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**Finding Aid to the
Straub/ Graepp Families
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OVERVIEW

Donor: Naomi Vining

Accession Date: 2002

Collection Number: 058

Quantity: 0.25 linear feet

Summary: A German hymnal, history on the Straub family, typescript of a song, correspondence, and articles; dates for the collection include: 1888-1890, 1937, and 1971-2002.

Languages: German & English

Links:

- [“If These Walls Could Talk: Straub Furniture”](#)
- [“A Time To Remember: Henry Straub”](#)

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BIOGRAPHY

Henry Straub was born on November 27, 1869, to parents Johann and Barbara (Beck) Straub, in Neu-Lustdorf, Russia. When Henry was ten his old, his father died, and his mother died a year later. Henry moved in with an uncle. At age eighteen, Henry obtained employment at Maerckling Co., which was a furniture manufacturer in Odessa, South Russia. Henry Straub immigrated to the United States in 1890, eventually settling in Eureka, South Dakota. On December 20, 1896,

Henry Straub married Albina Brandt. Henry Straub became a prominent merchant in Eureka. Henry Straub died on June 21, 1953. Albina (Brandt) Straub died in March, 1973.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Straub/ Graepp Families Collection** consists of a German hymnal, information on the Straub family, typescript of a song, correspondence, and an article. Dates were not available for all the items in the collection. However, the items that are dated include the following time frames: 1888-1890, 1937, and 1971-2002.

There are two articles in German. They are both photocopies. The first article, “Die Straub von Gruibingen,” is from an unknown book, but it dates to September 1971. The other article is also from an unknown source. Along the photocopied article is written, “Dr. Karl Stumpp’s review of Eureka area – visit – 1971. As part of his review appearing in a magazine in Germany.”

The typescript of a song, “Dort im Dakotaland” Rev. by Arthur Leno, is in German. Also typed on the sheet is “Revision of ‘Boehmerwald’.” The song is in three verses and is on a partial sheer of paper.

The information on the Straub family includes photocopies from a book, a recommendation letter, and correspondence. The book pages are on Henry Straub and Family and are from the Eureka 50th Anniversary book, Eureka, 1887-1937. The photocopied recommendation letter is for Heinrich Straub. It includes an English translation and is dated to 1890. The letter is also photocopied. It is a letter from Margaret Wolf to Leona. The letter describes a trip to Germany, meeting distant relatives, and video-taping stories of relatives living in Siberia and other areas.

The hymnal, Deutsch-Amerikanische Chor-Lieder zum Gebrauch in den detuschen Protestantischen Kirchen von Amerika, in Stadt und Land by C.A. Weiss & Geo. F. Rosche, is in German. The hymnal was published in Chicago and dates to 1888.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

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1/3	“Henry Straub and Family”, 1937

- 1/3** Recommendation letter for Heinrich Straub, 1890
- 1/3** Letter from Margaret Wolf
- 1** Deutsch-Amerikanische Chor-Lieder zum Gebrauch in den deutschen
Protestantischen Kirchen von Amerika, in Stadt und Land, 1888