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Summary Information

Repository:	Mississippi State University Libraries
Title:	Carl Schurz collection
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Language of the Material:	English

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Biographical

Carl Schurz was a nineteenth-century German-American Statesmen who had a notable impact on shaping American Politics in the middle third of the nineteenth-century. Carl Schurz was born on March 2, 1829 in Liblar, Prussia. As a young man he attended the University of Bonn in Bonn, Germany. While at Bonn he was mentored by Gottfried Kinkel, a noted German revolutionary. In fact, Schurz helped Kinkel escape prison during the political unrest in Europe in the 1840s. In 1848 many European states experienced civil unrest via a series of revolts that swept across the continent, and among the activists calling for change in Germany was a young Carl Schurz. After the Revolutions of 1848, Schurz, like many Northern Europeans emigrating from Europe, settled in the Northwest frontier lands of the United States. Schurz specifically settled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Once in Milwaukee, Schurz established a legal practice and integrated himself into the town's politics. Starting with the local level he continued to grow his political interests and began to influence policy decisions at the state level. In the late 1850s Carl Schurz joined the newly formed Republican Party. Schurz was a staunch anti-expansionist and routinely spoke out against the institution of slavery. His most notable anti-slavery speech was given on September 16, 1864. At this point in the Civil War Schurz was a Major General in Third Division of the Union Army. While in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania he gave his "For the Great Empire of Liberty, Forward" speech, where he urged Northerners to continue to support the United States' war effort so the United States could crush the Confederacy and end slavery once and for all. Schurz would routinely join Lincoln whenever Lincoln campaigned with the Republican party across the Midwest in 1859 and 1860. Schurz was rewarded for his contributions to Lincoln's nomination and election most notably his promotion to Major General. After the Civil War Schurz settled in Missouri and was elected to the United States Senate as a Representative of Missouri. Rutherford Hayes was elected to the Presidency in 1876, and Hayes then appointed Carl Schurz as Secretary of the Interior. A position Schurz reprised

under James Garfield. After his time as Secretary of the Interior Carl Schurz retired to New York City and lived out the rest of his life until he passed away in 1906 at the age of seventy-seven.

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Scope and Content

The Carl Schurz collection is organized into three series. The first and most substantial series is a collection of correspondences mostly written by Carl Schurz himself. The collection is comprised mostly of original documents; however, some of the correspondences are also photocopies and have been noted as such in the breakdown. Other authors in the collection include Abraham Lincoln and Gideon Welles. The addressees of the letters are incredibly varied and range from other statesmen like John Sherman and members of the Chamber of Commerce to school teachers asking if Carl Schurz would speak to their class. The majority of the correspondences are from his time after between the Civil War to his death in 1906 and a significant portion pertain to his attendance of social events. The second series is a collection of images, mostly photographs and engravings, of Carl Schurz over his lifetime. Other images include Carl Schurz stamps, and reproduced images of the University of Bonn and other nineteenth-century American Statesmen. However, the vast majority of the images depict Carl Schurz over his lifetime. The third and final series is comprised of two sources of ancillary information. The first is a collection of correspondences pertaining to the consolidation of the Carl Schurz collection around the early 2000s. The second is a collection of brief background information on some of the addressees contained in the first series. The third series is a tool for researchers to better understand the historical actors found in the first series.

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Acquisition Information

Acquired as a part of the Frank and Virginia Williams Collection of Lincolniana in May 2017.

