

# SWISS SOCIETY OF NEW ORLEANS RECORDS

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MANUSCRIPTS COLLECTION 210

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1872-1992  
1 Linear Foot  
(2 Manuscripts Boxes)

Revised by Melissa Smith, 2004

By-laws, annual reports, histories, membership applications and lists, correspondence, and other records of the Swiss Society of New Orleans, one of the oldest Swiss-American societies in the United States. This collection focuses on the organization during the 1890s as well as 1970s and 1980s.

Organized in 1855, the society provided to the needy among its members with medical care including hospitalization, medication, and burial plots. They also encouraged Swiss immigration to the United States, organized excursions back to Switzerland, and arranged social events for the New Orleans Swiss community.

In addition to the records of the Swiss Society of New Orleans, this collection also contains the records of the Swiss-American Historical Association, Louisiana Chapter. Many of the people who belonged to the Swiss Society of New Orleans also belonged to this chapter. This collection contains the following records: an account ledger, member charges, membership records, and meeting minutes.

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## CITATION

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## ACQUISITION

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Gift of the Swiss Society of New Orleans, 1970, with continuing accruals

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**SUBJECT HEADINGS**

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Dieth, Emile  
Geiser, John III  
Hoehn, Emil  
Muehlemann, Paul  
Swiss Society of New Orleans  
Louisiana Ethnic Groups  
Swiss—Louisiana—New Orleans  
Swiss—United States  
United States—Clubs  
Clubs—Louisiana—New Orleans

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**INVENTORY**

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## Box 1

- Folder 1. Charter, Statues, and Regulations of the Swiss Society of New Orleans, 1887, French  
2. Charter, Statues, and Regulations of the Swiss Society of New Orleans, 1887, German  
3. Charter, Statues, and Regulations of the Swiss Society of New Orleans, 1905, German  
4. Statutes and By-Laws, 1959 and 1961  
5. Statutes and By-Laws, 1988  
1. 6. Annual Report, 1878  
2. 7. Annual Report, 1879  
3. 8. Annual Report, 1880  
4. 9. Annual Report, 1881  
5. Annual Report, 1882  
6. Annual Report, 1883  
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30. Annual Report, 1975
31. Annual Report, 1979
32. Annual Report, 1980
33. Annual Report, 1981
34. Annual Report, 1983
35. Annual Report, 1984
36. Annual Report, 1985
37. Annual Meeting, January 12, 1986
38. History of the Swiss Society of New Orleans 1905-1930 by Herman Dieth
39. History of the Swiss Society of New Orleans 1855-1954 by Laura Geiser Muehleemann
40. History of the Swiss Society of New Orleans 1855-1980 by John Geiser III
41. History of the Swiss Society of New Orleans 1855-1995 by John Geiser III
42. "Swiss in New Orleans" lecture by John Geiser III, December 30, 1972
43. Membership Records, 1931-1955
44. Membership Lists, 1973-1977, 1981
45. Board of Directors, 1992
46. Membership Applications, 1973-1979
47. Membership Applications, 1980-1985

## Box 2

- Folder
1. Correspondence Regarding Swiss National Defense Loan, October 1-December 23, 1936
  2. Correspondence, Journal, and Postcards of Erich Messmer, 1928-1982
  3. Correspondence of Emile Dieth, President, 1970-1974, 1981
  4. Correspondence of Arnold Vogt, Secretary, 1977-1986
  5. Financial Records, 1935, 1960-1962
  6. Financial Statement, 1978, 1987
  7. Swiss Tomb Committee, 1962-1985
  8. "On the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Swiss Charity Society, 1855-1905" Activities Outline
  9. "On the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Swiss Charity Society, 1855-1930" Activities Outline
  10. Swiss Society of New Orleans Souvenir Program, May 1, 1955
  11. Swiss American Society of New Orleans 1855-1965 Souvenir Program, March 26-28, 1965
  12. Banquet Programs, 1976, 1978-1979
  13. Announcements and Invitations, 1973-1993
  14. Recognition to Klaus Jacobi as Honorary Harbormaster, February 26, 1986
  15. Embassy of Switzerland Bulletin, 1972, 1977
  16. Program of Swiss Composers, No Date
  17. Complimentary Ball Ticket, February 10, 1872
  18. Memoriam for Emil Hoehn, No Date, See Oversized Manuscripts Collection
  19. Memoriam, 1892, 1895
  20. Miniature Swiss Flags
  21. Clippings
  22. Photographs
  23. Swiss-American Historical Society Membership and Minutes, 1967-1973, 1979
  24. Correspondence regarding a donation for the Swiss National War Relief Fund, April 2, 1940
  25. Swiss-American Historical Society of Louisiana bank statements, 1934-1947
  26. "Ode" by Salomon Marx, August 1, 1891, German

- Volume 1. Swiss Society of New Orleans Minute Book, 1894-1908
2. Swiss Society of New Orleans Minute Book, 1924-1946

3. Swiss Society of New Orleans Minute Book, 1946-1962
4. Swiss Society of New Orleans Minute Book, 1962-1978
5. Swiss Society of New Orleans Membership Register, 1855-1900
6. Swiss-American Historical Society of Louisiana, Member Charges, October 16, 1934
7. Swiss-American Historical Society of Louisiana, Account Ledger, 1934-1936
8. Swiss-American Historical Society of Louisiana, Hibernia Chequebook, 1934-1940
9. Swiss Society of New Orleans Tomb Records, 1880-1969
10. Swiss Coats of Arms book
11. Swiss Society of New Orleans Guest Book, 1975-1977
12. Swiss Society of New Orleans Guest Book, 1978-1982