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Summary Information

Repository	Ball State University Archives and Special Collections
Title	Jakob Oster family papers
Date [inclusive]	1929-1950
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Language of Materials	Materials in German and English.

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Biographical Note

Jakob Oster was born November 22, 1906 in northwest Germany. Sometime between World War I and World War II, he emigrated to the United States and settled in Flemington, New Jersey. He met his wife, Ida Kullmer, while living in New Jersey. Ida was also a German emigrant; she was born on July 23, 1916 in Bremen, Germany and moved to the United States when she was a child. Jakob and Ida had one child: a daughter named Diana.

After World War II, Jakob remained in contact with his family and friends in the North Rhine-Westphalia state in Germany, which was under British control at the time. He frequently sent C.A.R.E. packages, cigarettes, flour, and other goods to his relatives. He also made efforts to locate his brother, Walter, who was reported missing in action. His efforts were successful, and Walter returned home to his wife in Heppendorf in 1947.

Jakob died in 1972 and Ida on July 19, 2014 in Muncie, Indiana.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes correspondence, newspaper clippings, brochures, and programs from Jakob Oster and his family in the United States and Germany ranging from 1929 to 1950.

Arrangement

Arranged in the following series:

Series 1: Correspondence, 1930-1936, 1944-1950

Series 2: Newspaper clippings, 1930-1947

Series 3: Programs and brochures, 1929-1947

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Poetry

Personal Name(s)

- Oster, Jakob

Subject(s)

- Brochures
- Germany--History--1933-1945
- United States--History
- World War, 1939-1945

Series 1: Correspondence, 1930-1936, 1944-1950

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Correspondence, 1930-1936, 1944-1950

Scope and Contents

This series includes correspondence between Jakob Oster and his family in Germany from 1930 to 1936, and from 1944 to 1950. Includes Jakob's letters to various prisoner of war departments in Paris and London regarding his brother, Walter, who was reported missing in action. Also includes correspondence from a relative who was held in a prisoner of war camp in Dunkirk (the camp appeared to be under French control as most of the letters include information in the French language). The series also contains shipping receipts for packages sent to Jakob's family.

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Oster, Jakob and Frau (Mrs.) Walter Oster postcard, 1947	1	71
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Oster, Jakob and Gretchen Reuter correspondence, 1949/05/29	1	74
Oster, Jakob and Reimer Reuter correspondence, 1949/07/12	1	75
Oster, Jakob and Franz Oster correspondence, 1950/12/05	1	76
"Bright Sayings" card, undated	1	77
Envelopes without accompanying letters, undated	1	78

Series 2: Newspaper clippings, 1930-1947**Scope and Contents**

This series includes newspaper clippings collected by Jakob Oster. The clippings include poems, advertisements, and columns from German-language newspapers from 1930 to 1947.

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Series 3: Programs and brochures, 1929-1947

"Beimkehr aus Amerika" newspaper clipping, 1930	1	79
Victory Exporting Corporation newspaper advertisement, 1947	1	80
"Brennender Mund, flammendes herz. Das erite Wort der Liebe" newspaper clipping, undated	1	81
"Das Californische Paradies" newspaper clipping, undated	1	82
"Frühlingslied" poem newspaper clipping, undated	1	83
"Frühlingsnacht" poem newspaper clipping, undated	1	84
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"Lied des Verbannten" poem newspaper clipping, undated	1	86
"Moderne 'Tippelbrüder'" newspaper clipping, undated	1	87
"Präludium" poem newspaper clipping, undated	1	88
"Was soll ich dir sagen" poem newspaper clipping, undated	1	89

Series 3: Programs and brochures, 1929-1947**Scope and Contents**

This collection includes programs and brochures collected by Jakob Oster including programs for productions held in Germany, a German-language map for a passenger ship line from Cherbourg

Series 3: Programs and brochures, 1929-1947

Harbour, France to New York City, and C.A.R.E. package brochures with information on how to send goods to post-war Europe.

	Box	Folder
"Programm zum 3. Stiftungsfeste" program, 1929/01/27	1	90
Norddeutscher Lloyd Bremen passenger ship map, 1929/04/22	1	91
"Grosser Rheinischer Carneval" program, 1935/03/30	1	92
C.A.R.E. package promotional brochures, 1947	1	93