Overview of the Collection

Creator
Eisenschiml, Otto, 1880-1963

Title
Otto Eisenschiml manuscripts

Dates
1960-1963 (inclusive)
1960 1963

Quantity
1 linear feet, (2 containers)

Collection Number
F923 Ei84

Summary
Otto Eisenschiml (1880-1963) was a chemist and an American Civil War historian who published books and articles regarding the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. The collection (1960-1963) contains manuscripts, notes, proofs and related correspondence of the books, Hidden Faces of the Civil War and O.E.: Historian Without an Armchair.

Repository
University of Oregon Libraries, Special Collections and University Archives.

Access Restrictions
Collection is open to the public. Collection must be used in Special Collections and University Archives Reading Room. Collection or parts of collection may be stored offsite. Please contact Special Collections and University Archives in advance of your visit to allow for transportation time.

Additional Reference Guides
See the Current Collection Guide for detailed description and requesting options.

Languages
English

Sponsor
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Historical Note

Otto Eisenschiml (1880-1963), was born June 16, 1880, in Vienna, Austria. Eisenschiml's father, Alexander, was a naturalized American citizen who had been a Union officer during the American Civil War. The elder Eisenschiml returned to Vienna where his some was born in 1880.

Otto Eisenschiml was educated in Vienna and when he graduated college in 1901 he left Europe for a position in the United States. He worked as a chemist for the Carnegie Steel Company and the American Linseed Company; in 1912 he founded his own company, the Scientific Oil Compounding
Company, in Chicago. Eisenschiml served as president of the company, then later as the chairman of the board. He held the latter position until he died on December 7, 1963, at the age of eighty-three.

Eisenschiml researched the American Civil War as a hobby; he was particularly interested in the circumstances surrounding Abraham Lincoln's assassination. He theorized that Lincoln's Secretary of War, Edwin Stanton, was directly involved in the assassination conspiracy, a position that was controversial among other scholars. He received an honorary degree from Lincoln Memorial University (Tennessee) and a diploma from Lincoln College (Illinois) in 1960.


Content Description


Manuscript material includes original typed manuscripts with notes, corrected page and galley proofs. Correspondence includes publisher's correspondence.

Administrative Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

Description

Guide to the Otto Eisenschiml Manuscripts

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms:
Authors and publishers--Correspondence
Authors, American--20th century
Chemists--United States
Historians--United States

Personal Names:
Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865--Assassination

Geographical Names:
United States--Historiography
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Research

Form or Genre Terms:
Correspondence
Galley proofs
Manuscripts for publication

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