

JOHN FREDERICK OBERLIN COLLECTION

INVENTORY

(NOTE: With the exception of items #38-40, photocopies of each of the items in Series I - III are filed in RG 16/5 Library Autograph File. Unless there is a special need, researchers should use these copies to avoid wear upon the originals. Items marked with a [+] have been scanned and appear in the John Frederick Oberlin Digital Collection, Oberlin College Archives, copyright 2010.)

Series I. Letters, 1766, 1801, 1806, 1823, 1837, 1910, 1917-18, 1933, 1938, 1955, n.d.

Subseries 1. Primary (correspondence by or to John Frederic Oberlin or members of his family or friends), 1766, 1801, 1806, 1823, 1837, n.d.

Box 1

- +1. Jérémie-Jacques Oberlin to Secretary General LeCourbe, 1801. French, translation in online exhibit.
- +2. John Frederick Oberlin to Charles Cuvier, March 31, 1823. Inscription on reverse of two Bible verses printed by Oberlin on his own press. French, translation included.
3. Jérémie-Jacques Oberlin, Strasbourg, to M. Cuvier, May 20, 1806. French, translation included. Requests information on object.
- 4a. Rauscher Oberlin, Waldebach, to Mr. Heisch, June 1, 1837. Postscript by Louisa Scheppler. French, translation included. Letter concerns her father's papers.
 - b. Note by Pastor Stouber on Louisa Scheppler, n.d.
5. Pastor Stouber, Waldebach, to M. Hermann, Strasbourg, May 7, 1766. On flowers of area.

Subseries 2. Secondary (correspondence about John Frederic Oberlin and his family), 1910, 1917-18, 1933, 1938, 1955, n.d.

Box 1 (cont.)

6. F. Andreae, Arlsheim, to F. O. Grover, Antwerp, August 8, 1910. On the existence of Oberlin family seal and gift of scripture verses.
7. E. E. Ewers, Nyack, N. Y., to George Jones, Oberlin, January 11, 1917. Gift of scriptural verses and myrtle from Oberlin's grave.
- 8a. Henry Grubbs to Ella Parmenter and Parmenter to Julian Fowler, n.d.
 - b. Above notes attached to information on Oberliniana at Bibliothèques Nationale, Paris.
9. Dr. Halm, Director, National Museum, Munich, to Frederick Grover, Rome, March 3, 1910. German. Indicates Museum has no material on Prof. Oberlin or his family.

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Series I. Letters (cont.)

Subseries 2. Secondary (correspondence about John Frederic Oberlin and his family) (cont.)

Box 1 (cont.)

- 10a. Franklin Hess, Chicago, to President King, Oberlin, April 19, 1918. Photocopy. On John Frederic Oberlin's nationality.
- b. Photocopy of endpaper of prayer book inscribed by Oberlin. Translation.
- c. Illustration of Oberlin commemorative medal.
11. D. Kaiser, Strasburg, to Prof. F. O. Grover, Basel, February 19, 1910. German.
12. Jules Siegfried, 6 Avenue de la Bourdonnois, ?, to Ernest Wilkins, November 13, 1933. French. On Mlle. Clevenot's visit and gift of three exercise cards by Oberlin's pupils (see #32). Translation.
- 13a. Helmut Fischer, Germany, to William Stevenson, Oberlin, February 21, 1955. Copy.
- b. William Stevenson, Oberlin, to Helmut Fischer, Germany, March 11, 1955. Copy.
- c. William Stevenson, Oberlin, to Mrs. Kenneth Rich, Chicago, March 9, 1955. Copy. (a, b and c refer to gifts of stamps honoring J. F. Oberlin.)
- d. Photocopy of stamps. Originals filed in Gretchen Lemke Papers.
- e. Clipping from stamp magazine Scott's Chronicle January-February 1955.
- 14a. E. Wilkins, Oberlin, to Mrs. S. Cornell Walbridge, Perrysburg, Ohio, December 2, 1938. Photocopy. On gift of silhouette of J. F. Oberlin (see #28b).
- b. Keyes Metcalf, Cambridge, Mass., E. Wilkins, Oberlin, December 23, 1938. Photocopy. On date of newspaper backing on frame of silhouette.
- c. E. Wilkins, Oberlin, to Mrs. Cornell Walbridge, Perrysburg, December 29, 1938. Photocopy. On date of newspaper backing on frame of silhouette.
15. Note from Marguerite Yourcenar on calling card. Accompanied gift of book on J. F. Oberlin. (Photocopy on photocopy of #20.)

