



## **Descriptive Summary:**

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*Creator:* Cleon Ochsner

*Dates:* 1882-2013

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## Biographical Note

Jakob (Jacob) Petrovich Ochsner and his wife Klara (Clara nee Irmschler) and their grown children, Arnold, Frederick, Victor, Lucia, and Eugene, were forced to leave Ukraine in 1920 to escape arrest and persecution during the upheaval of the Communist Revolution which began in 1917. Their story, as well as the family history, is represented in the items in this collection.

## Scope and Content

This collection has been arranged into six series: Background Information and Supporting Documents, Records and Books, Maps, Photographs and Postcards, Media, and Ephemera. These items are left in the original order they were given to us by Cleon Ochsner. The formats within this collection include books, government records, letters, receipts, newspaper articles, maps, photographs, postcards, a dvd and ephemera. The collection is mostly in English, Russian, and German, with some documents in French. Most documents have been translated or identified, however a few have not. Untranslated items are noted in this finding aid.

## Series Descriptions:

Series 1:	Background Information and Supporting Documents	Boxes: 1,2	Dates: 2002, 2013
Series 2:	Records and Books	Boxes: 2	Dates: 1897 – 1985; Most in early 1900s
Series 3:	Maps	MF4:A:DR4	Dates: 1882, n.d.
Series 4:	Photographs and Postcards	Boxes: 2	Dates: 1910-2011, many n.d.
Series 5:	Media	Boxes: 2	Dates: 1986
Series 6:	Ephemera	Boxes: 2, 3	Dates: 1890s-1910s, n.d

# Detailed Description of the Collection

## 1. Series 1: Background Information and Supporting Documents

### Box #1

Item #1 Large white binder containing support materials, documents, photos, and written history of the Jakob Ochsner experience.

- *Note: Cleon Ochsner's original typed notes that came with the collection were placed at the end of the binder.. Archival copies were made and placed with the items in exchange for these notes.*

### Box #2

Item #2 A History of the Jakob and Klara Ochsner Family (January 2002)

Item #3 A History of the Jakob and Klara Ochsner Family (January 2013)

## 2. Series 2: Records and Books

### Box #2

Item 6 Liederschatz songbook belonging to J.K. Mayer (in German) (1914)

- Needs to be preserved

FF 2 Arnold Ochsner service booklet from Switzerland (1895)

FF 3 Protocol listing Jakob Ochsner assets registered with the Swiss Credit Association for Russia (1923)

FF4 Untranslated (German) copy of by-laws of The Independent Russian-Swiss Federation (n.d.)

FF 5 Larger printed document is notarized document outlining a deal between Jakob Petrovich Ochsner and Maria Smeonova Ilashkova where Jakob borrowed 50,000 rubles from her and which were deposited to his estate in Khersonskaya Gubernia as security. There are details of the estate and terms of the deal. (March 12, 1914)

- Laminated

- FF 6 Receipt given to Peter and Jakob Petrovich Ochsner(s) for payments made on the Account (1912)
- Laminated
- FF 7 List of assets of the property of Jakob Petrovich Ochsner, Ananjev District, Cherson Province (n.d.)
- Laminated
- FF 8 Copy of a Drawing of Liestal, Switzerland done by Emanuel Büchel in 1735 (n.d.)
- FF 9 Swiss Assistance and Accounts Payable Cooperative for Russia (June 25, 1920)
- FF 10 Birth and baptismal certificate of Friedrich Ochsner, son of Jakob Petrovich and Klara Ochsner (1897)
- Document not definitively identified.
  - Needs to be preserved
- FF 11 Map of Russian River System (Leipzig, Germany; n.d.)
- Needs to be preserved
- FF 12 Original of the Last Will of Peter Ochsner, Sr., father of Jakob Petrovich Ochsner with complete English translation (June 8, 1900)
- Laminated
- FF 13 Marriage certificate for Fred (Frederick) Ochsner and Hulda Mayer in South Dakota (October 6, 1926)
- FF 14 Christmas Card written by Rosalia Schwarz Ochsner with complete English translation (est. 1950s)
- FF 15 Copy of Guest List for the Fred Ochsner/Hulda Mayer Wedding in Pennington County, South Dakota (October 6, 1926)
- FF 16 Log of Receipts for January – July 1921 from the Association of Swiss-Russians (1921)
- FF 17 Untranslated German/French Document (June 2, 1925)
- FF 18 Certificate that Friedrich Jakob Ochsner did not participate in the Bolshevik Revolution issued by the Village of Worms Administration (December 5, 1919)
- Needs to be preserved
- FF 19 Arnold and Friedrich Ochsner Confirmation Certificate (11 August (?) 1913) (in German, not translated)
- Need to be preserved
- FF 20 Tax Sheet (untranslated) (1926) (in German, not translated)