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Collection Inventory

Correspondence, 1857-1905		box 1	
Title/Description	Instances		
Abraham Lincoln to Edwin Stanton and James Buchanan to Jeremiah S. Black, 1857-03-061863-01-12	box 1	folder 1	
Note			
These pieces of correspondence are photocopies and scans.			
Carl Schurz to M. M. Davis, 1858-08-24	box 1	folder 2	
Gideon Wells to Carl Schurz, 1860-10-25	box 1	folder 3	
Carl Schurz to Headquarters Third Division , 1863-05-17	box 1	folder 4	
Carl Schurz to Paymaster Greenwald, 1863-07-17	box 1	folder 5	
Carl Schurz "For the Great Empire of Liberty, Forward!", 1864-09-16	box 1	folder 6	
General			
Not an original copy of the speech, but it is an older copy.			
Carl Schurz to Ashley, 1866-08-29	box 1	folder 7	
Carl Schurz to H.Doyle, 1866-09-15	box 1	folder 8	
Carl Schurz to Arthur Ducat, 1868-12-04	box 1	folder 9	
Carl Schurz to Franz Sigel, 1870-02-24	box 1	folder 10	
Carl Schurz to Bancroft Davis, 1870-03-04	box 1	folder 11	
Carl Schurz to D. Phillips, 1871-02-01	box 1	folder 12	
Carl Schurz to Hanson A Risley, 1871-11-16	box 1	folder 13	
Carl Schurz to Jehu G Jones, 1872-06-03	box 1	folder 14	
Carl Schurz to Commissioner of Internal Revenue , 1872-12-09	box 1	folder 15	
Carl Schurz to Normal Hall, 1874-11-14	box 1	folder 16	

Related Materials :

Related Materials

Original Broadside framed in oversized frame. It is housed in the Lincolniana framed artwork collection.

Carl Schurz to Unknown, 1875-01-07	box 1	folder 17
Carl Schurz to Samuel Cobb, 1875-03-04	box 1	folder 18
Joseph Medill to Carl Schurz, 1877-04-23	box 1	folder 19
Carl Schurz to John Sherman, 1877-04-25	box 1	folder 20
Carl Schurz to John Sherman, 1877-11-08	box 1	folder 21
Carl Schurz to C.C. Adams , 1878-03-30	box 1	folder 22
Carl Schurz to Horace Davis, 1878-05-28	box 1	folder 23

General

This letter is a photocopy.

Carl Schurz signature , 1879-01-03	box 1	folder 24
Carl Schurz to A.C. Barstow , 1879-11-03	box 1	folder 25

General

The contents of the letter appear in an auction house docket.

Carl Schurz to John Phelps, 1879-12-01	box 1	folder 26
Carl Schurz to Marcus Benjamin, 1881-12-05	box 1	folder 27
Carl Schurz to Mr. Kennedy , 1881-12-17	box 1	folder 28
Carl Schurz to C.N. Bliss, 1883-05-08	box 1	folder 29
Carl Schurz to C.W. Harrington , 1883-06-14	box 1	folder 30
Carl Schurz to Courtlandt Palmer, 1883-07-02	box 1	folder 31
Carl Schurz to John T Morse, 1884-01-22	box 1	folder 32
Carl Schurz to Robert Johnson, 1884-02-26	box 1	folder 33
Carl Schurz to Oscar Straus, 1884-03-21	box 1	folder 34
Carl Schurz to Mr. Ax, 1885-02-21	box 1	folder 35
Carl Schurz to W.H. Loudermill, 1886-05-28	box 1	folder 36
Carl Schurz to A. J. Curtain , 1887-05-02	box 1	folder 37

General

Envelope and Letter are photocopies.

Carl Schurz to Unknown , 1887-06-08	box 1	folder 38
Carl Schurz to Doctor Boas, 1887-11-21		

General

box 1 folder 39

Photo copy of the orginial letter and translation.

