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Tengg (Julius) Papers, 1859-1972

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A Guide to the Julius Tengg Papers, 1859-1972

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Tengg, Julius, 1867-1966
Title:	Julius Tengg Papers
Dates:	1859-1972
Creator Abstract:	Born in San Antonio, Texas, Julius Tengg (1867-1966) was the eldest son of German-Austrian immigrants. He attended the German-English School and joined the book and stationery store owned by his father, Nic Tengg, remaining with the family business his entire life. He was also active in several San Antonio fraternal and social organizations.
Content Abstract:	Correspondence, family material, school records, property records, records of organizations, printed material, photographs, and artifacts provide an overview of the interests and activities of Julius Tengg and members of his immediate family.
Identification:	Col 831
Extent:	6.25 linear feet (8 document boxes, 3 oversize boxes)
Language:	Materials are in English and German.
Repository:	DRT Collection at Texas A&M University-San Antonio

Biographical Note

Born into the thriving German-American community of San Antonio, Texas, Julius Tengg was an active member of the city's business and social circles throughout his long life. His parents were Nicolas Tengg, a native of Austria who immigrated to Texas with his family as a child, and Louise Plumeyer Tengg, member of a German-immigrant family. The elder Tengg was employed in the book and stationery store established in 1854 by family friend Julius Berends, purchasing the business when Berends returned to his native Germany in 1874. Nic Tengg's bookstore became an institution in downtown San Antonio and remained a family enterprise throughout its ninety-year existence, eventually involving several of Nic Tengg's sons.

The eldest of nine children, Julius Tengg was born in San Antonio in 1867. He attended San Antonio schools, including the German-English School established by Berends and other members of the immigrant community. In 1891 he married Anna Deussen (1870-

1955), also born in San Antonio to German-immigrant parents. The couple had four children: Louis, Lorine, Else, and Carl.

Julius Tengg was a member of a number of organizations and was particularly active in the Sons of Hermann and the Knights of Pythias. His entire working life was devoted to the family business, and he remained active into his nineties, a few years before Nic Tengg's was closed by the family in 1964. In his later years Julius Tengg lived with his daughter Lorine Shepherd. He died after a short illness in 1966, shortly before his 99th birthday, and was buried in the family plot in City Cemetery No. 1.

Scope and Content Note

Correspondence, material related to the significant events of family members, school records, property records, records of organizations, printed material, photographs, and artifacts provide an overview of the interests and activities of Julius Tengg and some members of his immediate family.

Organization of Collection

This collection is organized into seven series.

Series 1: Correspondence

Series 2: Personal and family papers

Series 3: Property records

Series 4: Organizations

Series 5: Printed material

Series 6: Photographs

Series 7: Oversize material

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

One folder of Tengg family estate records is closed to researchers. The rest of the collection is open for research.

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Index Terms

Personal Names

Tengg, Julius, 1867-1966.
Tengg, Anna Deussen, 1870-1955.
Tengg, Nicolas, 1847-1927.
Berends, Julius, 1817-1891.
Tengg family.
Deussen family.

Organizations

Belknap Rifles (Military unit)
German-English School (San Antonio, Tex.)
Knights of Pythias. Lotus Lodge No. 89 (San Antonio, Tex.)
Nic Tengg (Firm)

Subjects

Friendly societies--Texas--San Antonio.
German Americans--Texas--San Antonio.
Germans--Texas--San Antonio.
Militia.

Locations

San Antonio (Tex.)--History--Sources.

Genres/Formats

Personal papers.
Books.
Correspondence.
Financial records.
Photographs.
Printed ephemera.
Property records.
School records.

Separated Material

One glass plate negative (broken, in two parts) of the Nic Tengg store, family, and employees has been separated from the Julius Tengg papers.

Administrative Information

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Correspondence

The Correspondence series includes a miscellany of letters received and sent over a long period. Notable are letters written by Julius Berends to Julius Tengg after the former had left Texas for Germany. Tengg later corresponded with individuals in Germany about Berends.

