

The Inventory
of the
Eva Wagner Chamberlain
Collection
#913

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Chamberlain, Eva Wagner
 1867-1942
 (daughter of Richard Wagner, wife of Houston Stewart Chamberlain)
 #913
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“Eva Chamberlain Wagner is only to be understood in the circle of those close to her...[Their letters'] elevated language with its expression of a by-gone culture reflects most surely that world in which Eva Wagner grew up and fulfilled herself.”from the introduction to EVA WAGNER CHAMBERLAIN:DAUGHTER AND COMPANION by Ena Benze von Berlepsch.

A collection of 4 manuscript boxes.

The letters (1937-1940) to Eva Wagner Chamberlain include those from friends, relatives, music figures, German officials, and academic scholars. An additional collection of letters (1936-1971) are those of her friend and biographer Ena Benze von Berlepsch whose correspondents include Winfred Wagner (wife of Siegfried Wagner, and once rumored to marry Adolf Hitler) and Emma Ehrenfels (wife of the philosopher Christian Ehrenfels).

The manuscript items include a handwritten collection of scholarly quotations by Houston Stewart Chamberlain; the biography EVA WAGNER CHAMBERLAIN: DAUGHTER AND COMPANION (1945) by Ena Benze von Berlepsch, and her lecture about Wagner and his circle. Eva Chamberlains' Christmas shopping list booklet (1922-1940) includes Adolf Hitler among the recipients.

Files of newsclippings and photographs of the Chamberlain-Wagner-Bayreuth society complete the collection.

Box 1 I. EARLY LETTERS

- A. EWC to unidentified woman. ALS, Nov. 8, 1893. (#1)
- B. Jacob von Uexkull (biologist) to HSC. ALS, April 19, 1917. (#1)

II. LETTERS TO EWC. 1938-1940.

- A. Anton, Karl (musicologist). 8 ALS, 3 misc. 1940. Includes AK's lecture on HSC, typescript, 3pp. on 2 leaves. (#2)
- B. Coch, Friedrich Otto (bishop) 5 ALS. 1939. (#3)
- C. Ehrenfels, Emma (wife of Christian Ehrenfels, philosopher) 14 ALS 4 postcards. 1939-1940. (#4)
- D. Golther, Wolfgang (professor of philology; author) 2 TLS, 1 misc. 1939-1940 (#5).

- Box 1
- E. Gravina, Gilbert (conductor; son of Blandine Wagner) 2 ALS, 7 TLS
5 postcards, 2 misc., 1939-1940 (#6)
 - F. Hohenlohe-Langenburg, Prince Ernst Wilhelm Friedrich. 5 ALS,
1 postcard, 1939-1940 (#7).
 - G. Neustadt, Herman. 23 ALS, 2 TLS. 1939-1940. (#8)
 - H. Schoen, Friedrich von. (associate of HSC). 5 ALS 1939-1940.
 - I. Strobel, Otto (archivist of Wahnfreid House) 2 TLS. 1939(#10)
 - J. Wagner, Winifred (wife of Siegfried Wagner). 2 ALS, 5 TLS.
1940. (#11)
 - K. Westerhagen, Curt von (biographer of Richard Wagner) 4 TLS.
1940. Also: "Italy and the Renaissance," by CW, type. w.
holo. corr. 4 pp. (#12)
 - L. Zichy, Countess Margit. 5 ALS. 1938-1939. (#13)

III. BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR EWC. 1940. (#14)

7 ALS
5 TLS
3 Telegrams
4 AL drafts
Including:

Coch, Friedrich (bishop) ALS, Feb. 15

Kempfler, Fritz (lord mayor of Bayreuth) TLS, Feb. 17

Rückdeschel, Ludwig (deputy gauleiter, Bavaria Ostmark) TLS, Feb. 17.

Schaeder, Hans Heinrich (professor of oriental philology) ALS, Feb. 18.

Stassen, Franz (painter) ALS, Feb. 16.

Streicher, Julius (editor Der Stürmer) TLS (signed by agent) Feb. 16; telegram,
Feb. 17

Wagner, Wieland (grandson of Richard Wagner) telegram, Feb. 17.

