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Biography

Remarks
Lilly von Webern was the first cousin of the composer, Anton von Webern (b. Vienna, December 3, 1886; d. Mittersill, Austria, September 15, 1945). This collection represents the personal memorabilia of Lilly, much of it probably was passed on to her by her mother, Elsa Kleinpell von Webern. Only a few peripheral items (see nos. 77 and 108) pertain to Anton, the composer. Nevertheless, these materials constitute primary genealogical documentation of the Webern family in Austria and the United States from the mid-1850s to 1944.
Hans Moldenhauer and Rosaleen Moldenhauer in their definitive study Anton von Webern: A Chronicle of his Life and Work (London: Victor Gollancz, Ltd., 1978), 803 pp., trace the genealogy of the Webern family in detail. The authors report (p. 651, fn. 3) that The Webern Archive, a division of the Moldenhauer Archives in Seattle, Washington, retains the memorabilia of Guido von Webern (1888-1962), the beloved brother of Lilly (see folders 16-25, a collection of 114 letters from Guido to Lilly). Thus, the archival materials at Seattle and Berkeley are literally “brother and sister” collections.

This inventory takes as its point of departure Lilly’s position within the Webern family, and it radiates outward to other members. There are a few documents pertaining to her mother’s side, the Kleinpell’s; most relate to her father’s side persons who bore the name of “von Webern.”

Among these documents Lilly’s name is variously spelled: “Lyly,” “Lily,” “Lillian,” and “Lilly.” The most recent letter in the collection (no. 26) uses the form “Lily.”

Lilly’s mother was Elsa (Kleinpell) von Webern (b. July 17, 1856; d. in the United States, probably Brooklyn, New York, date unknown). Her father was Josef Edvard von Webern, b. March 5, 1852; d. Neustadt, December 24, 1896. Elsa and Josef were married in Salzurg on January 26, 1880, and they had three children: Lilly, Guido, and Erich. After Josef’s death in 1896 Elsa and her three children moved from their home in Neustadt, near Vienna (Schloglgasse Strasse 6) to Vienna (Tigergasse Strasse 14), then to Drosendorf, Austria in 1906. In 1907, a relative, Dr. Henry Kleinpell, sponsored the family’s move to America (see Moldenhauer, p. 652). According to letters addressed to Lilly, she lived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa (1908), Waterloo, Iowa (1909), Ballyheather, Ardmore, Pennsylvania (1910), Brooklyn, New York (at least four addresses 1910s and 1920s), and Malverne, New York (at least three addresses during the 1930s and 1940s). Lilly never married. Apparently she lived with her mother, then her brothers much or all of her life. The nature of her professional career is unknown.

The papers include memorabilia (personal letters and photographs, diaries of her father, family photographs, etc.)

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### Part I: Genealogy of the Von Webern Family.

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### Part II: Memorabilia of Lilly von Webern.

| Box 1, Folder 1 | Album (broken spine) containing nosegays. Dated Nov. 20, 1895 to April, 1904. |
| Folder 2 | Twenty-four (24) postcards addressed to Lilly von Webern. Dated from 1904 to 1939, at least (most lack dates) |
| Folder 3-14 | Twelve (12) love letters from Paul (last name unknown) to Lilly von Webern. Date January, 1909-July, 1911. |
| Folder 15 | Poems (in German). One poem is dated January 1, 1915. |
| Folder 16-25 | One hundred and fourteen (114) letters from Guido von Webern to Lilly (Guido was Lilly’s brother). |
| | b. Letters dated 1939 (folder 17). |
| | c. Letters dated 1940 (folder 18). |
| | d. Letters dated 1941 (folder 19). |
| | e. Letters dated 1942 (folder 20). |
| | f. Letters dated 1943 (folder 21). |
| | g. Letters dated 1944 (folder 22). |
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h. Undated letters with the letterhead "Oxford Varnish Corporation, Dayton, Ohio" (folder 23).
i. Undated letters written on "Fairfax Bond Paper" (folder 24).
j. Undated letters written on "Eye conditioned" bond paper (folder 25).

Folder 26. Four (4) miscellaneous letters addressed to Lilly.

Folder 27. Miscellaneous mementos.

Folder 28. Miscellaneous mementos and clippings.

Part III: Memorabilia of Josef Edvard von Webern (b March 5, 1852 d December 24, 1896 in Neustadt, Austria).

Additional Note
Josef Edvard, a royal forester, was Lilly’s father.

Box Box 2.

Scope and Content Note
This document includes the names of his children: Lilli, Guido, and Erich, and his wife, Elsa. Josef’s profession is given as "k.k. Forstinspections-Commissar."

