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John Jacob and Katherine (Vogel) Herman

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Creator: John J. Herman

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Quantity:

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Biography:

Born in Hussenbach Russia in 1886, John Jacob Herman immigrated to America in May of 1906 at a port in Galveston, Texas. Herman eventually moved to Lincoln, Nebraska in 1912, two years after his marriage to Katherine Vogel in 1910. While he was living in America, life for his family back in Russia was not ideal. Hermans relationship with his family was complicated, with numerous bad harvests and famine gravely impacting his loved ones. There were requests for money and aid, but either due to not having enough money of his own, or being unable to send it, Herman ignored a portion of their letters.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of Letters addressed to John Jacob Herman from 1906-1933, provided and translated by Ken Gubber as well as miscellaneous papers (Certificates of Death, Family portrait, etc..) related to the Herman family.

Subjects:

Hussenbach, Russia  
Personal Letters  
Certificates  
Immigration  
Famine  
Herman, John J.

Series Description:

Series 1: Letters

Series 2: Miscellaneous

Container List:

Series 1: Letter

Box 1

Folder 1: Letter from Johan Jakob Hoffman, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1906

Description: Writer refers to request from addressee to know if its still like it was when he left (to go to America). Writer is getting married to Mrilis Adolf. Brother-in-law Ludwig went to America. Konrad tried to go but came back- now he's called American Konrad.

Location: Hussenbach, Russia (present day Linevo)

Relation to Herman's: friend

Folder 2: Letter from Johan Jakob Hoffman, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, 1908

Description: Writer has been on maneuvers for 15 days- extreme poverty experienced during that time- many days no bread or water and very hot- ad conditions- some soldiers shot while on guard duty. Writer has received a letter from addresses. Writer asks why his father-in-law hasn't responded to his letters.

Location: Irkutsk, Russia

Relations to Herman's: friend

Folder 3: Letter from Johan Jakob Hoffman, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1909

Description: Received letter from addressee on 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. Addressee is happy in America. Writer not happy- only earns 50 kopecks a month. Sends greetings to father-in law and brother-in-law and sister-in-law Adolf.

Location: Irkutsk, Russia

Relations to Herman's: friend

Folder 4: Letter from Amalie Frick, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1911

Description: On 15<sup>th</sup> of May there was a disaster- fire destroyed 55 firms, including theirs. Refers to a previous letter and says they desperately need help. Also, there was a bad harvest. She says addressee's father is gravely ill and dying.

Location: Hussenbach, Russia (present day Linevo)

Relation to Herman's: sister-in-law of John

Folder 5: Letter from Anna Maria Hermann, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1911

Description: Writes about illness and death of her husband (Addressee's father) and the will and inheritance. Brother Joh. Georg and sister-in-law Male(?) came and helped, but they had a lot of trouble of their own since there had been a bad fire at their place (Folder 4). Mentions cousin Georg Friedrich. She's now living with her son.

Location: Hussenbach, Russia (present day Linevo)

Relation to Herman's: Mother of John

Folder 6: Letter from Georg Jakob Herman, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 1912

Description: Made purchases of accordion and shoes for addressee and is on his way to America. Didn't use agents. Going through Germany, Bremen probably. Will be with addressee soon.

Location: Saratov, Russia (previously Hussenbach, and present day Linevo)  
Relation to Herman's: Half- Brother of John

Folder 7: Letter from Fred Besel, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1913

Description: Responding to letter from addressee. Talks about farming- plowing now- weather is good- bins are full- hoping for a good harvest. Spoke to brother-in-law Suppes, who wants to know if addressee has paid the man in Kansas City. If so, send him the receipt and he (Suppes) will pay for it.

Location: Washington,?, USA  
Relation to Herman's: unknown

Folder 8: Letter from Leo Tipple

Description: Talks about his work and his family- general conditions in Kansas City- sends greetings

Location: Kansas City, Missouri  
Relation to Herman's: unknown (friends?)

Folder 9: Letter from Georg Frick, Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, 1922

Description: Writes about famine- needs help desperately  
Location: Hussenbach (?), Russia (present day Linevo)  
Relation to Herman's: Brother of John

Folder 10: Letter from Johan Jakob Hoffman, Apr. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1925

Description: Suffering and famine and needs help. Mentions previous famine in 1921-22  
Location: Hussenbach, Russia (present day Linevo)  
Relation to Herman's: friend of John

Folder 11: Letter from Georg Frick, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 1933

Description: Writer's oldest son was sick all winter- they are in great need- lacking bread most of all- needs some money. This letter sent via someone else, who is asked to pass the letter on to Johan (John) Jakob Herman. And then writer wants it sent to G. Jacob also.

Location: unknown  
Relation to Herman's: Brother of John

Folder 12: Letter from Johan Jakob Herman, Apr 6<sup>th</sup>, 1933

Description: He has written many letters to addressee and gotten no response. He asked Georg Jakob Herman about addressee and finally got an address. Needs help. 8 members in his family. Says George Jakob also intends to send him something. Writer helped addressee's father as he was dying.

Location: unknown  
Relation to Herman's: Half Brother to John

Folder 13: Letter from Johan Jakob Herman, Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, 1933

Description: Mentions helping addressee's father during illness- needs some money sent to him. Says Georg Jacob Herman sent him some money twice. Situation is bad- very poor, and 3 children died(?). Family now 5 people. Says he writes to addressee but receives no answer.

Location: Hussenbach, Russia (present day Linevo) House #814

Relation to Herman's: Half-Brother of John

Folder 14: New Years Greeting from Herman family member, Early January, unknown year.

Description: New Year's Greeting

Location: unknown

Relation to Herman's: unknown

## Series 2: Miscellaneous

Folder 1: Poem (A Sad Song) written by Georg Jacob Herman, 1907

Description: Tale of youth seeking his heart's desire in the world and finding it at home

Location: Haisington, Kansas, USA

Relation to Herman's: Brother of John

Folder 2: Addresses of Georg Frick and Jacob Hoffman

Location: Linevo, Russia

Relation to Herman's: Brother to John (Georg) and friend of John (Jacob)

Folder 3: Herman Family biography (Short)

Description: a short biography of John Herman and his family

Folder 4: Photo of Herman Family

Description: family portrait of Herman family (?) unnamed people in photo

Folder 5: Certificate of death for Jacob Herman

Description: a Certificate of death for Jacob Herman

Folder 6: Declaration of Intention and Register of Deeds

Description: two papers for a Declaration of Intention and a Register of Deeds

Folder 7: Complete overview of S1 letters by Ken Gubber

Description: Overview of S1 letters and summaries of their contents

Folder 8: Envelopes for Letters