Box 1 Wagner, Winifred (wife of Siegfried Wagner) with children Wolfgang and Verena, telegram Feb. 17. (#14)

IV. GENERAL LETTERS TO EWC. (#15)

1937-1940

28 ALS	4 telegrams
3 AL	2 postcards
24 TLS	6 miscellaneous
1 TL	

Including:

Dettelbach, Hans von (author) 2 ALS, March, April 5, 1940

Hausegger, Siegmund von (composer) TLS, Feb. 2, 1940

Jank, Martin (author) TLS, May 20, 1939.

Kassner, Rudolf (author) ALS, Nov. 23, 1938

Ludowici, August (author) TLS, June 30, 1939; postcard to Rudolf Benze, Nov. 25, 1939.

Mildenburg, Anna von (soprano) ALS March 16, 1939.

Muck, Carl (conductor) telegram, Oct. 26, 1939

Real, Jean (author) ALS, Jan. 26, 1939

Samazeuilh, Gustave (composer; critic) ALS, Nov. 26, 1940

Schneider, Karl (author) 2 TLS, May 24, June 21, 1940

Schott, Georg (pastor in Dresden) 2 TLS, Jan. 11, 1939; Apr. 3, 1940

Semper, Max (author) TLS, Dec. 30, 1939

Siebert, Ludwig (Bavarian minister president) TLS, Feb. 3, 1939

Thode, Daniela von Bulow (sister of EWC) 3 AL, June 11, 17, 20, 1939.

- Box 1 Tirala, Lothar (professor of racial hygiene) telegram, June 7, 1940.
- Uexkull, Jacob von (biologist) 3 ALS, Feb. 28, 1938; Mar. 21, 26, 1939.
 (#15)
- Wagner, Wolfgang (son of Siegfried Wagner) ALS, Sept. 2, 1940.
- Ziegler, Hans Severus (member, Reich Culture Senate) TLS, Jan. 5, 1940.
- Also:
 10th Anniversary proclamation on death of HSC. Jan. 5, 1937.

V. LETTERS TO BARONESS ENA BENZE VON BERLEPSCH.

- BOX 2 A. Berr, Gustav (#1)
 1941-1943
 13 TLS 2 postcards
 1 telegram
- B. Chamberlain, Eva Wagner. (#2)
 1936-1941
 22 ALS
 1 postcard
 1 miscellaneous
- C. Ehrenfels, Emma (wife of Christian Ehrenfels, a philosopher) (#3)
 1942-1943
 7 ALS 2 postcards
 1 AL 1 miscellaneous
 3 TLS
- D. Wagner, Winifred (wife of Siegfried Wagner) (#4)
 1966-1971
 2 ALS
 4 TLS
 2 miscellaneous
- E. General: 1937-1967. (#5)
 26 ALS 5 postcards
 11 TLS 14 miscellaneous
 2 TL
 Including:

Box 2 Bodmershof, Imma von (novelist; daughter of Emma Ehrenfels) 7 ALS
April 23, 1955-Nov. 27, 1967.

Kempfler, Fritz (Lordmayor, Bayreuth) TLS, July 1, 1942

Schott, Georg (pastor, Dresden) TLS, Sept. 4, 1937

Windgassen, Fritz (tenor) ALS, Jan. 10, 1955

VI. HELMUT BENZE (son of Ena Benze von Berlepsch). (#6)

1. CTL to Frau Dr. Hannibal (Richard Wagner Association, Mannheim), August 1, 1976.
2. Amtsgerichtsdirektor, Bayreuth to Ministerialrat Dr. Benze, TLS, Nov. 8, 1944.
3. Eva Chamberlain to Ena Benze von Berlepsch, 2 ALS photocopies Apr. 29, Dec. 14, 1930.
4. EWC's Christmas gift-list book. Photocopy, 6pp.
5. Winifred Wagner to Eva Chamberlain. TLS photocopy, Aug. 21, 1940.

VII. MANUSCRIPT

A. EVA CHAMBERLAIN-WAGNER: TOCHTER UND GEFAHRTIN.
By Ena Benze von Berlepsch. Verlag Moritz Diesterweg. Frankfurt am Main. 1945.

1. Galley proofs. 2 sets. (#7, #8)
2. Letters. 1944-1956. (#8)
 - a. Börsch, Lili (Verlag Moritz Diesterweg) to Ena Benze, 2 TLS, Nov. 16, 1944, Feb. 28, 1945.
 - b. Benze, Rudolf (husband of Ena Benze) to Lili Börsch, Feb. 26, March 8, 1945.
 - c. Verlag Karl Ulrich to Ena Benze. TLS, January 2, 1956.

