



Title: Jensen Family Papers

Dates: 1750-2005, undated

Location Code: LI 1070A

Collection Number: 5

Extent: 30.8 Cubic Feet

Scope and Contents: The Jensen Family Papers document the family's immigration to the United States from Germany and subsequent years in the Hayward area of California through an extensive body of correspondence written by various family members and spanning from 1750 to 2005. The bulk of the records are dated from the late nineteenth century to the mid-twentieth century. The collection includes materials in both English and German. Many of the German letters have been translated into English. The correspondence provides a wealth of information about the experience of immigrating to the United States as well as information about agriculture and the social life of the family in their new home in California, including birth, death, wedding, baptism, and confirmation announcements.

Also included in the collection are watercolor paintings and sketches by family members, part of their book collection, and an extensive secondary source collection of materials collected by the family members that provides historical context and genealogical information.

Language: English and German; many of the letters in German have English translations

System of Arrangement: The collection is arranged by format into four series (Series 1: Papers, Series 2: Books and Bound Records, Series 3: History, and Series 4: Objects). Series 1 and Series 2 are further arranged chronologically.

Subjects and Contributors: Castro Valley (Calif.)
Farming
Föhr (Germany)
Hayward (Calif.)
Immigrants—Germany
Jensen Ranch (Hayward, California)
Ranching

Conditions Governing Access: The collection is open; copyright restrictions may apply.



- Immediate Source of Acquisition:** Gifted by the Jensen Family 1976, further accretions in 1983 and 2010.
- Processor:** Originally processed by Lucille Klodahl (date unknown); collection reprocessed by Collin Thorman (2011); finding aid created by Collin Thorman and Diana Wakimoto (2012)
- Preferred Citation:** [Identification of item]. Jensen Family Papers, Box [number], folder [number], California State University, East Bay University Archives, Hayward, California.
- Related Materials:** The University Libraries also hold a number of books on the history of Hayward that may also be of interest. There are no other collections in the University Archives that are related to the Jensen Family Papers.
- Historical Note:** The Jensen family was one of the first families to settle in the Hayward area of Alameda County (Randall, 1975). In 1860, Erich Rickert Jensen moved to California, followed by his brother, Jens Christian, in 1864 (The Emigration). Together the brothers bought 450 acres in the Hayward hills/Eden Canyon area in 1867 (Randall, 1975). In 1871, their mother, Elene, and the five younger children all moved to California from Föhr because their father, Nahmen, died. Erich traveled back to Föhr to help the family immigrate to California while Jens Christian stayed in California and completed the ranch for the family (125 Years). Also in 1871, the brothers completed payment for all 450 acres of land at a price of \$7.00 an acre (The Jensen Family). The ranch house was completed in May 1872 in time for the family's arrival (125 Years).
- The brothers, Erich and Jens, later married sisters and lived together on the Jensen Ranch (Randall, 1975). Jens Christian married Emilie in 1876, while Erich Rickert married Christiane while in Föhr on the trip to bring his family back to California (The Jensen Family).
- The Jensen Family was active in the local area schools and Jens Christian was a school trustee for many years. In 1892, the family helped join together districts to form the Union High School District #3 and the first graduation ceremony in 1894 included Newton Jensen, the son of Jens Christian and Emilie (Randall, 1975).
- Erwin Jensen, who donated the Jensen Family Papers to California State University, East Bay, is descended from Jens Christian and Emilie.



Chronology

1860	Erich Rickert Jensen moves to California
1864	Jens Christiansen moves to California
1867	Erich Jensen and Jens Christiansen buy 450 acres in Hayward Hills/Eden Canyon
1871	Erich Jensen marries Christiane Feddersen
1872	Rest of Jensen Family immigrates to California
1876	Jens Christiansen marries Emilie
1892	Jensen Family helps form Union High School District #3
1894	Newton Jensen graduates from first class out of Union High School District #3

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Notes:

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The original item lists are available in paper form at the University Archives for the researcher's use. Please ignore information in the "Display" column and the box numbers listed. Refer to the box numbers listed in Series 1 and 2 to locate which box you need based on the date of the material.



