



German Friendly Society records, 1766-2002
SCHS 424.00

Creator: German Friendly Society (Charleston, S.C.)

Description: 16.5 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical note: The German Friendly Society was founded in Charleston in 1766 by members of St. John's Lutheran Church for purposes of mutual assistance and fellowship. The organization aided German-speaking immigrants and residents of German descent.

Scope and content: Records chiefly consist of minutes, rough and finished, but also include printed material and some miscellaneous items. Rough minutes date from 1766-1949; finished minutes (including many oversize volumes), 1766-2002.

Printed material includes banquet menus (1906-1923); programs (1966); invitations (1907-1990); and pamphlets, 1908-1935. One of the pamphlets is a biographical sketch of Michael Kalteisen, one of the founding members of the German Friendly Society. Miscellaneous items include a letter (1865) from Rev. John Bachman to the officers of the German Friendly Society; a drawing of a memorial to Rev. Bachman; lists of officers (1908-1989), life members (1914-1976), and honorary members (1929-1977); a photocopy of the manuscript "Rules of the German Friendly Society"; and a stock register (1801-1807).

Provenance: German Friendly Society; permanent loan; June 2006.

Note: Some items restricted due to fragile condition. Typescript transcriptions of minutes, 1766-1858, are available at the South Caroliniana Library, USC.

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Search terms:

Bachman, John, 1790-1874.

Kalteisen, Michael, 1729-1807.

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German Americans -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

Minutes.

Collection/Series Overview:

424.01 (M) 01.01 Rough Minutes
424.01 (M) 01.02 Finished Minutes
424.01 (M) 02 Miscellaneous Items
424.01 (P) 01 Printed Material

Container list:

BOX 1

424.01 (M) 01.01 Rough minutes (4 v.): Jan. 1766-Sept. 1767; Sept. 1767-Jan. 1772; April 1778-1784; and Jan. 1787-1792.

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424.01 (M) 01.01 Rough minutes (4 v.): July 1792-April 1795; Oct. 1795-Oct. 1798; Oct. 1798-Jan. 1801; and Jan. 1801-Oct. 1802.

BOX 3

424.01 (M) 01.01 Rough minutes (2 v.): Oct. 1802-Nov. 1805; and Nov. 1808-July 1812.

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424.01 (M) 01.01 Rough minutes (3 v.): Oct. 1817-Jan. 1822; Jan. 1822-Feb. 1830; and Aug. 1842-Dec. 1848.

BOX 5

424.01 (M) 01.01 Rough minutes (2 v.): June 1849-March 1866; and March 1866-May 1867.

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424.01 (M) 01.01 Rough minutes (2 v.): Dec. 1888-Aug. 1893; and Aug. 1893-Aug. 1896.

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424.01 (M) 01 .01 Rough minutes (2.v.): Aug. 1896-June 1899; and July 1899-May 1902.

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424.01 (M) 01.01 Rough minutes (3 v.): July 1909-May 1914; April 1914-Dec. 1915; and Dec. 1915-Jan. 1917.

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424.01 (M) 01.01 Rough minutes (4 v.): Jan. 1917-Aug. 1918; Aug. 1918-Jan. 1920; June 1920-Jan. 1926; and Jan. 1926-Jan. 1929.

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424.01 (M) 01.01 Rough minutes (3 v.): Jan. 1929-Nov. 1931; Nov. 1931-June 1935; and July 1935-June 1938.

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424.01 (M) 01.01 Rough minutes (2 v.): June 1938-Jan. 1941; and Jan. 1941-May 1945.

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424.01 (M) 01.01 Rough minutes, May 1945-Jan. 1949.

424.01 (M) 01.02 Finished minutes, Nov. 1805-Nov. 1808.

NOTE: Other volumes of finished minutes are oversize and not boxed.

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424.01 (M) 01.02 Finished minutes (2 v.): Jan. 1949-Dec. 1952; and Jan. 1952-Jan. 1957.

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424.01 (M) 01.02 Finished minutes (2 v.): Jan. 1957-Nov. 1963; and Dec. 1963-Jan. 1967.

