

# Finding Aid for the Otto Heller Papers

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## **Descriptive Summary**

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Creator: Otto Heller.

Title: Otto Heller Papers.

Dates: 1890-1961.

Quantity: 4 linear feet.

Language: English and German.

## **Biographical Note**

Otto Heller was born in 1863 in the province of Saxony, Germany. After initial aspirations to be an actor, Heller attended the University of Prague, followed by the universities of Munich, Vienna, and Berlin. He came to the United States in 1883 as a tutor and secured the post of instructor in Greek at LaSalle College in Philadelphia in 1887. After receiving his doctor's degree from the University of Chicago in 1890, he taught briefly at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology before becoming a professor of German language and literature at Washington University in 1892. In 1914, Heller was made professor of modern European literature in addition to his original professorship, and in 1923 he became the first dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, a post he held until he became dean emeritus in 1937. Heller was married to Jean S. Blair Heller. He was an active and well respected critic of literature as well as being a writer himself. His publications include "Henrik Ibsen, Play and Problems," "Studies in Modern Literature," "Prophets of Dissent," and many others. Otto Heller died July 29, 1941.

## **Scope and Content Notes**

Series 01: Publications -- includes scholarly works, in both English and German, arranged alphabetically by title.

Series 02: Book Reviews and Articles. Arranged by title of the review.

Series 03: Speeches and Radio Talks -- both published and unpublished; arranged alphabetically by title

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Series 05: Otto Heller memorial volumes

Series 06. Miscellaneous

## **Administrative Information**

### **Source of Collection**

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### **Accruals**

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### **Processing Information**

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### **Series 01: Publications by Otto Heller**

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	Assumption of Graduate Work by Undergraduate Institutions School and Society, Vol. 39, No. 1004, March 24, 1904
	Aus Dem Tagebuch eines Achtundvierzigers (Dr. Enno Sander) - German-American Historical Society, 1914
	Aus Schillerreden - Padagogische Monatshefte, June 1905
	Bibliographical Notes on Charles Sealsfield Modern Language Review, Vol. 3, No. 4, July 1908
	Bucherschau - Monatshefte fur deutsche Sprache und Padagogik, April 1909

Carl Schurz, der Deutschamerikaner - Die Glocke, July 1906

Charles Sealsfield - Bulletin of Washington University, April 1908

Sealsfield Bibliography and Catalogue (co-written with Theodore H. Leon)  
Washington University Studies, New Series, Language and Literature, No. 8

Charles Sealsfield, A Forgotten Discoverer of the Valley of the Mississippi, July 1937  
Missouri Historical Review, July 1937

Decline of Foreign Language Teaching  
School and Society, Vol. 24, No. 614, October 2, 1926

Die deutsche Schriftstellerin von gestern und heute  
Pädagogische Monatshefte, September-October 1903

Dom deutschen Schaffen in Amerika  
Deutsch-Amerikanische Annalen, December 1904

Ein Brief Sealsfields, 1909  
Euphorion

Ein Rückblick auf die Unterrichtsabteilung der St. Louiser  
Pädagogische Monatshefte, January 1905

Faust and Faustus: A Study of Goethe's Relation to Marlowe  
Washington University Studies, Language and Literature, No. 2, 1931

Faust and Faustus: A Study of Goethe's Relation to Marlowe  
Washington University Studies, Language and Literature, No. 2, 1931 (c.2)

Geibels Nachahmung der "Banks and Braes o' Bonnie Doon"  
Studien zur vergleichenden Lit., 1909

German Woman Writer in the Nineteenth Century  
Bulletin of the Washington University Association, 1903

Goethe, A Completed Individual  
Bulletin of Washington University, Vol. 8, No. 4, Series 2, February 1910

Goethe, A Completed Individual  
Bulletin of Washington University, Vol. 8 No. 4, Series 2, Feb. 1910  
(c.2)

Improvement of Education - The World's Work  
Special Double Exposition Number, August 1904

Is Ibsen an Antique?  
The Drama, Vol. 18, No. 8, May 1928

Misinterpreted Passage in Goethe's "Hermann und Dorothea"  
Modern Language Notes, Vol. 23, No. 1, January 1908

Modern Language as a "Mental Discipline"  
Education. October 1892

Mysticism of Maurice Maeterlinck  
Washington University Studies, Vol. 2, Part 2, No. 2, April 1915

Need of the Humanities  
University of California Chronicle, Vol. 32, No. 2, April 1931

Newspaper Articles in German - Folder 1, 1896-1904

Newspaper Articles in German - Folder 2, 1896-1904

Noble Company of the Learned  
Washington University Studies, Vol. 13, Humanistic Series, No. 1,  
1925

On Being Modern  
Washington University Record, Vol. 15, No. 3, Series 1, February  
1928

Parents and School - The Student, 10th month, 1890

Passing of the Professor  
The Scientific Monthly, Vol. 24, January 1927

Patriotische Betrachtungen  
German American Annals, Vol. 5, No. 2, March-April 1907

Picking the Professor  
School and Society, Vol. 47, No. 1219, May 7, 1938

Plagiarism on Charles Sealsfield  
Journal of English and German Philology, Vol. 7, No. 3, July 1908

