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Richard Helbig papers

1896-1938

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Summary

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Abstract: Richard E. Helbig was a New York Public Library employee who worked with the German-American collection. His papers (1896-1938) are comprised of articles authored by Helbig; correspondence; bibliographic reports; and notes on the library's German materials.

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Creator History

Richard E. Helbig (1870-1941) was assistant librarian at the Lenox Library Building of the New York Public Library beginning in 1893. He wrote reports and articles regarding the library's German-American Collection from 1906 to 1908.

Scope and Content Note

The Richard Helbig papers date from 1896 to 1938 and consist of professional and personal correspondence; conference papers; drafts of bibliographic reports; published articles; and notes on the New York Public Library's German-American collection. The professional correspondence is mainly with library director John S. Billings, while the personal correspondence is primarily with Helbig's family,

much of which is written in German.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence
Essays
Published report

Subjects

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Germans -- United States
Libraries -- New York (State)

Occupations

Librarians

Geographic Names

New York (N.Y.)

Names

New York Public Library