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**Inventory of the German Friendly  
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## Descriptive Summary

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| <b>Title:</b>                | German Friendly Society records   |
| <b>Date(s)</b>               | 1766-1940   |
| <b>Creator:</b>              | German Friendly Society (Charleston, S.C.)  |
| <b>Abstract:</b>             | The German Friendly Society was a social and benevolent organization founded in Charleston, South Carolina in 1766. This collection contains typewritten transcriptions of their meeting minutes (1766-1858) compiled during a Works Progress Administration (W.P.A.) project from 1935-1940. |
| <b>Extent:</b>               | 0.75 linear feet<br>(1 document box, 1 slim document box)   |
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## Biographical Note

The German Friendly Society, a social and benevolent organization, was founded in Charleston, South Carolina in 1766 by Michael Kalteisen. After petitioning the South Carolina legislature, the Society was incorporated in 1791. The Society issued stock and made charitable contributions.

## Collection Overview

Typescript copies (1935-1940) of minutes (1766-1858) include lists of the names of members attending each meeting, the names of officers and committee members, treasurer's reports, exchanges of stock certificates, lists of the Society's assets (stocks, bonds, real estate, school fund), and other related notes. Included is an inventory of the contents of the Society's lot and building (1817 March 12). Entries note the creation of the Society School (1802), the opening of a female school (1829), and the creation of a library and a museum (circa 1829).

Transcribed from the original by Mabel Whiting, Mabel S. Johnson, Agnes P. Lyons, Julia W. Reynolds, Hazel R. Key, Elise Thompson, and Ann E. Morris during 1935-1940 for the Historical Research Division of Women's and Professional Projects, Work Progress Administration (W.P.A.), sponsored by the College of Charleston. The Society has both "Finished" and "Rough" minutes in their collections, some of which are damaged and in poor condition. Most typescript copies do not note which book was used during the project.

## Collection Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

## Restrictions

### Access Restrictions

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## Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

### Names

German Friendly Society (Charleston, S.C.)--Records and correspondence  
United States. Works Progress Administration

### Subjects

Fraternal organizations--South Carolina--Charleston  
German Americans--South Carolina--Charleston--Societies, etc.

### Places

South Carolina--History--1865-  
Charleston (S.C.)

### Types of Material

Minutes  
Typescripts

## Administrative Information

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### Custodial History

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## Inventory

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| Box 1 Folder 1 | "Volume 1, Finished minutes," 1766 January 15-1787 January 17<br>Copied by Mabel Whiting.   |
| Box 1 Folder 2 | "Minutes," 1778 April 15-1784 April 14<br>Copied by Mabel S. Johnson.                       |
| Box 1 Folder 3 | "Volume 3, Finished minutes," 1803 January 19-1814 January 19<br>Copied by Agnes P. Lyons.  |
| Box 1 Folder 4 | "Minutes," 1805 November 13-1808 November 2<br>Duplicates. Copied by Julia W. Reynolds.     |
| Box 1 Folder 5 | "Minutes," 1814 January 26-1823 January 22<br>Copied by Hazel R. Key and Julia W. Reynolds. |
| Box 1 Folder 6 | "Minutes," 1823 January 29-1828 July 2<br>Copied by Mabel Johnson and Elise Thompson.       |
| Box 2 Folder 1 | "Minutes," 1828 August 6-1833 September 25<br>Copied by Julia W. Reynolds.                  |
| Box 2 Folder 2 | "Minutes," 1848 January 19-1858 January 13<br>Copied by Julia W. Reynolds and Ann E. Morse. |