Series 1: Papers (1750-2005, undated)

Volume: 20 cubic feet (24 letter sized boxes, 4 legal sized boxes, 6 records cartons, 2 mini-Hollinger boxes, 2 oversized boxes)

Arrangement: Chronological

Summary: This series contains correspondence, manuscripts, calling cards, postcards, drawings, and watercolor paintings. The majority of the papers are correspondence. Papers are written in German and English. Many of the German letters have been translated. Translations are included in the box lists below.

Box	Title	Date
1	Papers, mainly correspondence	1750-1837
2	Papers, mainly correspondence	1837-1852
3	Papers, mainly correspondence	1852-1868
4	Papers, mainly correspondence	1869-1870
5	Papers, mainly correspondence	1873-1877
6	Papers, mainly correspondence	1878-1881
7	Papers, mainly correspondence	1881-1885
8	Papers, mainly correspondence	1885-1889
9	Papers, mainly correspondence	1890-1894
10	Papers, mainly correspondence	1895-1899
11	Papers, mainly correspondence	1899-1901
12	Papers, mainly correspondence	1901-1904
13	Papers, mainly correspondence	1904-1905
14	Papers, mainly correspondence	1905-1906
15	Papers, mainly correspondence	1906-1907
16	Papers, mainly correspondence	1907-1908
17	Papers, mainly correspondence	1908-1910
18	Papers, mainly correspondence	1910-1912
19	Papers, mainly correspondence	1912-1914
20	Papers, mainly correspondence	1914-1917
21	Papers, mainly correspondence	1917-1919
22	Papers, mainly correspondence	1919-1921
23	Papers, mainly correspondence	1922-1923
24	Papers, mainly correspondence	1924-2002
	Auguste Feddersen Drawings	1861
Legal Box 1	Papers, mainly correspondence	1800-1866
Legal Box 2	Papers, mainly correspondence	1866-1872
Legal Box 3	Papers, mainly correspondence	1872-1880
Legal Box 4	Papers, mainly correspondence	1881-1908
RC 1	Translations	1750-1864
RC 2	Translations	1864-1871
RC 3	Translations	1782-1878
RC 4	Translations	1878-1882



RC 5	Translations	1883-1904
RC 6	Translations	1905-1920, undated
Mini Box 1	Name and sympathy cards	1900?
Mini Box 2	Name and sympathy cards	1900?
OVZ 1	Papers, mainly correspondence	1800-2005, undated
OVZ 2	Painting, newspaper clipping	undated

Series 2: Books and Bound Records (1814-1951, undated)

Volume: 8.4 cubic feet (11 letter sized boxes, 142 individual volumes)

Arrangement: Chronological

Summary: Books in English and German donated with the Jensen Family papers. These books cover a wide range of subjects from the religious to secular and include children’s books, hymnals, fiction, and poetry. There are also bound records from the Jensen Family which include: ranch records, bank books, journals, and various notebooks.

Note: For books and bound records with no Box Number listed, please request by title as these items are individually housed in phase boxes due to their fragile nature.

Box	Title	Date
30	Books and Bound Records	1862-1893
31	Books and Bound Records	1895-1903
32	Books and Bound Records	1903-1913
33	Books and Bound Records	1914, undated
34	Books and Bound Records	1910, undated
35	Books and Bound Records	1910-1919
36	Books and Bound Records	1916-1922
37	Books and Bound Records	1922-1925
38	Books and Bound Records	1926-1923
39	Books and Bound Records	1939-1951, undated
40	Books and Bound Records	undated

Books and Bound Records, Individually Phase Boxed

Title	Author	Date	Call #
Booklet	H.H. Muller, Christianne Amalia Muller	1786	J.M.16
Vater Licher Rath Fur Meine Tochter	Joachim Heinrich Campe	1809	J.M.19
hans Peter Feddersen der Ultere		1814	
Souvenir		1817	J.M.16



