

The Hihn-Younger Archive
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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 Wadhvani (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	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 <i>aka</i> 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 Wilhelm
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
Spreckels Sugar Co. [investor with F. A. Hihn in Santa Cruz Railroad]
Steinway & Sons pianos
Macy's Department Store
Levi Straus & 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:
http://www.ghi-dc.org/files/pdf/Research_projects/ie/candidates.pdf

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:

<http://digitalcollections.ucsc.edu/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=%2Fp15130coll1>

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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