Prophets of Dissent: Essays on Maeterlinck, Strindberg, Nietzsche  
and, Tolstoy  
Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 1918

Ralph Waldo Emerson: Aristocrat  
Washington University Record, Vol. 11, No. 2, Series 1, November  
1915

Reading Journey in Belgium and Germany: Berlin Celebrities  
The Chatauquan, May 1905

Reading Journey in Belgium and Germany: Berlin I  
The Chautauquan, April 1905

Retrospective View of an Important German Grammer  
Modern Language Notes, Vol. 31, No. 3, March 1916

Robert Burns: A Revaluation  
Washington University Studies, Vol. 12, Humanistic Series No. 2,  
1925

Schiller, Uhland und Hauff in ihrer Bedeutung fur die Gegenwart  
Padagogische Monatshefte, Vol. 4, No. 5, November 1902

Sealsfield-Funde  
German-American Annals, March-April 1910

Soll und Haben  
Der deutsche Vorkampfer, November 1909

Source of Chapter I of Sealsfield's "Lebensbilder aus der  
Westlichen Hemisphare"  
Modern Language Notes, June 1908

Studies in Modern German Literature  
Ginn and Company, Boston, 1905

Teaching Degree  
School and Society, Vol. 35, No. 892, January 30, 1932

Victor Scheffel an Adolf Holkmann  
Euphorion, 1908

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**Series 02: Book Reviews and Articles**

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01	Book Reviews (and Index) - St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Folder 1, May 1922
	Book Reviews - St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Folder 2, May-July 1922
	Book Reviews - St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Folder 3, July-Sept 1922
	Book Reviews - St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Folder 4, Oct-Nov 1922
	Book Reviews - St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Folder 5, Nov '22-Jan '23
	Book Reviews and Articles - Reedy's Mirror, 1914-1920
	Book Reviews and Newspaper Clippings by or about Heller, 1913-1936
	Book Reviews, News Clippings, and Announcements by or about Heller, 1906-1926
	Book Review of "Elementary German" by Charles P. Otis - Padagogische Monatshefte, November 1901
	German Literature - Review of "Favorite German Poems", edited by J. H. Dillard - January 1904
	Reedy's Mirror - Vol. 25, No. 5, Feb 4, 1916

**Series 03: Speeches and Radio Talks**

Box No.	Folder
01	Alexander Pushkin, n.d.
	Assumption of Graduate Work by Undergraduate Institutions - , October 1933

Commencement Address - Louisiana State University, n.d.

Democracy and the College - , January 1914

Drama League Bulletin: A Criticism of Criticisms - April 1915

Drama League of America - Yearbook, 1915-1916

Expressionism, n.d.

George Bernard Shaw, Oct. 25, 1927

Gerhart Hauptmann, Oct. 18, 1927

Ibsen, Nov. 1, 1927

In Defense of Dives, n.d.

Lecture Series - Washington University Association, 1888-1889,  
1906

Maeterlinck, Oct. 11, 1927

Marissa, n.d.

Neglected Linguistic Prerequisites for the Degree of Ph.D., Oct/Nov  
1924

Ph.D.: Its Denotation and its Connotation, November 1928

Pseudo-Science of Literature - , November 1936

Seriousness of Mark Twain - , May 9, 1935

Some Aspect of German Education - , Oct. 29, 1901

Unidentified Speech - page 12, n.d.

**Series 04: Personal Correspondence**

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01	Letters To and About Otto Heller, 1914-1935
	List of Autographed Letters to Otto Heller,

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 Personal Correspondence - N-R,  
 Personal Correspondence - S,  
 Personal Correspondence - T-Z,

Thank-you Letters for "Association of American Universities: A Misnomer", Oct/Nov 1935

**Series 05: Otto Heller Memorial Volumes**

Box No.	Folder
01	<p>"Faust and Faustus: A Study of Goethe's Relation to Marlowe" by Otto Heller, Review by Dr. W.R. Mackenzie, The Washtonian, Vol. 8, No. 7, April 1931</p> <p>Heller Memorial Volume, Washington University Studies, Humanistic Series, Vol. 9, No. 2, April 1922 (2 copies)</p> <p>Otto Heller, by Jean Heller, 1962</p> <p>Memorials – Otto Heller, Speeches and Letters, 1941-61</p> <p>Newspaper Clippings – Otto Heller Obituaries, October 1941</p>

**Series 06: Miscellaneous**

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01	Inner Beauty - Maeterlinck (Book), 1911



Minna von Barnhelm - Leifing, Gotthold Ephraim (Book, German),  
n.d.

Photograph of Otto Heller, 1903

Plaque to Otto Heller, 1904

Postcards - Charles Sealsfield (German), n.d.

Program - Dramatic League of St. Louis, Theater of Nations, March  
29, 1932

Souvenir Coin - Academy of Science of St. Louis, 1906

Souvenir Coins - World's Fair, 1904

Und Pippa Tanzt - Hauptmann, Gerhart (Book, German), 1906

Misc. Papers and Newsclippings