Otto Eisenschiml manuscripts, 1960-1963

Overview of the Collection

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<td>Summary</td>
<td>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.</td>
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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 son 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 dies 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.

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Processing Note

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This collection received a basic level of processing including minimal organization and rehousing.

Description information is drawn in part from information supplied with the collection and initial surveys of the contents.

Related Materials

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential library holds the Otto Eisenshlim papers, 64-16 and 65-11.

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :
Authors and publishers--Correspondence
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Personal Names :
Eisenschiml, Otto, 1880-1963

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United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

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