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Fritz Jaeger ca.1963 (www.namibiana.de)

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Introduction

Biography

Fritz Jaeger (born on 8 January 1881 at Offenbach/Main, Germany; died on 26 November 1966 at Zürich, Switzerland) studied mathematics, physics, geography and geology at Heidelberg, Zürich and Berlin and obtained his doctorate in Heidelberg with a dissertation on a geographical subject in 1903. In 1904 and again in 1906/07 he undertook geographical research in German East Africa. From 1909-1914 he taught geography at Heidelberg and Berlin. In 1914 he undertook a research trip to Namibia with Leo Waibel, where they were caught up in the First World War and had to stay until 1919. Both used the time for extensive research, much of which was published after the war. Jaeger then taught again at Berlin University, until in 1928 he received a professorship at Basel University where he taught until he was dismissed from his position in 1947 because he was implicated in National Socialist activities.

For further biographical detail, see item no.61 of this accession and the obituary "Fritz Jaeger: ein Forscherleben" by Carl Troll, *Mitteilungen der Fränkischen Geographischen Gesellschaft*, vol.15/16 (1969), p.3-31. For the most comprehensive bibliography of his published writings, see "Verzeichnis der wissenschaftlichen Veröffentlichungen von Fritz Jaeger" by Friedrich Linnenberg, *Mitteilungen der Fränkischen Geographischen Gesellschaft*, vol.15/16 (1969), p.33-46. Both publications are available in the National Archives¹ and in the library of the Namibia Scientific Society.

Origin of the Accession

Jaeger apparently sent these manuscripts in the 1940s to the Administration for South West Africa, which placed them in the Archives.²

¹ Private Accession A.829 Biographical source collection, file Jaeger, Fritz

² See NAN: file ARG [004] 5/3

Further Jaeger material in other archives

Namibia Scientific Society (Photo albums, manuscripts)

It is currently not clear why Jaeger donated some of his material to the Administration for South West Africa, and some to the Scientific Society.

Universitätsbibliothek Johann Christian Senckenberg, Frankfurt/M (Original glass negatives from travels in Namibia)³

Note: Jaeger apparently believed these negatives to have been destroyed in World War II - see no.65 of this accession

Bundesarchiv Koblenz (Nachlass Fritz Jäger, Bestand N 1502; materials relating to Algeria, 1935; German East Africa, 1904 + 1906/07; Mexico, 1925; nothing about Namibia)

Basler Afrika Bibliographien, Basel (some material originating from Geographisches Institut, Univ.Basel; nothing about Namibia)

Werner Hillebrecht, February 2006



Fritz Jaeger, 1920
(Institut für Länderkunde, Leipzig)

³ The negatives were kept by the *Deutsche Kolonialgesellschaft*, and are now part of the “*Koloniales Bildarchiv*” at the Senckenberg Library

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A. Diaries (Tagebücher)

These "diaries" have obviously not been written as a daily diary, but as a retrospective account of activities and observation, apparently often after some days had passed, using the shorthand field-notes (see below, Part B). They consist of 25 volumes of carbon copy books. In No.1-21, only the carbon copies are retained, while the original writing has been removed and probably sent to an unknown recipient. The volumes also contain copies of regular letters. The carbon copies are often extremely faint and difficult to read. Diaries 22-25 are originals written in ink.

It could not yet be established where the other set of diaries (originals) is archived (if it is preserved at all).

A detailed overview of Jaeger's travels, which can serve as a guide to access the diaries, is given in "Beiträge zur Landeskunde von Südwestafrika" by Fritz Jaeger and Leo Waibel, Berlin 1920.⁴

Box 1

| Number | Title | From | To |
|--------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Tagebuch 1 | 1914-02-24 | 1914-03-29 |
| 2 | Tagebuch 2 | 1914--03-31 | 1914-04-23 |
| 3 | Tagebuch 3 | 1914-04-26 | 1914-06-06 |
| 4 | Tagebuch 4 | 1914-05-12 | 1914-06-22 |
| 5 | Tagebuch 5 | 1914-06-21 | 1914-07-24 |
| 6 | Tagebuch 6 | 1914-07-25 | 1914-08-18 |
| 7 | Tagebuch 7 | 1914-08-18 1915-07-22 | 1914-09-30 1915-07-27 |
| 8 | Tagebuch 8 | 1915-07-27 | 1915-08-10 |
| 9 | Tagebuch 9 | 1915-08-18 | 1915-08-30 |
| 10 | Tagebuch 10 | 1915-10-01 | 1915-10-19 |

