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Introduction

Julius Steinhardt (1880-1955) was born in Naumburg/Saale in Germany and became a soldier until 1909. Afterwards he went to German Southwest Africa and started to live as a farmer, his main interest being apparently in hunting. He participated as a reserve officer during the First World War in Southwest Africa. In 1919 he was forced to leave his farm and returned to Germany, where he wrote several novels, essays and short stories about Africa, African animals and hunting. He died 1955 in Baden-Baden.

This accession comprises of some manuscripts, typed and commented by the author or other persons; correspondence about the lectures Steinhardt gave in Germany; as well as photographs. Some of the manuscripts are attributed to Steinhardt's pseudonym "Abû Dschân".

Provenance

The accession was donated by Mrs. Hammer in 1994.

Literature

A fairly critical assessment of Julius Steinhardt's life and literary work can be found in the article by Werner Tabel: Erlebnisberichte von Forschern und Jägern aus der Kolonialzeit Südwestafrikas, in *Afrikanischer Heimatkalender*, 1976, p. 85-120 (also in an updated version in: Werner Tabel: *Autoren Südwestafrikas* (Göttingen: Hess, 2007), p.249-265)

Steinhardt's book publications can be found in the NAMLIT database and are available in the National Library of Namibia (some also in the National Archives Library).

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