Series II. Manuscripts, Notes, 1788, n.d.

Box 1 (cont.)

- +16. Notes on John 1:13, n.d. German. Translation included.
- +17. "Visit to Ban de la Roche by M. Empeytaz." Note on page: "proposed Chapter 9 sent from M. Legrand to M. P. . .1842."
18. Extract from speech of Rev. D. Marsh, n.d.
19. "Addition to p. 291. M. Rauscher died toward the end of 1862." Second page: "Proposed additions."

Series II. Manuscripts, Notes (cont.)

Box 1 (cont.)

- +20. Notes in French on very tiny sheet, n.d. "1874 Jour d'Ascension."
- 21. Description in French of some J. F. Oberlin papers, n.d.
- 22. Translation, n.d., of Bible verses and note from Oberlin, Waldbach, to Heisch, July 2, 1796, in memory book (item #40).
- 23a. Ms. in French. Inscription on cover: copybook of sermons written by Marguerite Philomele Marchal de Fouday. 1803.
- b. Sermon in French, 1788.

Series III. Miscellany: Scripture verses, silhouettes, music, maps, prayer book, memory book, ca. 1768, ca. 1774, 1791-1797, 1823, ca. 1930, 1939, n.d.

Box 1 (cont.)

- +24. Double silhouette of Oberlin and his wife, Madeleine-Salomé Oberlin, née Witter, ca. 1768. Playing card on reverse. Once owned by Oberlin's daughter, Madame Rauscher.
- 25. Wood frame for #24. Inscription on reverse by Ch. Cuvier. (Frame filed separately.)
- 26a. Silhouette of Louisa Scheppler.
- b. Silhouette of Pastor Stouber
- 27a. Engraved profile portrait of ? born January 1787.
- b. Engraved profile portrait of ? born January 1745.
Both a and b inscribed to M. Philip Heisch.
- 28a. Engraving from old book of J. F. Oberlin silhouette sent by Rev. Charles D. Brower (Class of 1883), June 2, 1944.
- b. Engraving from old book of J. F. Oberlin silhouette sent by Mrs. S. Cornell Walbridge, December 2, 1938. (See #14a. Removed from frame.)
- c. Engraving of J. F. Oberlin silhouette, most likely clipped from the frontispiece of "Memoirs of John Frederic Oberlin, pastor of Waldbach in the Ban de la Roche." Gift of Judge Walter R. Beals, October 11, 1935. [acc. 2001/94]
- 29. Pencil sketch of J. F. Oberlin's grave at Fouday. No signature, n.d.
- +30a. Handmade, watercolored case made by Oberlin for items about America, titled "Amerique, Ameriques," ca. 1774. Bible verses in French on cover. Inscription in German to Oberlin University (sic) by Paul Werner Prebipsanetsk. Contains:
 - +b. Folded sheet with watercolor with inscription "L'Abaisement mene a l'Elevation. La Tribulation la Gloire." Two psalms in French.
 - +c. Folded sheet with watercolor inscribed "Representation des Sept Mondes, reveles au Dr. Pordage..." Description on opposite page in French. (See also item #38, below)

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Series III. Miscellany (cont.)

Box 1 (cont.)

