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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Indianapolis Liederkrantz is a singing society that was formed in 1872 and is still in existence today. The society was initially only for men, but a Damenchor (women's choir) was added in 1997. The organization puts on concerts, hosts dances, and has its own building near the Holy Cross neighborhood.

The Germanistic Society of Indianapolis was founded January 21, 1916 to promote the study of German civilization by arranging public lectures and publishing literature for distribution.

The Verband Deutscher Vereine (Federation of German Societies) of Indianapolis was organized on November 13, 1899 as an umbrella organization for other German cultural and social organizations in the city. The organization is still present today and is run out of German Park, a property the organization purchased in 1934.

The Evangelical Brotherhood Bowling League in Indianapolis was formed in 1921 in order to promote fellowship between the members of the Brotherhoods of the Evangelical Churches in the city.

The German-American Klub has been at their Indianapolis Southside location since 1979, where they operate the Edelweiss Restaurant and host a variety of cultural events and festivals for their members. The Klub is still active today with annual Oktoberfest events, picnics, Volksmarch, and other activities to preserve and promote German culture.

The Indianapolis Saenger-Chor was founded in 1885 by ten men who had recently immigrated to the United States from Germany to celebrate through song the freedoms of America and the labor movement. The Saenger-Chor is still active today and is headquartered in Old Northside neighborhood in Indianapolis.

Sources:

Materials in the collection

“A Short History.” <http://www.saengerchor.org/history.html>

“The German American Klub of Indianapolis, Inc.” <http://www.indianapolisgak.com/>

“Federation of German Societies Records, 1931-1988.” <http://www-lib.iupui.edu/special/collections/german-american/mss069>

“Indianapolis Liederkrantz.” <http://www.indyliederkrantz.org/>

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains materials produced by various German-American clubs and organizations in Indianapolis. Some of the items contained in the collection are written entirely in German, but many are in English or have some translation. The organizations and clubs documented by this collection are: The Indianapolis Liederkrantz, Deutsch-Amerikanische Gut-Geld Liga von Indiana, Germanistic Society, Verband Deutscher Vereine, Evangelical Brotherhood Bowling League, German-American Klub, and Indianapolis Saenger-Chor. Also contained in the collection are two menus, one for the Red Ox and another for the Heidelberger Restaurant, both of which are written entirely in German. There is also a photocopy of a certificate from the German Pioneer Society and some correspondence relating to the Indianapolis Orchestra Association. Many of the materials are administrative in nature, minutes taken at meetings, correspondence, or financial documents. The other items are generally promotional material or programs for events held by the clubs and organizations.

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