Finding aid for the Roman Robert Söllner illustrated notebook 6207

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**Language of Material:** German

**Contributing Institution:** USC Libraries Special Collections

**Title:** Roman Robert Söllner illustrated notebook

**creator:** Söllner, Roman Robert, 1925-1995

**Identifier/Call Number:** 6207

**Physical Description:** 0.06 Linear Feet1 rare book box

**Date:** 1948

**Abstract:** A notebook created in 1948 by Roman Robert Söllner, a German-American soldier, containing hand-drawn and colored illustrations, original verse, and notes in German and English. Pen-and-ink and watercolor illustrations accompany the verse and notes. The author of the notebook generally signs himself "Roman," but also as "Roman Roberts" and "Roman Robert Söllner." Ancestry.com includes a number of records for a Roman Robert Söllner (1925-1995) born in Germany and naturalized as an American citizen in Cleveland at the age of 36. That the author of this notebook is a German-American seems highly likely based on fluency in both languages and the European style of handwriting. Söllner may have been stationed in North Africa, given his satirical depictions of "Moors" along with drawings of minarets, "Raki" [a Turkish liquor], and drinking brandy under the moonlight by the Nile River. The notebook also includes several other illustrations, quick sketches of people dancing, a few portrait studies, and some lists and names of contacts, mostly in the United States.

**Language of Material:** German and English

**Storage Unit:** 1

**Content Description**

A notebook created in 1948 by Roman Robert Söllner, a German-American soldier, containing hand-drawn and colored illustrations, original verse, and notes in German and English.

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**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Purchased from Walkabout Books, November 19, 2019.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Caricatures and cartoons -- Africa, North -- 20th century -- Archival resources

German American soldiers -- 20th century -- Archival resources

Watercolor painting -- Africa, North -- 20th century -- Archival resources

German wit and humor, Pictorial -- Archival resources

Soldiers -- United States -- Diaries

Diaries

Illustrated works (documents)

Notebooks

Söllner, Roman Robert, 1925-1995 -- Archives