

**Findaid 2/114**

**A.0453**

**Ilse Schatz**

**Compiled by W. Hillebrecht, November 2011**

**National Archives of Namibia**  
**Findaid 2/114: A.0453 Ilse Schatz**  
**Compiled by Werner Hillebrecht, November 2011**

© National Archives of Namibia, 2011



Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike CC BY-NC-SA

**Republic of Namibia**  
**Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture**  
**National Archives of Namibia**  
**P/Bag 13250**  
**Windhoek**  
**Namibia**

**Tel. +264–61–2935211 (switchboard), 2935210 or 2935222 (reading room)**

**Fax +264–61–2935207**

[national.archives@nlas.gov.na](mailto:national.archives@nlas.gov.na)

**Private Accession A.0453**  
**Ilse Schatz**

## Introduction

### Provenance

The provenance of this accession is not entirely clear. Apparently Ms Ilse Schatz donated photocopies and photographic copies of some material housed in the Tsumeb Museum in 1985, while Brigitte Lau added English translations of manuscripts by Ms Schatz. The German originals of those manuscripts are not present in the accession.

### Biographical information

Ilse Schatz (1929-2017) was the founder and decades-long curator of the Tsumeb Museum (1975-2003), and wrote several books and articles on local history and the San who worked on her farm Otjiginas near Tsumeb. She retired in 2007 to an old-age home in Windhoek, where she died in 2017.

### Copyright

No information on intellectual property rights is on record. It can be assumed that the copyright of the manuscripts remains with the authors resp. their families.

### Related material

Other donations by Ilse Schatz include:

- |            |   |
|------------|---|
| A.0216     | Activities of Otavi Minen und Eisenbahngesellschaft in German South West Africa during First World War and take-over of railway by SA military government |
| A.0417     | Particulars of German war material before and after First World War; and photographs  |
| A.0713     | Diverse photographs and postcards   |
| AACRLS.015 | Hendrik Witbooi photographs   |

## Contents

No.	Details	Dates	
1	<p><b>Tagebuch von Helene Gathmann vom 19.1.1903 - 29.12.1907 aus Südwest-Afrika</b></p> <p>Xerox copy of a typescript copy of a diary kept by the wife of a German mining engineer who travelled northward from Windhoek shortly before the outbreak of the 1904 war. The diary is mainly concerned with various reports and rumours about the war circulating among the German civilian population. (Copy is reduced from A4 to A5 size)</p>	1903-1907	54 fol.
2	<p><b>In der Mondnacht vom 7. Juli 1915. Der Adjutant des letzten deutschen Gouverneurs [H.B. Graf von Schwerin] schildert, wie es zur Übergabe Südwestafrikas kam</b></p> <p>Xerox copy of a newspaper article about the German surrender in 1915, undated, probably from "Allgemeine Zeitung". Originally published in "Werra-Rundschau", date unknown.</p>	1915-1915	1 fol.
3	<p><b>Translations by Brigitte Lau</b></p>		5 fol.
3 a	<p>Battle of Tsumeb</p> <p>English translation (by Brigitte Lau) of an article by Ilse Schatz</p>	1915-1915	1 fol.
3 b	<p>Prisoner-of-war-camp in Otavifontein</p> <p>English translation (by Brigitte Lau) of reminiscences by Mentz</p>	1915-1915	1 fol.
3 c	<p>Battle of Ghaub</p> <p>English translation (by Brigitte Lau) of an article by Ilse Schatz</p>	1915-1915	1 fol.
3 d	<p>The truce</p> <p>English translation (by Brigitte Lau) of an article by Ilse Schatz about the German surrender in World War I.</p>	1915-1915	1 fol.
3 e	<p>Prisoner-of-war camp Aus-Neck</p> <p>English translation (by Brigitte Lau) of an article by Ilse Schatz about the prisoner of war camp Aus in World War I</p>	1915-1919	1 fol.
4	<p><b>Meine Flucht aus Afrika (Was mir Afrika nahm und gab) von Hans Bogislav Graf von Schwerin</b></p> <p>Autobiographical account by Schwerin, the former Adjutant of Governor Seitz. Schwerin had the "Schwerinsburg" castle built on the site of the former "Sperlingslust" in Windhoek, and the ms. tells the story of the construction of the castle and its famous borehole. The main part of the ms. tells of Schwerin's farming enterprise after World War II, its bankruptcy, and his flight via Ovamboland and Angola to escape incarceration because of his debts in 1923. (Xerox copy, bound)</p>	1914-1923	60 fol.

**5 12 Photographs**

The photographs were removed from this accession and taken into the numbered photo collection, no.8163-8174.

**List of Photographs** (shelved with numbered photo collection)

- 08163 Lüderitzbucht, Strassenecke, Mitte Kirche, Eisenbahnschiene, links und rechts Wohnhäuser
- 08164 Lüderitzbucht, Blick von der Haifischinsel, vorne Krankenhaus, Blick des Hafenbeckens und der Stadt
- 08165 Lüderitzbucht, Blick von der Haifischinsel, Verbindung zwischen Insel und Festland, rechts die Bai
- 08166 Lüderitzbucht, Blick von der Haifischinsel auf Teil der Stadt (links Missionskirche), Hafenbecken, kleine Boote
- 08167 Lüderitzbucht, Blick von der Haifischinsel übers Hafenbecken, links Fabriken
- 08168 Windhoek, Rheinische Missionskirche, Gemeindeglieder davor
- 08169 Blick auf Usakos, vorne Lokation
- 08170 Ovambofamilie in Lüderitzbucht, vor Gehöft stehend
- 08171 Buschmannfrau mit Kind
- 08172 Frau L Stahlhut mit Kindergottesdienstgängern (Junge mit Kreuz: Johannes Hochstrate)
- 08173 Windhoek, Blick von der Rheinischen Missionskirche aus, Christuskirche Mitte, ca.1914
- 08174 Kolmanskuppe, Lager (vorne) und Gebäude, ca.1920