Folder 30. Home of Josef Edvard and Elsa von Webern, Schloglgasse Klostergebande No. 6, Wiener-Neustadt, Austria. Floor plan (1 sheet).

Folder 31. Business card of Josef Edvard von Webern with the inscription "Imp. et roial inspecteur de Foreste."

Folder 32. Teen-age notebook, probably compiled by Josef von Webern. Contains the date March 24, 1867 and the names of his brothers.

Scope and Content Note
Also contains high-school grades.

Folder 33. Three postcards, dated March-August, 1877.
Folder 34. Diary of Josef Edvard von Webern trip to Spoleto, Corfu, Naples, etc. Dated 1891
Folder 35. Diary of Josef Edvard von Webern: trip to Rome, Florence, Undine, etc. Dated 1891.

Scope and Content Note
The notebooks for May are missing.


Scope and Content Note
The entries end on December 19, 1896, five days before his death.

Folder 38. Diary of Josef von Webern to Cairo, 1894.
Folder 40. Ship schedules (passenger lists):


Scope and Content Note
With the name of Josef von Webern.

b. Mail steamer Imperatrix, "leaving Bombay, March 1, 1896."

Scope and Content Note
With the name of Josef von Webern.

Box Box 3.
Folder 41. Diary of Josef Edvard von Webern. Trip to Colombo, Ceylon and Bombay, India, Jan 3, to March 10, 1896.
See also folder which contains the correspondence of Josef to his wife, Elsa, during the trip.
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Part V: Photographs relating to Lilly von Webern and her parents and brothers.

Box Box 4, Folder 80. Photographs and postcards of Lilly's birthplace, Wiener-Neustadt, Austria.
Folder 81. Photographs of Josef Edward von Webern and his family.
Folder 82. Photographs of Elsa Kleinpell von Webern, Lilly's mother.
Folder 83. Photographs of Elsa von Webern and her children, Lilly, Guido and Erich.
Folder 84. Early photographs of Lilly, Guido, and Erich von Webern.
Folder 85. Lilly von Webern: photographs of her various homes.
Folder 86. Lilly von Webern: early photographs in Neustadt, Austria.
Folder 87. Lilly von Webern: photographs before she came to the USA.
Folder 88. Group of young ladies including Lilly; perhaps in a play.
Folder 89. Lilly von Webern: studio portrait, USA.
Folder 90. Lilly von Webern: snapshots in USA and of her pet dogs and cats.
Folder 91. Guido von Webern: early photographs in Neustadt, Austria.
Folder 92. Erich von Webern: photographs, USA.
Folder 93. Erich von Webern: early photographs in Neustadt, Austria.
Folder 94. Erich von Webern: equestrian and tennis snapshots, USA.
Folder 95. Lilly von Webern: family friends, USA.
Folder 96. Ernst Diez, cousin of Lilly von Webern: two photographs.

Part VI: Photographs relating to relatives of Lilly von Webern, especially her uncles and aunts. All taken in Austria and most date before 1900.

Box Box 4, Folder 97. A photograph of a painting entitled "Unser Urgrossvater Kleinpell."
   Additional Note
   Apparently this is the great grandfather of Lilly von Webern.
Folder 98. Photographs (2) of Jacob Kleinpell, the father of Elsa Kleinpell von Webern, and the grandfather of Lilly von Webern.
Folder 99. Photograph of Clementine (17 years), Desire (15 years), Karl (6 years), and August (4 years) Kleinpell. Dated Salzburg, September 15, 1854.
Folder 100. The Von Webern Family, dated May 17, 1887
   Additional Note
   (Lilly is being held by Anton von Webern, the family patriarch) (reproduced in Moldenhauer, Anton von Webern (1978), plate 2.
Folder 101. Photograph of "Grossvater" Anton von Webern
   Additional Note
   That is, Lilly von Webern's grandfather.
Folder 102. Photograph of "Grossmutter" Louise von Webern
   Additional Note
   That is, Lilly von Webern's grandmother on her father's side.
Folder 103. Photograph entitled "Tante Marie und Onkel Fritz" taken in 1929.
   Additional Note
   That is, Fritz von Webern, the brother of Lilly's father Josef Edvard von Webern. Marie is 84 years old.
Folder 104. Photograph of Rosa von Webern, sister of Lilly's grandfather, Anton von Webern.
   Dated February 11, 1882, Klagenfurt.
Folder 105. Two (2) photographs of Anton Alois von Webern, brother of Josef von Webern, Lilly's father.
   Additional Note
   Anton Alois was a Warrant Officer in the Imperial Army.
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