31. Four-page catechism in French with inscription: received from M. Oberlin, pastor at Waldbach in the Ban de la Roche.
- +32. Three exercise cards of Oberlin pupils, each with watercolor on reverse. Pupils: a) Louise Neuvil (1823), b) Sara Amelie Neuvillers, c) Frederic Je'remie Bernard.
- +33a. Hand-colored map of Ban de la Roche. Woodcut by Oberlin, printed by Oberlin.
- +b. Second copy of the handcolored map of Ban de la Roche. This copy was presented to Oberlin College President James H. Fairchild in 1871 by Oberlin's grandson Dr. Witz. [acc. 2001/94]
- +34. Handwritten music, double page: Hymn of Simeon and Angels of Almighty God.
- 35a. French postcard with Oberlin profile.
- b. Postcard with Oberlin seal and poem "The Oberlin Spirit."
36. Prayer book inscribed "Jean George Bernard recus ... le ministre Oberlin." Notes by Julian Fowler and unknown.
- 37a. Three pages of scripture verses in German printed by Oberlin.
- b. Fifty Bible verses printed by Oberlin. One is in German, the remainder in French. Given to Oberlin College by the Conservator of Oberlin Room in Musee Alsacien de Strasbourg.
- c. Four Bible verses in French in two sheets, printed by Oberlin. (Photocopy on photocopy of 26a.)
- d. Twelve Bible verses in French, printed by Oberlin. [acc. 2001/94]
38. [removed to Series VI]
- +40. Memory book inscribed by John Frederick Oberlin, family members and friends, 1791-1797. [acc. 2009/070]

Box 3 (oversize, RNG 36)

39. a. Commemorative medal from Daniel Jordan, July 1939 [acc. 2002/4]
- b. Commemorative medal (identical to 39a) [acc. 2002/4]

For items commemorating the Bicentennial of J. F. Oberlin's arrival in Waldersbach, see Series V, ss. 2 Miscellaneous Printed Material.

Series IV. Addresses about John Frederick Oberlin, 1926, 1940, 1951-53, 1955, 1972, 1976, n.d.

Box 4

- Brady, Rev. DeWitt Joseph. "John Frederic Oberlin," preached to the Oberlin College Club in the Atherton Memorial Chapel, April 8, 1951

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Series IV. Addresses about John Frederick Oberlin, 1926, 1940, 1951-53, 1955, 1972, 1976, n.d. (cont.)

Box 4 (cont.)

- +Ernwein, F. "Centenaire de la Mort d'Oberlin" (in French), 1926.
- Fletcher, Robert S. "Oberlin: Alsace and Ohio," Assembly Talk, March 24, 1955
- Horton, Walter M. "Oberlin in Alsace," Chapel Talk, September 23, 1952
- +Kessler, Maurice. "John Frederick Oberlin, 1740-1826," Chapel Talk, November 24, 1953
- Kurtz, John W. "In Memoriam - John Frederic Oberlin, 1826-1976," address given at the First (Congregational) Church in Oberlin, Ohio, October 17, 1976
- Kurtz, John W. "What's in a Name: Why Oberlin?" Assembly Address, September 14, 1972 [printed in the *Oberlin Alumni Magazine* Nov./Dec. 1972]
- +Wilkins, Ernest H. "John Frederick Oberlin," 1940
- +Wilkins, Ernest H. "John Frederick Oberlin's Cooperative Societies," n.d.

Series V. Printed Material

Subseries 1. Writings about John Frederick Oberlin, 1811, 1828, 1838, 1841, 1846, 1884, 1910, 1919, 1926, 1928, 1934, 1940-41, 1944, 1952, 1965, 1989, ca. 2004, 2009, 2012, n.d.

[housed in Box 3, oversize on RNG 36]

Clippings and pamphlets concerning the Centennial of Oberlin's death, 1926.
(one oversize volume)

Box 4 (cont.)

- Blessig, Jean Laurent. *Rede bei der Einweihung des Oberlin'schen Monuments in der Kirche zu St. Thoma*. Strasbourg: J. H. Heitz, 1811.
- + "Centenaire d'Oberlin." Paris: Société de l'Histoire du Protestantisme Français, 1926.
- + Commission Consistoriale de Rothau. *Le Pasteur Oberlin: Anniversaire Séculaire de Son Arrivée au Ban-de-la-Roche*. Paris: Imprimerie de Ch. Maréchal, 1867. (newspaper clipping pasted in back, "Les Beaux Lendemain: Une fête patriotique," May 11, 1919)
- Cowell, Henry J. "Oberliniana" (notebook containing clippings of Cowell's articles on J. F. Oberlin, ca. 1926.
- Cowell, Henry J. *Two French Protestant Pastors and Mystics: Jean Frédéric Oberlin and Paul Sabatier*. Reprinted from the Proceedings of the Huguenot Society of London vol. XVII, no. 3. London, Spottiswoode, Ballantyne & Co., 1944.