Title	Author	Date	Call #
Morgen: Und Ubendopser	Johann Heinrid Wilhelm Witschel	1819	
Sammtliche Kinder und Jungendschriften	Joachim Heine Campe	1829	J.M.21
Amalia Feddersen's Diaries	Amalie Feddersen	1831	
German Poems (Booklets)	Maria Feddersen	1834	J.M.20 part
Sammtliche Werke in Zwolf	Friedrich von Schiller	1838	J.B.S.1.39
Geography Notebook		1839	J.M.20
German Notbook		1843	
German Booklet		1845	J.M.25 part
Goethe's Werke 13-16	Goethe	1846	J.B.S.2.36
Goethe's Werke 1-4	Goethe	1846	J.B.S.2.33
Goethe's Werke 5-7	Goethe	1846	J.B.S.2.34
Goethe's Werke 8-12	Goethe	1846	J.B.S.2.35
German Booklet	Christian Feddersen	1854	J.4.1
German Booklet	Jens Christian Jensen	1856	
Schillerhauser	Josef Rank	1857	J.B.S.2.37
Die Nordfriesischen Inslen Vormals und Jetyt	G. Weigelt	1858	J.B.S.2.1
Bilder aus dem Jungenbleben	Christian Feddersen	1860	J.M.18
Christiane Heinsen Booklet	Christiane Heinsen	1861	
Christiane Heinsen Booklet	Christiane Heinsen	1861	
German Booklet	Emilie Heinsen	1862	J.M.14 part
Mit Koniglichem Allerhochsten Gesangbuch		1862	
Die Bibel	Dr. Martin Luther	1865	J.B.S.1.21
Fritz Reuter's Werke 10	Fritz Reuter	1865	J.B.S.1.33
Fritz Reuter's Werke 9	Fritz Reuter	1865	J.B.S.1.34
Hanne Nute un de Lutte Pudel	Fritz Reuter	1865	J.B.S.1.32
Poesie		1867	
Dutch and German Novel vol. 3	Fritz Reuter	1869	J.B.S.3.7
Dutch and German Novel vol. 4	Fritz Reuter	1869	J.B.S.3.8
Dutch and German Novel vol. 5	Fritz Reuter	1869	J.B.S.3.9
Illustrirten Deutlichen Monatshefte		1869	J.B.S.2.6



Title	Author	Date	Call #
Recipes		1869	J.2.26
Glaube, Liebe, Hosse!	Hugo Grabow	1871	J.B.S.2.4
German Letters (glued)		1873	J.4.15
German Poems	Emilie Heinsen	1873	J.M.15
Westermann's Jahrbuch der Illustrierten Dentschen Monatshefte		1873	J.B.5.12
Church booklet		1874	
German Notebook	Emilie Heinsen	1874	
Joh. Christ. Uug. Hense's Fredmorterbuch		1875	J.B.S.1.3
German Letters (glued)		1877	
Oduffeus-Lieder und Sagen	F.A. Feddersen	1877	J.4.1
Gedichte	Nicholaus Lenau	1879	J.B.S.2.7
Hanecdotes von Abraham Lincoln und Lincoln's Erzahlungen		1879	J.B.S.1.37
1881 Ranch Records (small)		1881	
1881 Ranch Records (small)		1881	
1882 Ranch Records (small)		1882	
1883 Ranch Records (small)		1883	
Kirchen Gesangbuch fur Evangelish Lutherische		1887	J.B.S.2.3
Heinrich Heine's Famtlich Werte 1	Heinrich Heine	1888	J.B.S.2.29
Heinrich Heine's Famtlich Werte 2	Heinrich Heine	1888	J.B.S.2.30
Heinrich Heine's Famtliche Werte 3	Heinrich Heine	1888	J.B.S.2.31
Heinrich Heine's Famtliche Werte 4	Heinrich Heine	1888	J.B.S.2.32
Quictborn	Klaus Groth	1888	J.B.S.1.4
Quictborn	Klaus Groth	1888	J.B.S.1.5
fammtliche Werte	Wilhelm Hauffs	1891	J.B.S.1.41
fammtliche Werte	Wilhelm Hauffs	1891	J.B.S.1.42
German Churches and Monuments		1891	
Gedichte	Theodor Storm	1892	J.B.S.1.6
Gedichte	Theodor Storm	1892	
Lessing's Werke 1-2	Lessing	1892	
Lessing's Werke 3-4	Lessing	1892	
Lessing's Werke 5-6	Lessing	1892	
William Shakespeare's Fammtliche Dramatische Werte 1	William Shakespeare	1892	



