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Dr Ernst Engel
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Introduction

Biographical information

Dr Ernst Engel (1871-1929) was a German colonial administrative officer and poet.

He was born as son of the evangelical pastor Dr. Carl Theodor Engel in Laufen, Germany. Studied at the theological seminaries at Schönthal and Urach, 1886-1890; after military service 1890-91, he studied administration and law, which earned him doctorates in law (Heidelberg 1898) and political science (Tübingen 1898). Worked as "Intendanturrat" in the colonial administrations in Tsingtao/China (1901-1903) and Namibia (1904-1911). After his return to Germany, he published two books of poetry based on his experience in Namibia. He held further administrative posts in Saarbrücken, and from 1919-1923 served as mayor of Idar-Oberstein. He died in Eislingen, 1929.

Provenance

This material was compiled and donated to the National Archives of Namibia in May 2002 by Dr Thomas Keil who researched about German language literature in Namibia. It is based on the city archives (Stadtarchiv) Eislingen, Germany, and material in family possession (daughter Margarete Merkt).

Additional information

The poetry books by Engel are available in Windhoek:

Im Affenland Reimereien aus Südwest (Berlin 1912). Published under pseudonym „Demokritos Africanus”

- National Library of Namibia, XX/6424 A and WH/0894 B

The same in reprint (Windhoek 1963)

- National Library of Namibia, XX/6425 A and XX/6426 B

Afrikanisches Liederbuch (Saarbrücken 1919)

- Namibia Scientific Society, Irlich Collection

Listing

1. Biography

Biography of Ernst Engel, compiled by Thomas Keil (1 fol.)

Based on handwritten CV in possession of Engel's daughter Margarete Merkt

2. Photographs

2a. List of the photos of Ernst Engel [original captions] (1 fol.)

2b. Photos

All these photos were printed from secondary negatives made from originals in the Stadtarchiv Eislingen.

A selection of eight photos have been digitized and catalogued separately.

No. on photo	No. in NAN digital photo collection	Description	Year
1	28786	Dr. Ernst Engel whilst mayor of Idar/Nahe	192?
2	-	Painting, apparently based on photo no.1	
3	28787	Dr. Ernst Engel with his wife Sophie Auguste, Zuffenhausen	1914
4	28788	Dr. Ernst Engel with his wife Sophie Auguste, Lichtenthal	1913
5	28791	Dr. Ernst Engel undated	
6	28789	Dr. Ernst Engel in Schutztrupe uniform as Intendanturrat	1912
7	28793	Passport Dr. Ernst Engel 1927	1927
8a	28792	House of Intendanturrat Dr. Ernst Engel in Windhoek. In front, Engel on horseback (marked x) and another man in uniform, several domestic servants with dogs	
8b	-	The same	
9	28790	Dr. Ernst Engel in uniform with decorations	