Series V. Printed Material (cont.)

Subseries 1. Writings about John Frederick Oberlin (cont.)

Box 4 (cont.)

- DeMoulin, Mme Gustave. *Oberlin*. Bibliothèque des Écoles et des Familles. Paris: Librairie Hachette, 1884. In French.
- Galpin, C.J., compiler. "The Life Story of a Great Country Pastor- John Frederick Oberlin," compiled from A. F. Beard's *The Story of John Frederick Oberlin*. New York: Home Missions Council of North America, 1941.
- Johann Friedrich Oberlin: Gestalten des Protestantismus von Gestern und Heute* (biography for young people in German in illustrated book form). Strasbourg, France: Éditions du Signe, 1989.
- The Good Pastor of Ban de la Roche, in Letters to Children*. London: B. Wertheim, Aldine Chambers, 1846 (English translation of *Lettres aux Enfants...*, below)
- Hertzog, E. *Jean-Frédéric Oberlin*. Series title *Fleurs des Vosges*. Strasbourg: Librairie Évangélique, 1926. In French.
- Hertzog, E. *Jean-Frédéric Oberlin*. Strasbourg: Editions Oberlin, n.d. In French.
- Horton, Walter Marshall. "The World Influence of John Frederick Oberlin." *Graduate School of Theology Bulletin*, Oberlin College, vol. X, No. 1, January, 1965, pp. 5-8.
- John F. Oberlin, Pastor of the Ban de la Roche*. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication, n.d.
- Lettres aux Enfants sur Oberlin et le Ban-de-la-Roche*. Strasbourg: Veuve Levrault, 1841. (See *The Good Pastor of Ban de la Roche...*, above, for English translation.)
- Lienhard, A. "Predigt zum gedächtnis des am 1. Juni 1826 entschlafenen J. F. Oberlin gehalten am Trinitatissonntag." Strasbourg: C. Hiller, 1928.
- Malgras, M. "Le Bienheureux Père Fourier et le Pasteur Oberlin, Notice sur les école in 1620 et les Salles d'Asile en 1770." n.d.
- "Memoir of John-Frederic Oberlin." Extract from *The Religious Magazine; or, Spirit of the Foreign Theological Journals and Reviews*, vol. 1, Jan.-June 1828.
- The Mountain Pastors; or, Oberlin and Neff*. London: Christian Tract Society, 1838.
- "Oberlin." Extract from *The Penny Magazine*, June 9, 1838.
- Oberlin, Eugénie. "Oberlin, Johann Friedrich" from *Encyklopädischem Handbuch der Pädagogik, 2 Auflage*. n.d.
- Pannier, Jacques. *Jean-Frédéric Oberlin, Pasteur au Ban-de-la-Roche (1740-1826)*. Neuilly (Seine): Éditions de "La Cause", c. 1926
- Réforme*, July 12, 1952. This issue of the newspaper contains articles about J. F. Oberlin.

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Series V. Printed Material (cont.)

Subseries 1. Writings about John Frederick Oberlin (cont.)

Box 4 (cont.)

- Roehrich, Laure (Durot), Ulrich Rauscher, and Hans Haug. *Jean-Frédéric Oberlin*. Extract from *La Revue Alsacienne Illustrée*, vol. XII, no. 10 (1910). [oversize, housed in box 3]
- Strohl, Henri A. "Un fils d'Oberlin au pays de Lavater." Extract from *Revue d'Histoire et de Philosophie religieuses*, c. 1940.
- Todt, P. *Johann Friedrich Oberlin, der Pfarrer des Steinthals...* Berlin, n.d.
- Wickersheimer, Ernest, ed. "Notes d'Oberlin sur la Faune du Ban-de-la-Roche." Extract from *Annuaire de la Société historique, littéraire et scientifique du Club Vosgien*, New Series vol. II, 1934.