Title	Author	Date	Call #
William Shakespeare's Fammtliche Dramatische Werte 2	William Shakespeare	1892	
William Shakespeare's Fammtliche Dramatische Werte 3	William Shakespeare	1892	
Kirchen-Gesangbuch		1894	J.B.S.1.14
Morgen und Hbendopfer nebst anderen gesungen		1894	J.B.S.2.12
Allerhand Slag Lud Geschichter for den Winterahend	Johann Hinrich Fehrs	1895	J.B.S.3.10
Die Sonntagliche Predigt		1896	J.B.S.2.22
Ranch records		1896	
Till Eulenspiegels	George P. Petersen	1900	J.B.S.1.35
Baumbach's Der Schweigers Ohn	Dr. Wilhelm Bernhardt	1902	J.B.S.1.26
Lessing's Nathan der Weise	Sylvester Primer, PhD	1902	J.B.S.1.23
Aphorismen uber die Liebe	Grise von Einem	1906	J.M.14 part
Christiane's Vacation to Fohr		1908	J.M. 17
Wilhelm Tell	Friedrich Schiller	1909	J.B.S.1.24
Ein Kampf um Rom v.3	Felix Dahm	1910	
Vom Garten Eden	Marie Burmester	1910	J.B.S.1.12
Lehrer Detlefsens Kinder	Marie Wolterstorff	1912	J.B.S.2.13
Lehrer Detlefsens Kinder	Marie Wolterstorff	1912	J.B.S.3.9
Mein Kamph	Adolf Hitler	1934	J.B.S.1.31
German Booklet		1827?	J.5.6
German Notebook		1832, January 30	
Diary		1839, Sept 10-- Dec 23	
Ranch Records		1839--1902	
German Booklet		1840?	J.M.25
Die Insel Fohr: Kirchen and Denkmaler	W. Lind	1840--1849	J.B.S.1.9
Amalie Feddersen's Diary		1841, March 5-- Dec 25	
Amalie Feddersen's Diary	Amalie Feddersen	1841, October 7- December 24	
Amalie Feddersen's Diary		1842--1843	
Christiane E. Heinsen Song Books		1846?	



Title	Author	Date	Call #	
Lebensbilder	Auguste Feddersen	1855?	J.B.S.1.13	
German Letters (glued)		1860--1866, 1869	J.2.8 part	
Poems and Well-Wishes		1862--1867		
German letters (glued)		1867-1869		
Emilie Heinsen's Album of Poems		1867--1883	J.M.22	
German Letters (glued)		1869--1871	J.M.12	
German letters (glued)			1870-1879	J.2.8 part
Christiane Heinsen Booklet		Christiane Heinsen	1871, June 18	
Christiane Heinsen Booklet		Christiane Heinsen	1871, June 6	
German Letters (glued)			1871, Nov 21-- 1873, Apr 22	
German letters (glued)		1874, May 17- 1875, March 7		
German Letters (glued)		1875 May--1876 May		
German Letters (glued)		1876 Aug--1876 Dec	J.4.18	
German Letters (glued)		1876, June 10-- 1877, Nov 18		
German letters (glued)		1876, June 22- August 4		
German Letters (glued)		1876, May 1873- -April		
German Letters (glued)		1876, May 2-- 1878, May 1		
German Letters (glued)		1877--1878		
German Letters (glued)		1878--1879, 1883	J.2.26?	
German Letters (glued)		1878--1880	J.2.26?	
German Letters (glued)		1878--1888		
1879-1880 Ranch Records (small)		1879-1880		
German Letters (glued)		1880--1889	J.2.8	
1881-1882 Ranch Records (large)		1881-1882		
1882-1883 Ranch Records (large)		1882-1883		
1882-1883 Ranch Records (small)		1882-1883		
1883-1884 Ranch Records (small)		1883-1884		
1883-1889 Ranch Records (small)		1883-1889		