Box	Folder	
1	1-2	Julius Tengg, 1888-1962
	3	Julius Tengg: Julius Berends letters, 1876-1888
	4	Julius Tengg: Louise Tengg birthday greetings, 1893-1898
	5	Nic Tengg, Inc., 1928-1940
	6	Lorine Shepherd/Loraine Perry, 1945-1964
	7-8	Greeting cards
	9	Envelopes

Series 2: Personal and family papers

Personal and family papers include documents recording family milestones such as births, marriages, and deaths. Items related to the attendance of Julius Tengg at the German-English school include a book containing his notes on several school subjects, a series of report cards, and some notes on the history of the school. Other items refer to the routine personal business of Julius Tengg, including records of his investments, some financial transactions, and insurance.

Box Folder

1	10	Birth and baptismal records: Nicolas Tengg, Julius Tengg, and Wilhelm Heinrich Deussen
	11	Marriage records: Nicolas Tengg-Louise Plumeyer and Julius Tengg-Annie Deussen
	12	Military records: Louis Tengg
	13	Death and funeral records: Julius Tengg Estate records
	14	Thomas Tengg

Box Folder

11		Tengg family: closed file
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Box Folder

1	15	Unidentified item Genealogical and biographical material
	16	Tengg and Deussen families
	17	British Royal family German-English School records
	18	Notebook: Julius Tengg, also contains financial notes and memoranda, 1880
	19	Report cards: Julius Tengg, 1874-1881
	20	Miscellaneous
	21	Medical records, 1905-1914
	22	Insurance, 1930-1966
	23	Financial records, 1910-1959

Box Folder

2		Stockholder records, 1929-1960
	24	A. B. Frank Co., 1929-1946
	25	San Antonio Public Service Co., 1939
	26	Alamo Iron Works, 1960
	27	Memorandum books

Series 3: Property records

This series groups together papers associated with San Antonio properties owned by Tengg. It contains deeds, abstracts, leases, tax bills and receipts, paving assessments, bills for repairs, and miscellaneous items.

Box	Folder
2	E. Crockett and Chestnut Streets, City Block 168, 1916-1950
29	Title records, 1916
30	Leases, 1947, 1950
31	Paving assessments, 1920-1921
32	Tax records, 1916-1942
	Starr (Houston) and Live Oak Streets, City Block 579, 1898-1921
33	Title records, 1898
34	Paving assessments, 1915-1921
	Other properties, 1933-1952, undated
35	Repair records, 1947-1952
36	Tax and financial records, 1933
37	Miscellaneous, 1936, undated

Series 4: Organizations

This series contains general and individual records of the organizations to which Julius Tengg belonged. The Belknap Rifles, a San Antonio militia group, are represented by a bound volume containing its charter and bylaws and the minutes of early meetings. A San Antonio Knights of Pythias lodge is represented by a membership register, compilations of membership information, and material associated with the presentation to Tengg of a fifty-year membership award. Other organizations are represented by a small amount of Tengg's individual membership material.

Box	Folder
3	Belknap Rifles, 1886-1950
38	Constitution and bylaws/minutes, 1886-1888
39	Historical data, 1949-1950
	Order of the Sons of Hermann, 1957-1961
40	Programs: 100th Anniversary Harmonia Lodge #1, 1961

41 Miscellaneous, 1957-1960

Box	Folder	
3	42	Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, San Antonio Lodge 216, 1920-1924
	43	A.F.&A.M., Anchor Lodge #424, 1919 Knights of Pythias, Lotus Lodge #89, 1884-1938
	44	Membership register, 1888-1921
	45	Membership register: alphabetical compilation, 1888-1928
	46	Membership register: chronological compilation, 1884-1927
	47	Membership list
	48	Ritual
	49	Printed material
	50	Notes Julius Tengg, presentation of 50 Year Pythian Veteran's Jewel, 1938
	51	Program
	52	Letters received
	53	Letters sent
	54	Clippings

Series 5: Printed material

Printed material includes a scattering of death notices, invitations, programs, periodicals, and newspaper clippings. A small selection of books and pamphlets include books in German on language, literature, and music.