⁴ Available at the NAN Library as L.182

Box 2

| Number | Title | From | To |
|--------|--|------------|------------|
| 11 | Tagebuch 11 | 1915-10-20 | 1915-12-08 |
| 12 | Tagebuch 12. Neitsas bis Swakopmund | 1915-12 | 1916-01 |
| 13 | Tagebuch 13. Namibreise. Zusammenfassung Namib | 1915-06-06 | 1916-01-16 |
| 14 | Tagebuch 14 | 1916 | 1916 |
| 15 | Tagebuch 15 | 1916-05-10 | 1916-07-27 |
| 16 | Tagebuch 16. Kalkpfannen | 1916-07 | 1916-08-22 |
| 17 | Tagebuch 17. Okamatangara bis Epukiro | 1916-08-22 | 1916-09-06 |
| 18 | Tagebuch 18. Epukiro bis Hochberg | 1916-09-07 | 1916-10-16 |
| 19 | Tagebuch 19 | 1916-10-17 | 1917-03-31 |
| 20 | Tagebuch 20. Goamus bis Duwisib | 1917-04-01 | 1917-05-13 |
| 21 | Tagebuch 21. Duwisib bis Kl. Nauas | 1917-05-14 | 1917-06-17 |

Box 3

| Number | Title | From | To |
|--------|--|------------|------------|
| 22 | Tagebuch 22. Klein Nunib bis Okosongomingo | 1917-06-17 | 1917-09-09 |
| 23 | Tagebuch 23. Okosongomingo bis Grootfontein. Manuskript Waterberg | 1917-09-09 | 1917-11-13 |
| 24 | Tagebuch 24. Grootfontein bis Swakopmund | 1917-11-14 | 1917-12-20 |
| 25 | Tagebuch 25. Manuskripte, Tsumeb, Khanmine | 1919-01 | 1919-04-12 |

Box 4**B. Field Notes (Reise-Beobachtungen)**

These field notes are in a set of carbon copy notebooks (19 x 11 cm) and mostly written in shorthand. (System: Gabelsberger Stenographie). Like with the diaries, the original writing was taken out, and the carbon copy remained in the book. Several volumes were not transferred, as no carbon copies existed.

It could not be established where the other set of field notes (originals) is archived.

| Number | Title | From | To |
|--------|--|------------|------------|
| 26 | Reise-Beobachtungen 1. Hinreise. Südafrikan. Union | 2014-02-26 | 1914-03-30 |
| 27 | Reise-Beobachtungen 2 | 1914-04-02 | 1914-05-08 |
| 28 | Reise-Beobachtungen 3 | 1914-05-19 | 1914-06-10 |
| 29 | Reise-Beobachtungen 4 | 1914-06-12 | 1914-06-22 |
| | <i>[No. 5 is missing]</i> | | |
| 30 | Reise-Beobachtungen 6 | 1914-07-23 | 1914-08-08 |
| 31 | Reise-Beobachtungen 7 | 1914-08-10 | 1914-08-30 |
| 32 | Reise-Beobachtungen 8 | 1914-08-31 | 1914-10-01 |
| | <i>[Nos. 9-11 are missing]</i> | | |
| 33 | Reise-Beobachtungen 12 | 1915-07-20 | 1915-08-24 |

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|----|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 34 | Reise-Beobachtungen 13 | 1915-08-25 | 1915-09-17 |
| 35 | Reise-Beobachtungen 14 | 1915-09-17 | 1915-09-28 |
| 36 | Reise-Beobachtungen 15 | 1915-09-30 | 1915-11-25 |
| 37 | Reise-Beobachtungen 16 | 1915-12-03 | 1915-12-29 |
| 38 | Reise-Beobachtungen 17 | 1915-12-30 | 1916-01-20 |
| 39 | Reise-Beobachtungen 18 | 1916-03-02 | 1916-04-05 |
| | <i>[No. 19 is missing]</i> | | |
| 40 | Reise-Beobachtungen 20 | 1916-07-20 | 1916-08-10 |
| | <i>[Nos. 21-22 are missing]</i> | | |
| 41 | Reise-Beobachtungen 23 | 1916-12-26 | 1917-03-14 |

C. List of geological specimen (Geologische Sammlung)

These are carbon copies written in the same type of notebook as part (B), but in longhand. The list gives the name of specimen and the place of origin, and is numbered through.