- FF 21 Baptism Certificate (November 24, 1897) (in French, not translated)
- FF 22 Military Tax Exemption (October 23, 1930) (in German, French, and Latin, not translated)
- FF 23 Instructions on a Leave of Absence (n.d.) (unsure of translation; in German, not translated)
- FF 24 Telegram of a Job Reference for Friedrich Ochsner (April 26, 1922) (in German, not translated)
- FF 25 Letter (in German, not translated) (September 8, 1923)
- FF 26 Certificate for Friedrich Ochsner by the Society of Swiss Hotels (in German and French, not translated) (August 28, 1922)
- FF 27 Recommendation from a former employer for Arnold Ochsner in Schiers, Switzerland (in German, not translated) (December 24, 1927)
- FF 28 Letter written to Jakob Ochsner from Constantinople, Turkey (in Russian, translation included) (February 1, 1921)
- FF 29 Letter written to J.P. Ochsner from Comrade V.M. Rytov (in Russian, translation included) (December 14, 1919)
- FF 30 Letter from the Swiss Consulate in Odessa, Russia (in French, not translated) (December 30, 1919/January 12, 1920)
- FF 31 Copy of a Letter written to Peter and Jakob Ochsner (in Russian, translation included) (July 20, 1912)
- FF 32 Letter written to J.P. Ochsner (in Russian, translation included) (January 1, 1920)
- FF 33 Fred Ochsner's Registration Card with the Consulate of Switzerland in Chicago (Valid until December 31, 1926)
- FF 34 Acknowledgement of Jakob Ochsner's Membership Fee (in German, not translated) (March 6, 1931)
- FF 35 Civil Service Certificate for Arnold Alfred Ochsner (in German, not translated) (January 24, 1955)
- FF 36 Receipt from the Schiers Municipality for Jakob Ochsner (in German, not translated) (December 22, 1927)
- FF 37 Certificate of Marriage for Arnold Ochsner and Hulda Ochsner in Nebraska (May 14, 1946)

- Marriage License in South Dakota for Arnold and Hulda is in FF 13.

- FF 38 Arnold Ochsner's Certificate of Naturalization for the US (April 2, 1940)
- FF 39 Letter to Arnold A. Ochsner from the Swiss Consulate (in German, not translated)  
(April 26, 1954)
- FF 40 Empty, opened envelopes to Jakob Ochsner (in German, not translated)  
(1925/1926)
- FF 41 Hospital Bill from St. John's Hospital in Rapid City for Fred Ochsner (May 16, 1929)
- FF 42 Isabel Trading Post Receipt (n.d.)
- FF 43 Handwritten Note with facts about Arnold A. Ochsner (n.d.)
- FF 44 Newspaper Article: The Rich Immigrant / Andrea Doerr / Sunday World-Herald Magazine of the  
Midlands (August 18, 1974) (2 copies)
- FF 45 Newspaper Article: 90 Years Went in a Hurry for Retired Shoemaker who Came from 'Old  
Country' / Clay County News (August 29, 1985)
- FF 46 Newspaper Article: Memories of Revolution Linger for German-Russian Immigrant / David  
Ochsner / Nebraska City News-Press (Sunday, November 24, 1985)
- FF 47 Newspaper Section: Descendants abound in Central Nebraska / The Grand Island Independent  
(Thursday, February 17, 2005)
- Item #4 Kulak: Love and Death, a German-Russian Tragedy – Ukraine, 1938 . / Cleon Ochsner
- Item #5 German Farm Economy in the Black Sea Region: A small booklet for the study of German  
economic order./ Dr. Alexander Vaatz

