Dear Friends of the Hihn-Younger Archive:

I am pleased to present this report on our current activities and plans for the future.

The German Historical Institute (Washington, D.C.) has selected F. A. Hihn for inclusion in its German-American Business Biographies, 1720 to the Present. According to the Institute, “German immigrants and their descendants have played a disproportionately large role in the American business community, particularly in the nineteenth but also, to a lesser extent, in the twentieth century.” The Institute’s cooperating authors will compile about 250 biographies of German immigrant entrepreneurs in America. The results will be published both in print and online. I have been asked to contribute F. A. Hihn’s biography, an opportunity which I am honored to accept (I have six months to compile the biography, adhering to very strict requirements).

This project has been structured as follows, with the Editor of each volume named:

- Volume 1: "From the Colonial Economy to Early Industrialization, 1720-1840" Marianne Wokeck (Indiana University, Purdue University Indianapolis)
- Volume 2: "The Emergence of an Industrial Nation, 1840-1893" William J. Hausman (College of William & Mary) [F. A. Hihn will be included in Volume 2]
- Volume 3: "From the End of the Gilded Age to the Progressive Era, 1893-1918" Giles R. Hoyt (Max Kade German-American Research and Resource Center, Indiana University, Purdue University Indianapolis)
- Volume 4: "The Age of the World Wars, 1918-1945" Jeff Fear (University of Redlands)
- Volume 5: "From the Post-war Boom to Global Capitalism, 1945-today" R. Daniel Wadhwani (University of the Pacific)

I have selected some of F. A. Hihn’s contemporaries from the German Historical Institute’s Candidates for Biographies:

- Anheuser, Eberhard
- Astor, John Jacob
- Bausch, Johann Jacob
- Berlitz, Maximilian D.
- Böing, Wilhem Edward aka Boeing, William Edward
- Busch, Adolphus
- Coors, Adolph Herman Joseph Sr.
- Florsheim, Sigmund
- Gimbel, Adam & Isaac
- Goldman, Marcus
- Heinz, Henry John
- Hellman, Isaias Wolf
- Kaiser, Henry John
- Krug, Charles
- Lux, Charles & Carl
- May, David

Anheuser - Busch brewing
Astor, John Jacob - American Fur Company, Pacific Fur Company
Bausch, Johann Jacob - Bausch & Lomb optical
Berlitz, Maximilian D. - Berlitz Language School
Böing, Wilhem Edward aka Boeing, William Edward - Boeing/United Airlines
Busch, Adolphus - Anheuser-Busch brewing
Coors, Adolph Herman Joseph Sr. - Coors brewing
Florsheim, Sigmund - Florsheim Shoe Co.
Gimbel, Adam & Isaac - Gimbel Bros. department stores
Goldman, Marcus - Goldman Sachs finance
Heinz, Henry John - H. J. Heinz Company food processing
Hellman, Isaias Wolf - Wells Fargo Bank
Kaiser, Henry John - Permanente Corp./Kaiser Permanente shipbuilding, health maintenance
Krug, Charles - Charles Krug Winery
Lux, Charles & Carl - Miller & Lux cattle production
May, David - May Department Stores
Mayer, Oscar Ferdinand  
Maytag, Frederick Louis  
Merck, Georg Wilheim  
Miller, Henry  
Morgenthau, Henry  
Ochs-Sulzberger, Adolph Simon  
Pabst, Frederick  
Ringling, Charles Edward & John Nicholas  
Spreckels, Claus  
Steinway, Heinrich Engelhard & William Engelhard Steinway  
Strauss, Isidor  
Straus, Levi  
Sutro, Adolph Heinrich Joseph  
Weyerhaeuser, Friedrich  
Wurlitzer, Franz Rudolph  
Zellerbach, Isador  

Oscar Mayer & Bros. meat packing  
Maytag Co. washing machines  
Merck & Co. pharmaceuticals  
Miller & Lux cattle production  
Henry Morgenthau Co. real estate  
New York Times  
Pabst Brewing Co.  
Ringling Brothers Circus  
Steinway & Sons pianos  
Macy’s Department Store  
Levi Strauss & Company  
Sutro Metalurgical Works mining  
Weyerhaeuser Company lumber-timber-mining  
Rudolph Wurlitzer Co. musical instruments  
Zellerbach Paper Co.

The full list of Candidates may be viewed at:  

Current Projects

Transcribe and publish: Letters of Coleman Younger and C. B. Younger Sr. (Gift of Helen Younger Goode)  
869 Letters, dated 1844 through 1891, in five books: Letters from and to Charles Bruce Younger Sr. and his father, Coleman Purcell Younger.  
This project has been nearly completed. All letters have been transcribed, and indexed.  
As we await funds to publish the remaining two volumes, we are able to share the content via e-mail. Ultimately, we want to mount them online so that they are easily accessible by the public. A cumulative index to all five books (0, 1, 2A, 2B, & 3), that is included with the second volume (yet to be printed) will make a search across all letters easier for researchers.

Transcribe and publish: 22 volumes of Agreements, Deeds and Leases of F. A. Hihn and the Hihn Co. plus the Water Records volume (Gift of Gloria Hihn Welsh)  
Jennifer Fosgate, Assistant Librarian, UCSC, and Assistant to the Coordinator, has now completed transcribing and indexing all volumes: 1 through 21, 24, and the Water Volume. (We believe that volumes 22 and 23 either did not exist, or were accidentally destroyed.) There are 9,405 entries in the 22 volumes of Agreements, Deeds and Leases, plus 122 entries in the Water Records volume. We have published, in book-form Volumes 1 through 13, plus a cumulative index to 1-13, and the Water Volume. Available on the Web Site, nevertheless, are 6,103 items available for public access, as of October 23, 2010:  

Jennifer is currently working on a Cumulative Index to all 9,527 items in the 23 volumes. We await funds to publish the remaining 9 volumes, plus the Index.

Respectfully submitted,

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