Box	Folder	
4	55	Death notices, 1865-1933
	56	Invitations and announcements, 1891-1943 Programs, 1943-1972
	57	Thomas Tengg testimonial banquet, 1943
	58	General, 1956, 1972
	59	Postcards
	60	Periodicals Clippings
	61	Tengg family
	62	German-English School
	63	General
	64	Miscellaneous printed material

Books and pamphlets

Baudier, Rober. *A Historical Sketch of the St. Louis Cathedral of New Orleans*. New Orleans, 1946.

Ceremony of Consecration of His Excellency the Most Reverend Adolph Marx, D.D., J.C.D. New York: Ryan-West Banknote Co., 1956.

Geissler, Rudolf. *Aus dem Kinderleben*. Stuttgart: Julius Hoffmann, undated.

Gibbons, James Cardinal. *The Faith of Our Fathers*. New York: P. J. Kenedy and Sons, c. 1917.

Green, Rena Maverick. *Robert B. Green: A Personal Reminiscence*. San Antonio, 1962.

Haas, Oscar. *A Chronological History of the Singers of German Songs in Texas*. New Braunfels, Texas: Oscar Haas, 1948.

Herders Haus Kalender für Zeit und Ewigkeit 1954. Freiburg: Verlag Herder, 1954.

Klemm, L. R. *Abriss der Geschichte der Deutschen Literatur*. New York: Henry Holt und Co., 1878.

Lawler, Ruth Curry. *The Story of Castroville*. 1957.

Pagenstecher, T. C. L. *Deutsches Lefebuch*. Cincinnati: Verlag von U. C. Wilde, 1859.

Parisot, P. F., O.M.I. *The Reminiscences of a Texas Missionary*. San Antonio: Johnson Bros. Printing Co., 1899.

Reffelt, Hermann. *Deutsch-Englisches Liederbuch für Deutsche Schulen in den Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika*. New York: Verlag von E. Steiger, 1873.

Reiser, Aug. *Troubadour Sammlung Ausgewählter Chöre und Volkslieder für Sopran, Alt, Tenor und Bass*. Köln: P.J. Tonger's Verlag, 1870.

Schütze's Jahrbuch fuer Texas und Hermanns-Sohn Kalender für 1927. San Antonio: Albert Schütze, 1927.

Southwest Texas Business and Professional Directory, second edition. San Antonio: Southwest Publications, 1941.

Vos, B. J. *A First German Reader*. New York: Henry Hold and Co., 1933.

The Words of Jesus. Chicago: Consolidated Book Publishers, Inc., 1943.

Series 6: Photographs

The photographs in this series provide an extensive visual record of the Tengg family, related families, the family business, other individuals, and some San Antonio organizations and institutions. Notable are photographs of the Nicolas Tengg family and the family home, Julius Tengg and his family, various buildings which housed the Tengg business, and group photographs of early San Antonio school classes and social groups, including the Belknap Rifles.

Box	Folder	
6	65	Charles W. Anderson, 2 prints, 1944
	66	Julius Berends, 1 print
	67	Alice Black, 1 print
	68	Casino singing and social group, 1 print, circa 1887
	69	Casino theater group, 1 print, 1 negative, circa 1868
	70	Deussen family, 3 prints, 1914, undated Includes Jake Brock, Marjorie Hannah Brock, Rena Deussen Brock, Carl Deussen, and Florine Deussen.
	71	Dosch and Rische Saloon, 1 print
	72	Louise Nelder Leitner, 3 prints
	73	Magruder School, 1 print, 1 negative, 1892
	74	Fred Maurer, 6 prints
	75	Maurer family, 8 prints Includes Adam Maurer, Clotilde Maurer, and Johanna Deussen Maurer.
	76	Emma Giraud Michel, 1 print
	77	Nordhaus family, 2 prints Includes Clotilda Nordhaus.
	78	Agnes J. Rait, 1 print
	79	St. Mary's College, class photos, 2 prints Includes Carl and Louis Tengg.
	80	San Antonio, aerial views, 2 prints
	81	San Antonio flood, 25 prints, 1921
	82	San Antonio Post Office, 1 print
	83	Lorine Tengg Shepherd, 5 prints Includes Lee R. Shepherd.
	84	Anna Tengg, 1 print, 1877
	85	Anna Deussen Tengg, 1 print
	86	Edward Tengg, 1 print

