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VAN DER SMISSEN FAMILY PAPERS

Collection of letters and documents concerning the van der Smissen family in Germany and Canada, 1751 to 1875.

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Gifts of Professor W.H. van der Smissen (earlier deposit and gift) and of Gilbert Michael Henderson.

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The correspondence includes letters to Jacob Gysbert van der Smissen from Johann Lavater (1741-1800), a Reformed minister in Zurich influential through his writings, sermons, and correspondence from Johann Heinrich Jung-Stilling (1740-1817), an eminent theological writer, and from Carl Heinrich von Bogatzky (1690-1774) an influential and prolific Lutheran writer in Germany. Family correspondence contains letters to Elisabeth van der Smissen; to Louise, her sister; and to Henry van der Smissen who married Louise. Other papers are a biography of Helena Linnich; a family history; the sermons of Wilhelm Leendert; the account by Gilbert van der Smissen of his travels in Europe and the marriage address to Henry and Louise by Henry, Louise's father. Henry van der Smissen emigrated to Canada in 1833. In 1838 he returned to Germany to marry his cousin, Louise, whom he brought to Canada along with her sister Elisabeth.

A skeletal family tree is in the Notes on Manuscripts file.

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Danzig c1875?]

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Correspondence is catalogued in manuscript catalogue.

Box 1

Correspondence from Johann Hinrich Jung-Stilling to Jacob Gysbert van der Smissen, 1795-1816. 12 A.L.S.

Correspondence from Johann Kaspar Lavater to Jacob Gysbert Van der Smissen, 1793-1800. 5 A.L.S., 5 A.N.S.

Correspondence from Lavater to other addresses. 1788-1800. 5 A.L.S. (2 copies)

Abstracts of the letters in English were prepared by Professor Leonard Forster and published in *Publications of the English Goethe Society*, Vol.27, 1958. An offprint is in the Fisher Library. **D-10 378**

Three texts in folder addressed to: Jacob Gysbert van der Smissen

Item 1

[Biography of Helena Linnich by J.G. Van der Smissen, 25 November 1751.] 4 p. Holograph.

[A family chronicle by J.G. van der Smissen]. 7 October 1812. 4 folders. 13 p.

[Sermons of Wilhelm Leendert concerning Jesus in Gethsemane] 13 March 1817. 2 folders. 8 p.

[About the serious deficit position of the firm]. 1 February 1813. 1 leaf. **Item 2a**

Jacob Gysbert van der Smissen to Hinrich van der Smissen, Gysbert van der Smissen, Ernst Gottlob Klem and Jacob van der Smissen. 8 February 1813. 3 p. **Item 2b**

Cover addressed to Gilbert van der Smissen. [Account of journey by Gysbert van der Smissen, written in Flemish, describing a journey through Europe which began in 1767, and lasted 2 years, 7 weeks and ended on 11 May 1769]. 36 p. **Item 3**

Box 1

Correspondence from Carl Heinrich von Bogatzky to Jacob Gysbert van der Smissen. 15 February 1767 and 14 October 1768. 2 A.L.S. **Item 4a**
4b

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Mapcase

(about 20 ALS)

Family correspondence includes 4 A.L.S. to Elisabeth, 1830-1861, and 123 A.L.S. to Hinrich (some are also addressed to Louise) 1836-1850. **#13-15, 17**
#1-8, 10-12

Marriage address to Henry and Louis van der Smissen, 15 July 1838. 1 folder. **#18**

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Box 2

Goethe. *Faust*. Done into English verse in the original metres with commentary & notes by W.H. van der Smissen. London: J.M. Dent, 1926. With extensive holograph notes and revisions throughout text by van der Smissen.

Obituaries for van der Smissen.