It could not be established where the other set of lists (originals) is archived.

The repository of Jaeger's geological collection has not yet been identified.

| Number | Title | From | To |
|--------|------------------------|------------|------------|
| 42 | Geologische Sammlung 1 | 1914-03-30 | 1915-09-26 |
| 43 | Geologische Sammlung 2 | 1915-10-02 | 1916-08-19 |
| 44 | Geologische Sammlung 3 | 1916-08-29 | 1918-11-30 |

D. Manuscripts

Box 5

Typescript of a geography of Namibia, "Beiträge zur Landeskunde von Deutsch-Südwestafrika", chapters 8-25. The missing chapters 1-7 have been published (Berlin 1920-1921) and are available as such in the Archives Library (L.0182).

| Number | Description | Dates |
|--------|--|-------|
| 45 | Typescript: Beiträge zur Landeskunde von Deutsch-Südwestafrika. Kapitel 8-10 [Note: Kapitel 1-7 missing] | |
| 46 | Typescript: Beiträge zur Landeskunde von Deutsch-Südwestafrika. Kapitel 11-20 | |
| 47 | Typescript: Beiträge zur Landeskunde von Deutsch-Südwestafrika. Kapitel 21-25 | |

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| Box 6 |
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Diverse manuscripts

| Number | Description | Dates |
|--------|---|-------|
| 48 | Typescript: Geographische Beobachtungen während des Krieges 1914/15 in DSWA | |
| 49 | Duplicate of no.48 | |
| 50 | Typescript: Das artesische Gebiet der Weissrandhochfläche | |
| 51 | Typescript: Das Wasser im Khomashochland | |
| 52 | Typescript: Trocknet Afrika aus? | |

E. Published material (Offprints)

| Number | Description | Dates |
|--------|---|-------|
| 53 | Offprint: Die Rarner Schattenberge. Ein wirtschaftsgeographische Skizze. Von Fritz Jaeger und Walther Staub. <i>Geographica Helvetica</i> , Bd.1, H.4, pp.305-322 | 1946 |
| 54 | Offprint: Versuch einer anthropogeographischen Gliederung der Erdoberfläche. <i>Verhandlungen der Schweizer Naturforschenden Gesellschaft</i> , 1934, pp.446-447 | 1934 |
| 55 | Offprint: Deutsche geographische Forschung in Nord- und Ostafrika. <i>Geographische Zeitschrift</i> , Bd.46, H.1, pp.17-23 | 1940 |
| 56 | Offprint: Eine kulturlandschaftliche Gliederung der Schweiz. <i>Der Schweizer Geograph</i> , Bd.21, pp.8-10 | 1944 |
| 57 | Offprint: Die Gemeinde Elm (Kanton Glarus). <i>Der Schweizer Geograph</i> , 1944, pp.59-69 | 1944 |
| 58 | Offprint: Zur Gliederung und Benennung des tropischen Graslandgürtels. <i>Verhandlungen der Naturforschenden Gesellschaft in Basel</i> , Bd.56, T.2, pp.509-520 | 1945 |
| 59 | Offprint: Das Gadmental. <i>Die Alpen</i> , 1945, H.10-11, 16 p. | 1945 |
| 60 | Proof sheets: Ein besonderer Seentypus: Die Trockenseen oder Pfannen. <i>Geologie der Meere und Binnengewässer</i> , Bd.6, H.1, pp.65-103 | 1942 |

F. Biographical and transfer information

| Number | Description | Dates |
|--------|--|-------|
| 61 | Typescript: Fritz Jaegers und Lao Waibels geographische Forschungen in Südwestafrika 1914 bis 1919. [With biographical notes]. 15 p. | |
| 62 | [duplicate - the same as no.61] | |
| 63 | [duplicate - the same as no.61] | |
| 64. | Typescript: Reisen in Südwestafrika 1914-1919. A. Beobachtungen bei Karibib und Otjimbingwe. [Transcription from "Tagebuch 15"] | 1916 |
| 65 | Verzeichnis des der Administration in Windhuk zu übergebenden handschriftlichen und maschinenschriftlichen Forschungsmaterials von Professor Dr. Fritz Jaeger über seine geographischen Forschungen in Südwestafrika in den Jahren 1914 bis 1919. 2 p. | |