

**Keidel Family Papers**  
**A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Keidel Family Papers

**Span Dates:** 1821-1937

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1861-1865 and 1890-1914)

**ID No.:** MSS28324

**Creator:** Keidel family

**Extent:** 3,000 items

**Extent:** 5 containers plus 2 oversize

**Extent:** 2.2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm82028324>

**Summary:** Letters from Northern prisons and Civil War records of Herman F. Keidel, biographical material relating to Louis J. Keidel, family letters from the second generation of the Keidel family in America, and correspondence and other papers of George C. Keidel.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Brauns, Christian Wilhelm, 1757-1809.

Garber family.

Garber, Jacob B.

Keidel family.

Keidel, George C. (George Charles), 1868-1942. George C. Keidel papers. 1821-1934.

Keidel, Herman F. Herman F. Keidel papers. 1861-1937.

Keidel, Louis J. (Louis Julius), 1834- Louis J. Keidel papers. 1834-1897.

### Organizations

Confederate States of America. Army. Virginia Cavalry Regiment, 12th.

Johns Hopkins University--Faculty.

Library of Congress. Copyright Office--Officials and employees.

Point Lookout Prison Camp for Confederates.

### Subjects

Antietam, Battle of, Md., 1862.

Birds--Pictorial works.

Ornithology.

Prisoners of war--Delaware--Fort Delaware.

Prisoners of war--Maryland--Point Lookout.

Romance languages--Study and teaching.

### Places

Delaware--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Fort Delaware (Del.)

Lancaster County (Pa.)

Maryland--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Point Lookout (Md.)--History.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Prisoners and prisons.

United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783--Participation, German.

Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

### Titles

*Aesop's fables.*

## Provenance

The papers of the Keidel family were given to the Library of Congress by George C. Keidel via John C. Fitzpatrick in 1935. Additional material was received by deposit, 1938-1941. An item given to the Library by Keidel via John C. Fitzpatrick was transferred from the Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection in 2000.

## Processing History

The collection was reprocessed in 2000. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

## Other Repositories

Other collections of the papers of George C. Keidel are held by the Milton S. Eisenhower Library of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., and the Ferdinand Hamburger Archives, also at Johns Hopkins University. The Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore also holds a collection of George C. Keidel papers.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Keidel Family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of the Keidel Family are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Keidel Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of the Keidel family span the years 1821-1937, with the bulk of the items concentrated in the periods 1861-1865 and 1890-1914. Included are papers concerning two of the seven children of Wilhelm Victor and Albertina Kramer Keidel, Ludwig Julius, or "Louis," Keidel (born 1834) and Herman F. Keidel (born 1832), and one grandson, George Charles Keidel (1868-1942). The papers also include a scrapbook concerning the Jacob B. Garber family.

George C. Keidel, professor of romance languages at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, and later an employee of the United States Copyright Office in the Library of Congress, wrote a number of works concerning *Aesop's Fables* and other early writings. The collection includes his annotations, correspondence, and writings concerning those subjects. Keidel's papers also contain a manuscript of his reminiscences of the "old gymnasium," or school, affiliated with Johns Hopkins University during the late 1880s.

Papers concerning Herman F. Keidel regard his military career during the Civil War. Letters from Keidel to his family in Maryland, written from Hammond General Hospital, Fort McHenry, Point Lookout, Maryland, and Fort Delaware, Delaware, concern the Battle of Antietam, his service in the Twelfth Virginia Cavalry, and life as a prisoner of war in Union prisons. His experiences are supplemented by research reports compiled by George C. Keidel.

Louis J. Keidel's papers are primarily business in nature, including bills from the Civil War era, a certificate of his birth and baptism, and life insurance policies.

Also included among the papers is a scrapbook concerning the Jacob B. Garber family of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, into which George C. Keidel married. The scrapbook includes watercolors of birds and other ornithological information describing avian habitat, range, food sources, and habits as they existed in the 1870s.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

# Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Keidel family
BOX 1	General
BOX 1	Letters, 1848-1914, undated
BOX 1	Newspaper articles, 1912-1913
BOX 1	Souvenirs from Salzgitter, Germany, 1902
BOX 1	Keidel, George C.
BOX 1	Articles, 1934, undated
BOX 1	Miscellany, 1821-1868, 1928 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 1	Notebooks
BOX 1	Fable incunabula (“European Notebooks”), 1897 (4 vols.)
BOX 2	Professional correspondence
BOX 2	1890-1904 (2 vols.)
BOX 3	1904-1914 (2 vols.)
BOX 4	<i>Romance and Other Studies: A Manual of Aesopic Fable Literature, a First Book of Reference for the Period Ending A.D. 1500</i>
BOX 4	Number Two, 1896
BOX 4	Number Three, 1909
BOX 4	University lecture notes regarding old French literature, 1900-1905
BOX 5	Keidel, Herman F.
BOX 5	Articles regarding Civil War service and participation in Battle of Antietam, Md., and time as prisoner of war, 1936-1937
BOX 5	Civil War service, 1861-1865
BOX 5	Correspondence from Union prisons, 1863-1865
BOX 5	Keidel, Louis J.
BOX 5	Bills, 1857-1865 (3 folders)
BOX 5	Certificate of birth and baptism (1834), 1868
BOX 5	Life insurance policies, 1879, 1897
BOX OV1	Oversize
BOX OV1	Garber family, scrapbook, 1821-1968 (Container 1)
BOX OV2	Illustrated proclamation, 1928 (Container 1)