#) (June 1905)
- [In Touch with Prairie Living](#) (January 2008)

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## BIOGRAPHY

Author Theodor von Bernhardt (1803-1887) was a German-born diplomat and historian living in Germany and Russia.

Pastor A.W. Werder of Wheeling, West Virginia acquired two in a set of four books from the library at Capital University, Bexley (near Columbus), Ohio in 1875 and 1878. Albert William

Werder was born in Württemberg, Germany in 1839, and came to America with his parents. He attended Lutheran seminary in Columbus, Ohio, graduating in June of 1864. Following graduation, Pastor Werder served for over 25 years at St. James German Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wheeling, West Virginia. Werder died in 21 Nov 1916 in Ohio County, West Virginia.

The Rev. Dr. Leland Elhard was born 3 Sept 1931, in LaMoure County, North Dakota. Elhard attended North Dakota Agricultural College, Fargo, North Dakota, and Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. Elhard was ordained in 1960 and received his Doctor of Divinity in 1965. He taught for 36 years at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. Elhard studied to discover more about his Germans from Russian heritage. He died 26 Jun 2010 in Bismarck, North Dakota

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Leland Elhard Collection** consists of four German-language books containing a history of politics in Russia and Europe between 1814 and 1831. The books were written between 1863 and 1875. The books are inscribed: "A.W. Werder." The publication from 1905 has commentary on the perceived influence of European immigration on American industry.

## BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box/Folder	Contents
1/1	Finding aid, inventory, full-scale photocopy of the 1905 publication, and an obituary for Leland Elhard.

## PUBLICATION SERIES

1/2	Moore, Charles A. (President of New York Civic Federation), National Civic Federation Review, Volume II, No. 3, June 1905, "Is there an Immigration Peril?" New York: Trades Union Council Printers, 1905, pages 7, excerpted.
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## 1 BOOK SERIES

1. von Bernhardt, Theodor. Geschichte Russlands und der europaeischen Politik in Jahren 1814 bis 1831, (Staatengeschichte der Neuesten Zeit), Leipzig, Germany: S. Hirzel (printed by Hirschfeld in Leipzig), 1863, pages 543. Erster Theil. Inscribed "A.W. Werder, \_\_\_\_\_, Wheeling, [West Virginia]. Embossed seal: "Capital University, Bexley, Ohio.

2. von Bernhardi, Theodor. Geschichte Russlands und der europaeischen Politik in Jahren 1814 bis 1831, (Staatengeschichte der Neuesten Zeit), Leipzig, Germany: S. Hirzel, 1874, pages 735. Zweiter Theil. Erste Abtheilung. Inscribed "A.W. Werder, 20 January 1875."
3. von Bernhardi, Theodor. Geschichte Russlands und der europaeischen Politik in Jahren 1814 bis 1831, (Staatengeschichte der Neuesten Zeit), Leipzig, Germany: S. Hirzel, 1877, pages 735. Dritter Theil. Inscribed "A.W. Werder, luth Pfarrer, 9 Februar 1878."
4. von Bernhardi, Theodor. Geschichte Russlands und der europaeischen Politik in Jahren 1814 bis 1831, (Staatengeschichte der Neuesten Zeit), Leipzig, Germany: S. Hirzel/ printed by Hirschfeld in Leipzig, 1875, pages 845. Zweiter Theil. Zweiter Abtheilung. Inscribed "A.W. Werder, \_\_\_ Pfarrer." Embossed seal: Capital University, Bexley, Ohio.