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424.01 (M) 01.02 Finished minutes (3 v.): Jan. 1967-Jan. 1970; Jan. 1970-Oct. 1972; and Oct. 1972-Jan. 1974.

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424.01 (M) 01.02 Finished minutes (3 v.): Jan. 1974-Oct. 1976; Nov. 1976-March 1978; and March 1978-Oct. 1980.

BOX 19

424.01 (M) 01.02 Finished minutes (3 v.): Nov. 1980-Feb. 1982; March 1982-Nov. 1986; and Dec. 1986-May 1989.

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424.01 (M) 01.02 Finished minutes (2 v.): June 1989-Jan. 1992; and Jan. 1992-June 1993.

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424.01 (M) 01.02 Finished minutes (2 v.): Sept. 1993-May 1996; and Jan. 1999-Nov. 2003.

BOX 22

424.01 (M) 02 Miscellaneous Records

424.01 (M) 02.01 Miscellaneous items, including notes on the minute books and a photostat of an address delivered before the GFS, 1893.

424.01 (M) 02.02 Letter, 1865, from Dr. John Bachman to officers of the GFS; and drawing of Rev. Bachman's gravestone.

424.01 (M) 02.03 Membership register: list of officers, 1908-1989; life members, 1914-1976; and honorary members, 1929-1977.

424.01 (M) 02.04 Photocopy of manuscript "Rules of the German Friendly Society"

424.01 (M) 02.05 Stock register, 1801-1807, "Contributions to the Stock of the GFS"

BOX 23

424.01 (P) 01 Printed Material

424.01 (P) 01.01 Banquet menus, 1906-1923.

424.01 (P) 01.02 Programs, 1966.

424.01 (P) 01.03 Invitations, etc. 1907-1990

424.01 (P) 01.04 Pamphlets: *Rules of the German Friendly Society*, 1908

169th Annual Address, 1935

Michael Kalteisen: Captain of the U.S. Artillery, 1910

Our Founders and Their Fatherland, 1916

Speech, Herman Ridder, 142nd Anniversary, 1908

NOTE: Boxes 24 & 25 contain oversize, unbound minute books in extremely fragile condition; their use is restricted.

BOX 24

424.01 (M) 01.02 (1823-1828) Jan. 1823-July 1828

BOX 25

424.01 (M) 01.02 (1848-1858) Jan. 1848-Jan. 1858

Additional volumes of finished minutes which are oversize and not boxed:

424.01 (M) 01.02 (1766-1787)	Jan. 1766-Jan. 1787
424.01 (M) 01.02 (1787-1802)	March 1787-Oct. 1802
424.01 (M) 01.02 (1803-1814)	Jan. 1803-Jan. 1814
424.01 (M) 01.02 (1814-1823)	Jan. 1814-Jan. 1823
424.01 (M) 01.02 (1828-1833)	Aug. 1828-Oct. 1833
424.01 (M) 01.02 (1834-1848)	July 1839-Jan. 1848
424.01 (M) 01.02 (1858-1870)	Jan. 1858-Jan. 1870
424.01 (M) 01.02 (1870-1879)	Jan. 1870-Dec. 1879
424.01 (M) 01.02 (1893-1903)	Jan. 1893-Jan. 1903
424.01 (M) 01.02 (1912-1923)	Feb. 1912-Jan. 1923
424.01 (M) 01.02 (1923-1934)	Jan. 1923-Aug. 1934
424.01 (M) 01.02 (1934-1941)	April 1934-Jan. 1941
424.01 (M) 01.02 (1941-1949)	Jan. 1941-Jan. 1949
424.01 (M) 01.02 (1949-1959)	Jan. 1949-Jan. 1959
424.01 (M) 01.02 (1959-1967)	Jan. 1959-Jan. 1967
424.01 (M) 01.02 (1967-1974)	Jan. 1967-Jan. 1974
424.01 (M) 01.02 (1974-1980)	Jan. 1974-Oct. 1980
424.01 (M) 01.02 (1980-1987)	Nov. 1980-Sept. 1987
424.01 (M) 01.02 (1987-1994)	Sept. 1987-Oct. 1994
424.01 (M) 01.02 (1994-2002)	Nov. 1994-Feb. 2002