Carl Schurz to a doctor, 1888-05-24	box 1	folder 40
Carl Schurz to S.A. Choiatiz, 1888-12-15	box 1	folder 41
Carl Schurz to W.S. Perry, 1889-12-10	box 1	folder 42
Carl Schurz to unknown , 1890-10-28	box 1	folder 43
Carl Schurz to Horatio King, 1891-06-18	box 1	folder 44
Carl Schurz to A.F. Orr, 1892-09-23	box 1	folder 45
Carl Schurz to Leon Ball, 1893-02-14	box 1	folder 46
Carl Schurz to John Wilson, 1893-03-27	box 1	folder 47
Carl Schurz to Francis Sparbook, 1895-02-22	box 1	folder 48
Carl Schurz to Mrs. Riggs, 1895-11-12	box 1	folder 49
Carl Schurz to William Phillips, 1896-05-20	box 1	folder 50
Carl Schurz to D. Reiller, 1898-12-26	box 1	folder 51
Carl Schurz to V.G. Block, 1899-08-18	box 1	folder 52
Carl Schurz to Beoorre, 1899-08-30	box 1	folder 53
Carl Schurz to Schteinitz, 1899-11-08	box 1	folder 54
Carl Schurz to Riggs, 1900-03-27	box 1	folder 55
Carl Schurz to Paul Thompson , 1901-02-07	box 1	folder 56
Carl Schurz to Chamber of Commerce , 1901-11-05	folder 1	folder 57
Carl Schurz to Kidiaz, 1901-12-16	box 1	folder 58
Carl Schurz to C. E. Marion, 1902-03-26	box 1	folder 59
Carl Schurz to Chamber of Commerce , 1905-10-28	box 1	folder 60
Carl Schurz to Sinclair , 02-09	box 1	folder 61

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box 1

Title/Description	Instances	
Two Images of Gottfried Kinkel	box 1	folder 62

General

Two photocopies of engravings of Gottfried Kinnel, Carl Schurz's mentor.

Double sided photo of Carl Schurz on one side and George Opdyke on the other.	box 1	folder 63
Photo of Carl Schurz in Major General uniform.	box 1	folder 64
Engraving of Carl Schurz	box 1	folder 65
Photo of Carl Schurz with the accompanying negative.	box 1	folder 66
Photo of Carl Schurz	box 1	folder 67
Photo of older Carl Schurz	box 1	folder 68
Stamps of Carl Schurz , 1983	box 1	folder 69
Photocopy of Carl Schurz	box 1	folder 70

General

Photocopy of photo of Carl Schurz.

Original portrait of Carl Schurz by Harbell Henry	box 1	folder 71
Photocopy of young Carl Schurz in traditional German outfit with an accompanying brief biography.	box 1	folder 72
Photos of engravings of Carl Schurz as a young adult.	box 1	folder 73

General

There are no original engravings in this particular folder.

Photo of Carl Schurz as an old man, 1906	box 1	folder 74
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General

This is not an original photograph.

Portrait Engravings of William Windom, John B. Henderson, John, J. Ingalls, Frederick T Frelinghuysen, Carl Schurz, John A. Logan, and John Sherman.	box 1	folder 75
Photo of University of Bonn where Carl Schurz attended University.	box 1	folder 76

General

This is not an original photo.

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Ancillary biographical information.

box 1

Title/Description	Instances	
Information on Mayor Samuel Crocker Cobb	box 1	folder 77
Information on Jehu Glancy Jones	box 1	folder 78
Information on Courtlandt Palmer	box 1	folder 79
Information on Carl Schurz, 1969-03	box 1	folder 80
General		
Newspaper clipping from 1969.		
Information on Oscar Straus	box 1	folder 81
Financial assessments of the Carl Schurz collection	box 1	folder 82
Information on Margarethe Schurz	box 1	folder 83
Civil War Preservation Trust Map of the Battle of Second Manassas	box 1	folder 84
Klingelhofer to Boas, 1999-10-15	box 1	folder 85
General		
Files 85 to 94 are correspondences between people responsible for gathering the collection together.		
Boas to Klingelhofer, 1999-10-19	box 1	folder 86
Bakken to Boas, 2001-04-27	box 1	folder 87
Huber to Boas, 2001-05-02	box 1	folder 88
Boas to Huber, 2001-05-03	box 1	folder 89
Boas to Bakken, 2001-05-03	box 1	folder 90
Boas to Huber, 2001-05-10	box 1	folder 91
Boas to Bakken, 2001-05-11	box 1	folder 92
Boas to Vogt, 2001-05-28	box 1	folder 93
Vogt to Boas	box 1	folder 94

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Oversize, 1874-11-14

oversize 1

Related Materials:

Related Materials

Original poster housed in the oversided artwork portion of the Lincolniana collection. A photo of the poster can be found in folder 16.

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