Box	Folder	
6	87	Julius Tengg, 19 prints, 1877-1964 Also includes Deborah Ann Noble and Anna Deussen Tengg.
	88	Julius Tengg, portrait proofs, 2 prints
	89	Julius Tengg, 6 negatives
	90	Julius Tengg family, 14 prints, 1900-1958 Includes Earl Dunning, George Rutledge Dunning, Lynn Dunning, Erin McGowan, Carl Pollard, Bette Tengg, Carl Tengg, Else Tengg, Lenora Lloyd Tengg, Lorine Tengg, Louis Tengg, and Shelby Green Tengg.
	91	Julius Tengg residence, 3 prints
	92	Louis Tengg, 5 prints Also includes Shelby Green Tengg.
	93	Nicolas Tengg, 3 prints, 1876, undated Also includes Alex Kuhn, Rudolf Menger, and Aug. Nette, Jr.
	94	Nicolas Tengg family and residence, 3 prints, 3 negatives, circa 1883-1884
	95	Nic Tengg store, 8 prints, 1873-1886
	96	Nic Tengg store, family, and employees, 2 prints, 2 copy prints, 6 negatives, 1940, undated Includes Eulalio G. Cervantes, Lena Heinrich, Richard Madison, Julius Tengg, Nicolas Tengg, and Thomas Tengg.
	97	Nicolas Tengg, Jr., 6 prints, 4 negatives
Box	Folder	
7	98	Thomas and Eva Meier Tengg, 2 prints
	99	Thomas Tengg (brother of Nicholas Tengg, Sr.), 2 prints
	100	Thomas Tengg (son of Nicolas Tengg, Sr.), 3 prints Also includes Ferdinand Herff, Al Richey, and Emil Zipp.
	101	Tengg and related families, 23 prints, 2 negatives, 1929-1960 Includes Margaret Lee Perry, Flora Tengg, Julius Tengg, Nicolas Tengg, Jr., Thomas Tengg, William Tengg, Emil Zipp, and Mary Tengg Zipp.
	102	Tengg family cemetery plot, 3 prints
	103	A. Zilian's Barber and Bathing Establishment, 1 print
	104	Zork/Duerler building, 1 print
	105	Miscellaneous photographs, 14 prints
	106	Unidentified people, 7 prints, 1 copy print
	107	Unidentified people, 9 negatives
	108	Photo album, 1900

Series 7: Oversize material

The Oversize Material series gathers items in a variety of forms and includes photographs, genealogical information, newspapers, clippings, and other printed material. Artifacts are included with oversize material and include miscellaneous personal items.

Box

Oversize
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Photographs

Belknap Rifles, 8 prints, 1885-1909

Includes John B. Cresson, Ed W. Richardson, and Julius Tengg.

Merry Maids Musical Club, 1 print, 1912

Tengg family, 3 prints, 1891, circa 1942

Plat: City Cemetery No. 1

Genealogical material: Deussen family and Thomas Tengg headstone rubbing

Periodical

Calendar

Clippings: Belknap Rifles and general

Newspapers

Box

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Scrapbook: Julius and Anna Tengg, 50th and 60th wedding anniversaries, 1941, 1951

Box

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Artifacts

Locks of hair: Else and Louis Tengg

Card holder

Eyeglasses and case

Rosary

Pocket watch

Decorative weaving

Religious image

Metal box

Portfolio cover

Cloth bag, First National Bank

Fez, El Bexar 181, D.O.K.K.

Unidentified items