Title	Author	Date	Call #
1885-1888 Ranch Records (small)		1885-1888	
1885-1889 Ranch Records (large)		1885-1889	
1887-1888 Ranch Records (small)		1887-1888	
1887-1889 Ranch Records (large)		1887-1889	
1888-1889 Ranch Records (small)		1888-1889	
1888-1892 Ranch Records (large)		1888-1892	
German letters (glued)		1890-1891	J.2.8 part
German Letters (glued)		1893--1899	
Ranch Records		1895--1902	
German Booklet		1900, February 17	J.4.8
German letters (glued)		1900-1904	J.2.8 part
Ranch records		1902-1907	
Ranch Records		1905--1907	
Ranch Records		1908--1914	
Poew and Songs		1916?	J.M.27 part
Ranch records		1917-1919	
Ranch Records		1918--1919	
German Booklet		1971, May 5	
German Letters (glued)		1972--1973	
Das Nifelungenlied	Roman Woerner		J.B.S.1.29



Series 3: History (1902-2003, undated)

Volume: 2 cubic feet (4 letter sized boxes, 6 binders)

Arrangement: By subject

Summary: This series contains historical reference materials created and collected by the Jensen Family. Included are detailed genealogical charts, maps, and self-published history booklets on the history of the Jensen Family.

Box	Title	Date	
25	"My trip to Germany" (J.M.17) photocopied manuscript and translations, 2 copies	1908	
	"Boy's Camping Trip"	undated	
	"WWII Aboard a Troopship"	1994	
	"WWII Service," 2 copies	1991	
	"Our Scottish Heritage"	1995	
	1944 Graduation Address and sources	1944	
	"Eden Canyon: A Glimpse into the Garden of Eden"	1993	
	26	Hayward Heritage Days, 2 copies	1964
		Jensen Ranch Childhood Memories	1999
		Jensen Ranch Early School, Home and Ranch Activities, 2 copies	1993
Family History (1880) translation		1957	
Dani a Dannebrog Danish Lodges Thyra No. 9 Valborg No. 1		1990	
Program Eden Congregational Church 90 th Anniversary		1955	
Men of Our Time Emancipating from God, copy and translation (J.4.1.18-20)		undated	
Hans Peter Feddersen the Elder article and translation		undated	
Leben im interkulturellen Bereich		1987	
Erinnerngen Ausden Kinderzeit		undated	
27	125 years in the Jensen Ranch House	1997	
	Early Life of C.C. Boysen, 2 copies	1941	
	The Emigration of Christiane Jensen	1976	
	A lecture on the Jensen-Heinsen Papers	1981	
	Schleswig-Holsteinische Auswanderer	1983	
	Family History copy 2	1957	
	Family history original translations, 2 books	1902	
	"Jensen Family" <i>Adobe Trails</i> Copy	1973	
	of German Family History Rural	undated	
	Childhood, 3 rd Grade History Map including Wyk auf Föhr	2003	
Copy of addresses and article with translations	undated		
Willis Family documents	undated		
Emigration of Christiane Jensen	1976		



28	Amy Jensen Oral History (tape) <i>Hayward First 100 Years</i>	1965 1975
	Articles on the Jensen Family Papers	circa 1983
OVZ 3	Genealogical charts and information	undated
Binders	Jensen's Letters Finding Aid, list of letters and translations Hayward (information about city and surrounding area) America (genealogical printouts) Germany 1 (genealogy and area information) Germany 2 (genealogy and area information) Slides (various photographs of buildings, landscapes, people)	

Series 4: Objects (undated)

Volume: 0.4 cubic feet (1 letter sized box)

Arrangement: None

Summary: Objects from the Jensen Family including a bank bag, stiff collar, and piece of wedding dress lace.

Box	Title	Date
29	Objects	undated