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Abstract: William Nicholas Hailmann (1836-1920) was a leading exponent of the doctrine of Froebel in early childhood education. He was the director of the German-American Academies (1865-73) and Milwaukee (1873-78) and the German-American Seminary in Detroit (1878-83), served as superintendent of schools in Dayton, Ohio (1898-1903), was the head of the department of psychology at the Chicago Normal School (1904-08), and professor of history and education at the Cleveland Normal Training School (1909-14). He relocated to California to teach at Broadoaks Kindergarten Normal School (1914-20), and later served as the first chairman of the kindergarten section of the National Educational Association. He also organized the Kindergarten-Primary Council of the West. Hailmann's books include *Outlines of a system of objective teaching* (1867) and *Kindergarten culture in the family and kindergarten* (1872). He also translated, with a commentary, *Froebel's education of man* (1887), and edited *Erziehungsblätter* (1870-73) and *Kindergarten messenger and new education* (1876-83). The collection consists of manuscripts, correspondence, notebooks, workbooks, pamphlets, books, other printed materials, memorabilia, photographs, and educational materials and projects by and about William Nicholas Hailmann and/or related to Froebel-method schools, or kindergartens.

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Biography

William Nicholas Hailmann was born on October 20, 1836 at Glarus, Switzerland; at 13 he entered the polytechnic division of the Cantonal College at Zurich; moved in 1852 to Louisville, Kentucky, where he taught modern languages at Henry College, and modern languages and natural sciences at Louisville high schools (1856-65); visited Zurich in 1860 to study kindergartens and primary education; directed the German-American Academies in Louisville (1865-73) and Milwaukee (1873-78) and the German-American Seminary in Detroit (1878-83); served as superintendent of schools in Dayton, Ohio (1898-1903), head of the department of psychology at the Chicago Normal School (1904-08), and professor of history and education at the Cleveland Normal Training School (1909-14); professor at Broadoaks Kindergarten Normal School in Pasadena, California (1914-20); was a leading exponent of the doctrine of Froebel, and translated with a commentary *Froebel's education of man* (1887); Hailmann's other books include *Outlines of a system of objective teaching* (1867) and *Kindergarten culture in the family and kindergarten* (1872); edited *Erziehungsblätter* (1870-73) and *Kindergarten messenger and new education* (1876-83); served as the first chairman of the kindergarten section of the National Educational Association, and organized the Kindergarten-Primary Council of the West; he died on May 13, 1920 in Pasadena, California.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of manuscripts, correspondence, notebooks, workbooks, pamphlets, books, other printed materials, memorabilia, photographs, and educational materials and projects by and about William Nicholas Hailmann and/or related to Froebel-method schools, or kindergartens. Included are notebooks and a workbook of Hattie Piening Burmeister, theoretical writings on kindergarten and child care, and teaching materials such as wooden sticks, metal rings, blocks and colored beads.

Scope and Content Note
Named in honor of William Nicholas Hailmann, 1836-1920, Superintendent of Indian Schools and leader in kindergarten teacher training, the collection includes books and materials relating to Froebel-method schools.

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**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Hailmann, W.N. (William Nicholas), 1836-1920--Archives.

Early childhood educators--United States--Archives.

Kindergarten--Methods and manuals--Archives.

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**Box 1, Folder 1**

List of Hailmann's publications.

**Box 1, Folder 2**

Manuscript on education by Hailmann.

**Box 1, Folder 3**

Printed material authored by Hailmann.

**Box 1, Folder 4**

Hailmann's personal life.

**Box 1, Folder 5**

Programs and announcements.

**Box 2, Folder 1**

Correspondence to Hailmann.

**Box 2, Folder 2**

Correspondence “Friends of Froebel.”

**Box 2, Folder 3**

Correspondence of fraternal educational organizations.

**Box 2, Folder 4**

Material concerning Hailmann and education in Dayton, Ohio.

**Box 2, Folder 6**

Miscellaneous (poems and songs).

**Box 3, Folder 1**

Hailmann's educational recommendations, 1902 and 1904.

**Box 3, Folder 2**

Miscellaneous, Hailmann's hand and others.

**Box 3, Folder 3**

Material re Hailmann Training Schools.

**Box 3, Folder 4**

Ephemera, clippings, affairs and news re the kindergarten.

**Box 3, Folder 5**

Manuscript observations of the psychological development in a child by a student.

**Box 3, Folder 6**

Student reports of personalitites in the kindergarten movement.

**Box 3, Folder 7**

Isabel French's photo album, early Los Angeles kindergarten teachers, the Los Angeles Normal School, etc.

**Box 3, Folder 8**

Photographs and ephemera.

**Box 4, Folder 1**

Diplomas and photographs.

**Box 4, Folder 1**

Notebooks and workbooks from Milwaukee Normal Kindergarten, 1897-1898.

**Box 4, Folder 1**

Notebooks and workbooks of Hattie Piening Burmeister from Hamburg, Germany, 1882.

**Box 5, Folder 1**

Actual notes from practice, in manuscript, by teachers and students of the kindergarten.

**Box 5, Folder 1**

Papers on theory.

**Box 5, Folder 2**

Pedologic writings, child care and study, its organization and administration.

**Box 5, Folder 3**

Professional kindergarten organization material.

**Box 6, Folder 1**

Notes and papers by students on kindergarten theory.

**Box 7, Folder 1**

Assorted papers, notes and writings on kindergarten theory.

**Box 7, Folder 1**

Copy books and work books for the class room.