- Translated from German by Cleon F. Ochsner

### 3. Series 3: Maps

*Note: There is a map in Series 2, FF 11.*

MF4:A:DR4

- FF 1 Swiss Upper House of the Parliament attesting to Swiss citizenship for Jakob  
Petrovich Ochsner (1882);
- Laminated
- 2 copies of a map showing locations of Ochsner Chutors (Sons of Peter Nikolaewich Ochsner);  
Map of Kiev and Odessa, including a legend;  
Detailed map of Ochsner Chutor, including a close-up of the chutor area;

Detailed map of Worms, including a close-up of the village

FF 2 Map of Worms and the farm

#### 4. Series 4: Photographs and Postcards

*Note: There is one Christmas Card in Series 2, FF 14*

##### Box #2

FF 49 Photo of the PostMaster J.K. Mayer with daughter Hulda Mayer (1918)

FF 50 Ochsner Family Photo (ca. 1910)

FF 51 Copy of photograph of either Arnold or Fredrich Ochsner, including a copy of the note on the back of the original (in German, translation included) (original is from 1927)

FF 52 Copy of photograph of Reformed Church in Edenkoben, Germany

FF 53 Copies of 5 photographs from the Ochsner Estate (chutor) known as Podguriwka (2011)

FF 54 Heinrich & Eugen Vaatz at Bahnhof in Braunscheig (n.d.)

FF 55 Ottmar, Erna, & Irene Ochsner in Ansbach, Germany (September 1958)

FF 56 Alexander Ochsner (n.d.)

FF 57 Rose or Erna Ochsner & Auguste Heinzelman in Bopfingen, Germany (1962)

FF 58 Cleon & Rosalie Ochsner in Ansbach, Germany (1962)

FF 59 Rosalie & Helen Ochsner in Ansbach Germany (1962)

FF 60 Irene Ochsner & husband (September 28, 1947)

FF 61 Arnold Ochsner (n.d.)

FF 62 Augusta Heinzelman (n.d.)

FF 63 Postcard of the Hotel and Restaurant in Gurten-Kulm, Switzerland (in German) (n.d.)

FF 64 Postcard representing Knapp & Spencer Co. in Sioux Falls, Iowa. Stamped from L.J. Van Wagner (October 15, 1921)

FF 65 Georg & Ed Weikum in Conrad, Montana (1948)

- Arnold Ochsner is potentially in this picture instead of one of the men in the title