B. Christmas Gift Shopping List of EWC. 1922-1940. In notebook, with one loose sheet. Also notes on egg production 1923-1926.

Box 3

C. Houston Stewart Chamberlain's Collection of scholarly quotations. Holograph and typescript, some in the hand of Eva Wagner Chamberlain. Ca. 450 items. (#1-#5)

D. Miscellaneous: (#6)

1. Lecture notes on Wagner and his circle. By Ena Benze von Berlepsch. Holograph, 18pp.
2. Misc. Notes by Ena Benze von Berlepsch. Holograph, 9pp. On 8 leaves.
3. HSC to G. Manz (Tägliche Rundschau, Berlin) CTL, Nov. 12, 1914.
4. "Die Natur als Lehrmeisterin." By HSC. Carbon type copy. [from RASSE UND PERSONLICHKEIT. 1904] 6pp.
5. Textual notes for HSC's RICHARD WAGNER. Holograph 3pp. On 2 leaves.
6. List of publication of HSC. Holograph, 4 pp. On folded sheet.
7. "Die Grundlagen des 19. Jahrhunderts." Article by Paul Lespagnard from Bulletin de l'Ouest. Apr. 30, 1943. Type. , 4 pp.
8. "Houston Stewart Chamberlain." Contribution for Handbook for German teaching. Fritz Peuckert, editor. Type. , 5pp.
9. "Geblieden sind-einstweilen noch-die Noten." By Helmut Trommer. Type. Mimeo, 2p.
10. "Germanisches Jahrhundert." Poem. Essay. By Robert Hamerling (1830-1889) Typescript. 1 p. with 4 copies.
11. "Deutscher Hiob." Poem. No author. Type. 2 pp.
12. "Die Liebe zwischen Mann und Frau im Leben und Kunstwerk Richard Wagners." Essay. No author. Type. mimeo, 9pp.

- Box 3
13. Chart of Wagner operas performed at Bayreuth, 1876-1914.
 14. List of Wagner compositions. 1830-1879. Holograph, 2 pp. On folded sheet.
 15. Miscellaneous holograph notes. No author. 2 pp.

VII. PRINTED (#7)

A. Newsclippings and Articles.

1. Eva Wagner Chamberlain. 1942-1972. 3 items.
2. Houston Stewart Chamberlain. 1925-1976. 13 items.
3. Cosima Wagner. 1937-1971. 2 items.
4. Richard Wagner. 1906-1970. 9 items.
5. Wieland Wagner. 1965-1970. 4 items.
6. Winifred Wagner. 1975. 2 items.
7. Bayreuth and Wagnerites. 1937-1969. 14 items.
8. Albert Speer; Baldur von Schirach; Cosmo Gordon Lang; Wilhelm Bodmershof. 1942-1966. 3 items.
9. Francis Bacon's bilateral cipher. 1901. 3 items.

B. Booklets

1. RICHARD WAGNER'S BÜHNENFESTSPIEL PARSIFAL. By Albert Heintz. Berlin. 1882.
2. "Das Leben Richard Wagners." By C. Fr. Glasenapp. ILLUSTRIRTE ZEITUNG. Leipzig. May 15, 1913.

IX. PHOTOGRAPHS AND ILLUSTRATIONS (#1)

1. Eva Wagner Chamberlain. 14 items. One with signature of EWC.
- Box 3
2. Houston Stewart Chamberlain. 7 items. Two with EWC. One with

facsimile of manuscript poem: "Neo-Greco Poem."

3. Richard Wagner. 9 items. Including facsimile of handwriting.
4. Cosima Wagner. 7 items.
5. Countess Marie d'Agoult.
6. Emmy Kruger (opera singer)
7. Franz Liszt.
8. Gotthelf Pistor. (Opera singer)
9. Friedrich Schorr. (opera singer)
10. Fritz Windgassen. (Opera singer.) With signature.
11. Hans von Wolzogen. (Editor)
12. Henry Ettling; Sebald; Raabe.
13. Band in outdoor performance.
14. Unidentified. 3 items.
15. Franz Liszt mausoleum.
16. Wieland and Siegfried Wagner memorial.
17. View of Brautgasse in Bayreuth.
18. Tribschen. 2 views.
19. Hauschamberlain. (?)

X. MEMORABILIA

Engagement announcement of Bernhard Friedrich von Bulow to Adrienne Gans Edle Herrin zu Putlitz. February 1910. Bern. 2 items. (#2).