

Antonín Novotný Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Antonín Novotný Papers

Span Dates: 1848-1966

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1917-1966)

ID No.: MSS48306

Creator: Novotný, Antonín, 1891-1978

Extent: 34 items

Extent: 5 containers

Extent: 2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in Czech

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm83048306>

Summary: Historian. Chiefly drafts of writings on topics relating to Prague, Czechoslovakia.

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

Novotný, Antonín, 1891-1978.

Places

Czechoslovakia--History.

Prague (Czech Republic)--Civilization.

Prague (Czech Republic)--Description and travel.

Prague (Czech Republic)--History.

Prague (Czech Republic)--Social life and customs.

Occupations

Historians.

Provenance

The papers of Antonín Novotný, historian, were given to the Library of Congress by his wife, Marie Novotný, in 1971-1972.

Processing History

The papers of Antonín Novotný were processed in 1976. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Antonín Novotný is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Antonín Novotný 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, Antonín Novotný Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Antonín Novotný was born in Prague, Bohemia, on May 15, 1891. He studied law before becoming director of the city museum of Prague, but relinquished the position after the German occupation of Czechoslovakia and devoted the remainder of his life to studying and writing on religious and historical subjects, particularly Prague and his native land. He moved to Rochester, Minnesota, in 1965 and died in 1978.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Antonín Novotný (1891-1978) span the years 1848-1966, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1917-1966. The collection consists mainly of drafts of writings by Novotný on Prague, its history and culture, and his remembrances. Included are scrapbooks containing an early family item, additional manuscripts, printed matter, and newspaper and magazine clippings of writings by Novotný. The collection material is in Czech, but the titles in this finding aid have been translated into English.

Arrangement of the Papers

The material is organized by title of writing with the scrapbooks filed at the end.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1 ITEM 1	From the depth of the past; various occurrences from Prague's past, 133 pp.
BOX 1 ITEM 2-3	Prague 1741-1757; together 300 pp.; the siege of Prague by Frederick the Great
BOX 1 ITEM 4	Various occurrences in old Prague, 123 pp.
BOX 1 ITEM 5	Old Prague potpourri, 124 pp.
BOX 1 ITEM 6	The white lady of Rosenberg; a Prague ghost story, 19 pp.
BOX 1 ITEM 7	Old Prague gardens and parks, 148 pp.
BOX 1 ITEM 8	A chapter from old Prague, 92 pp.
BOX 2 ITEM 9	Excerpt from the Prague archive of old Prague performers from the years 1876-1900, 159 pp.
BOX 2 ITEM 10	Old Prague antique dealers, 20 pp.; manuscript not completed
BOX 2 ITEM 11	A youth in old Prague; manuscript and typescript; 105 typed pp. plus manuscript pages; an unfinished autobiography
BOX 2 ITEM 12	The modern Prague zoo, 17 pp.
BOX 2 ITEM 13	Old Prague potpourri, 56 pp.
BOX 2 ITEM 14	Young Franz Palacky's Prague conversations, 16 pp. manuscript
BOX 2 ITEM 15	Notes on the old Prague "Cyriacs," 198 pp. (monastery and church)
BOX 2 ITEM 16	Old Prague variety shows, 143 pp. typescript; 67 pp. manuscript
BOX 2 ITEM 17	A reader on F. L. Vék; by occupation a trader
BOX 2 ITEM 18-19	Memories of "Gemery"; district in Slovakia, manuscript text and index, pp. 158-187
BOX 3 ITEM 19	Memoirs of a weather-worn flight of stairs in Prague, 116 pp.
BOX 3 ITEM 21-22	Old Prague attractions, pt. 1 and 2
BOX 3 ITEM 21-22	First part under the title "old Prague comedians." Edition: Atlas; appeared in 1944; supplementary pt. 2 (under item 21) was already set in type, but edition was prohibited under the Communist regime
BOX 3 ITEM 23	Old Prague from A-Z, 1820-1850
BOX 3 ITEM 23	Pt. 1, 145 pp.
BOX 3 ITEM 24	Pt. 2, 135 pp.
BOX 4 ITEM 25	Pt. 3, 125 pp.
BOX 4 ITEM 26	Pt. 4, 124 (?), pp.
BOX 4 ITEM 27	Pt. 5, 130 pp.
BOX 4 ITEM 28	Pt. 6, 155 pp.
BOX 4 ITEM 29	Pt. 7, 91 pp.
BOX 4 ITEM 30	Annals of the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, "Prag-Weinberge," 224 pp.
BOX 4 ITEM 31	Images of the Infant Jesus of Prague, 32 pp.
BOX 4 ITEM 32	Various miscellanies from Prague, 141 pp.
BOX 4 ITEM 33	Intimacies of Prague streets, 46 pp.
BOX 4 ITEM 34	The Prague that is almost unknown, 46 pp.
BOX 5	Scrapbooks, including clippings, printed matter, and writings
BOX 5 ITEM 35	1848-1935
BOX 5 ITEM 36	1932-1966