- FF 66 Postcard of a mountain in Bergün, Switzerland (in German) (n.d.)
- FF 67 2 unidentified photographs of a potentially German or Swiss town (October 1989)
- FF 68 Postcard of Menno, South Dakota with a letter written on the back for Hulda Mayer (August 17, 1917)
- FF 69 2 photos of #6 Metzergasse, Edenkoben, Germany (n.d.)
- FF 70 3 photos of Edenkoben, Germany (2000)
- FF 71 Postcard of the tower in Liestal, Switzerland (in German) (n.d.)
- FF 72 Eugen Vaatz (in English, German) (n.d.)
- FF 73 Rosa Ochsner BD in Ansbach, Germany (in English, German) (n.d.)
- FF 74 Auguste Heinzelman (in English, German) (September 13, 1948)
- FF 75 Christmas Card from Hulda Mayber (n.d.)
- FF 76 Auguste Heizelman in center (n.d.)
- FF 77 Christmas Card from Rosa and Helene Ochsner (in German) (n.d.)
- FF 78 Christmas Card addressed to Arnold Ochsner from **Eduard Ochsner** (in German) (December 9, 1970)
- FF 79 Christmas Card addressed to Arnold Ochsner from [illegible] (in German) (n.d.)
- FF 80 Postcard of Lake Constance (formerly Bodensee). Writing on back is in German (n.d.)
- FF 81 Christmas Card addressed to Arnold Ochsner from Eduard Ochsner (in German) (1965)
- FF 82 Easter Card addressed to Arnold Ochsner (in German) (n.d.)
- FF 83 Christmas Card from Rosa and Helene Ochsner (in German) (n.d.)
- FF 84 Christmas Card from Rosa and Helene Ochsner, including 2 copies of a photo of the Ochsner Family in Ansbach and a small congratulatory card (in German) (n.d.)
- FF 85 Kira Kramer (2009)
- FF 86 Robert Trost with granddaughter Dara Pershing (2005)
- FF 87 Kira Kramer and Robert Trost in California (Black and White copy) (1996/7)
- FF 88 Robert Trost with wife Carol (2006/7)
- FF 89 Philippina Weigum Ochsner, 1843-1911, in original frame (c.a. 1860s)
- FF 90 Peter Ochsner Sr., 1844-1900, in original frame (c.a. 1860s)



*Note: Philippina and Peter are the parents of Peter Ochsner Jr., Jakob Ochsner, Nikolaus Ochsner, Christine Ocshner (August Boetcher and Ludwig Barth), Philippine Ocshner (Adam Ochsner), Wilhelmine Ochsner (Friedrich Trost), Amalia Ochsner (Heinrich Vaatz), Auguste Ochsner (Heinrich Heinzelmann), and Lydia Ochsner (Gustav Auster).*

*Note: Peter established the estate of Podguriwka in Ukraine consisting of about 5000 acres. The estate was later divided among the four sons of Peter. See "A History of the Jakob and Klara Ochsner Family" by Cleon F. Ochsner for details and a history of this family. Research copies are at the Northern State University Library, the German Russia Historical Society in Bismarck, North Dakota, the German from Russia Heritage Collection at North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota, and the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia in Lincoln, Nebraska.*

- FF 92 Four oldest children of Jakob and Klara Ochsner – Arnold, Erwin, Friedrich, Victor, in original frame (c.a. 1900)
- FF 93 Jakob Ochsner and Klara Irmschler – individual, in original frame (c.a. 1892)

5. Series 5: Media

Box #2

- FF 91 DVD interview Cleon Ochsner conducted with Arnold A. Ochsner, oldest son of Jakob and Klara Ochsner. The interview took place in Sutton, Nebraska on April 21, 1986. It is approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes.

6. Series 6: Ephemera

Box #2

- FF 1 Money the Ochsner family brought with them to the United States in 1928. Includes Rubles and Kopeks, and Korona. (Late 1890s – 1910s) \*It would be beneficial to have money identified by expert

Box #3

Item #1 Small box containing one silver spoon;

Item #2 Original Watercolor painting of a portion of the Jakob and Klara Ochsner chutor (estate) done by Victor Ochsner, son of Jakob and Klara (painted in Schiers, Switzerland where the family lived from 1920-1928 during exile from Ukraine);

Item #3 Back-pack owned by Frederick Ochsner during his stay in Switzerland;

Item #4 Original brick from the Jakob Ochsner kilns on the Podguriewka estate in Ukraine. Obtained by Cleon, Fred, and Steve Ochsner during a visit to the estate in 2011.;

Item #5 Hand-carved spoon from Ukraine. Believe it was brought to the US by the Joseph Ehly Family from the German—Russian village of Rohrbach, Ukraine.