**Box 8, Folder 1**

Manuscript notebooks and commentaries on Froebel and the kindergarten.

**Box 8, Folder 2**

Report on the kindergarten movement in Utah.

**Box 9, Folder 1**

Kindergarten theory and application, possibly by Hailmann.

**Box 9, Folder 2**

Diplomas, belonging to Hailmann.

**Box 9, Folder 3**

Two Japanese books, illustrated with wood block prints, ca. 1800-1900.

**Box 10, Folder 1**

A selection of the 'Gifts' from the Froebel system, made up of wooden shapes, stick and other forms.

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**Physical Description:** Typescript.

**Scope and Contents note**

Included are Gifts Numbers 1-6, the Gonigraph, the Gliddersphere, peg boards, and flat triangles.
| Box 11-15 | **Student workbooks demonstrating paper weaving, paper cutting, sewing on paper and stick weaving.**
|           | **Scope and Contents note**
|           | Also included are designs in paper shapes, stick weaving, arc drawings, watercolors, mandalas, and paper folding.
|           | Rubber stamp for the International Kindergarten Union of 1925 in Los Angeles. |

| Box 16, 18 | **Collection of pamphlets and printed material in English, French and German on education.**
| Box 17     | **Books.**
| Box 17     | *Reveries and recollections of a naturalist.*
| Box 17     | *Lives of the ancient philosophers.*
| Box 17     | *The kindergarten.*
| Box 17     | *Mother Goose songs.*
| Box 17     | *Songs, games and rhymes for the nursery and primary school.*
| Box 17     | *Two children of the foothills.*
| Box 17     | *Prang Primary course in art education.*
| Box 17     | *Kindergarten guide.*
| Box 17     | *Notes of talks on teaching.*
| Box 17     | *Pestalozzi Froebelhaus.*
| Box 17     | *Songs, music and movement plays of the kindergarten.*
| Box 17     | *Notes on Froebel's Mother-Play Songs.*
| Box 17     | **Kindergarten occupations: sample work of paper weaving, stitching, folding, etc..**
| Box 20     | **Memeographed educational material, on teaching methods, and correspondence for the educational sorority Delta Phi Upsilon.**

| Box 21, Folder 1 | **Hailmann correspondence.**
| Box 21, Folder 2 | **Kindergarten photographs.**
| Box 21, Folder 3 | **School sewing examples.**
| Box 21, Folder 4 | **Letters and papers belonging to Hailmann and others, miscellaneous ephemera.**
| Box 21, Folder 5 | **Ledger for Delta Phi Upsilon.**
| Box 22, Folder 1 | **Miscellaneous notepads and notebooks, in manuscript.**
|               | **Physical Description:**
|               | **Scope and Contents note**
|               | Containing notes on the kindergarten, its theory and administration. |

| Box 22, Folder 2 | **Miscellaneous notebooks and workbooks in English and German.**
| Box 24          | **Gift no.7 Tablets, various forms and sizes.**
| Box 24          | **Gift no.10 Wooden sticks, small.**
| Box 25          | **Metal rings.**
| Box 25          | **Large wooden blocks.**
| Box 25          | **Gift no.5 Assorted wooden blocks.**
| Box 26          | **Small wooden box.**
| Box 26          | **Gift no.10 (Enlarged) Colored wooden sticks.**
| Box 27          | **Colored beads.**
| Box 27          | **Oddments (wooden shapes and pieces, miscellaneous).**
| Box 28          | **Shelved wooden box containing metal shapes and cloth.**
| Box 37          | **Shelved wooden box containing geometrical metal shapes.**
|               | **General note**
|               | Larger than the one above. |

| Box 28 | **Turned wood containers with samples of rocks, sand, clay, etc.**
### Container List

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| 29-30      | **Kindergarten occupations - sample scrapbook of work consisting of paper cutting, stitching and weaving.**  
Scope and Contents note  
Box 30 also contains typescript by Mrs. Hertha Simler, 1833, and *The first kindergarten in San Francisco*, by Margaret Miklan, 1932. |
| 31, 32, 33 | **Kindergarten occupations - sample scrapbooks of work in paper weaving, cutting and stitching.**  
Scope and Contents note  
Also contains pictures of birds. |
| 34         | **Three peg boards, with pegs (incomplete).** |
| 35         | **Wooden box, broken pieces, miscellanea.** |
| 36         | **Work books. Paper folding, stitching, weaving, etc. Memorial album to dead kindergarten teachers.** |
| 23         | **Notes on Froebels Mother-Play Songs.**  
General note  
(Another copy in Box 17)  
General note  
(Added October 1976) |
| 23         | **Miscellaneous pamphlets on education, art instruction.**  
General note  
(Added October 1976) |
| 23         | **Notebooks on the Hailmann Library.**  
General note  
(Added October 1976) |
| 23         | **Books.**  
General note  
(Added October 1976) |
| 23         | **Julius Stieglitz, 1867-1937.**  
**William Nicholas Hailmann.**  
General note  
(See box 17) |
| 23         | **Mother-Play and Nursery Songs.**  
**Merry songs and games for the use of the Kindergarten, 1881.**  
**Merry songs and games for the use of the Kindergarten, 1887**  
Physical Description: (Revised edition; both books are Part First) |
| 23         | **6 manuscripts by Dorothy W. Hewes, about the work of W.N. Hailmann in education.**  
Physical Description: (Copies)  
Immediate Source of Acquisition note  
(Donated by the author, March 1983, October 1988) |