Subseries 2. Miscellaneous Printed Material, ca. 1950-1991

[housed in Box 2, oversize on RNG 20]

Poster announcing exposition and art exhibit for 250th anniversary of J. F. Oberlin's birth, 1990, in Strasbourg. "Exposition Oberlin en Notre Temps et Tapisserie d'Art," printed by Gerhardt, Titieux & Giuther for the Conseil General du Bas-Rhin, Alsace, France. 23.5" x 15.75". [Transferred from Special Collections, 2011].

Box 5

- Files transferred from RG 21 "Oberlin File," ca. 1950-1991 (4f)
- (a) Items commemorating the bicentennial of J. F. Oberlin's arrival at Waldersbach; left by Mrs. Richardot, wife of Walderbach's pastor, when she visited Oberlin in May 1967.
 - (b, c) Various printed materials, some in French or German, relating to Oberlin and his parish in Waldersbach, Alsace.
 - (d) Printed materials relating to celebrations honoring the 250th anniversary of the birth of J. F. Oberlin, including the catalog for the rare book exhibit, "J. F. Oberlin (1740-1826): An Example and Inspiration for Generations," held at the Oberlin College Library, September-October 1990.

Subseries 3. Materials from Musée Oberlin, Waldersbach, France, ca. 2004, 2009, 2012, n.d.

Box 7

- Postcards, n.d. (2)
- Brochure, 2012
- De la belladone à la sauge: plantes et croyances au Ban-de-la-Roche*, a catalogue for an exhibition November 2004 to August 2005

Series V. Printed Material (cont.)

Subseries 3. Materials from Musée Oberlin, Waldersbach, France, ca. 2004, 2009, 2012, n.d. (cont.)

Box 7 (cont.)

Lo Tambourier, Bulletin de Liaison du Musée Jean Frédéric Oberlin, July 2009

Series VI. Non-Textual Materials (other than Miscellany)

Box 2 (oversize, RNG 20)

Watercolor depiction of Oberlin's concept of life after death, based on Swedenborg's *Heaven and Hell*. Copy by A. DuBois (ca. 1930) from the original in the Musée Alsacien in Strasbourg, France. Framed, 17" x 20". [acc. 2001/94]

+Print in sepia ink titled "Modesta Ecclesia [translation from Latin: Modest Church], Waldersbach," by Georges Ritteng, 14" x 17", n.d.

Box 5 (cont.)

+Waldbach and nearby country ("Vues du Ban de la Roche et des Environs") lithographs (6) by Theodore Müller (French, 1819-1879), printed by E. Simon, fils (French, active 19th century), Strasbourg.

Entrée de Rothau, 12 3/8" x 16 1/4"

Fouday (original lithograph and copy), 12 3/4" x 17 1/2"

Maison de Chasse de M. le B. Hallez, 12 3/8" x 15 3/4"

Scierie des Bois de Strasbourg au Hohwald, 13" x 16"

Urbeis, 12 1/8" x 16"

Waldbach: Maison d'Oberlin (original lithograph and copy),
12 7/8" x 18"

Box 6

+Beltrando, Jean-Michel, compiler. Photograph album on John Frederick Oberlin and the Ban de la Roche, ca. 1930s, 6 3/4 x 10 3/8" (2 copies, one given to President Ernest Hatch Wilkins in 1940)

Box 3, Oversize (on RNG 36) (cont.)

Cunningham, Mrs. Francis. Drawings (2) of Oberlin's Residence at Waldbach and of the village of Fouday (Oberlin's burial place), n.d. (original drawings and copy photographs)

Photographic copy of engraved portrait from life of John Frederick Oberlin, 1803 (original in RG 40, Box 2)

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Series VI. Non-Textual Materials (other than Miscellany) (cont.)

Box 7 (cont.)

Digital photographs (30) by Susan Phillips taken at the Musée Oberlin, Waldersbach, France, July 20, 2013 (reference print-outs; originals on Archives hard drive)

Parker, Katherine S., *John Frederick Oberlin*, filmstrip and Leaders' Guide, The Methodist Church and Graded Press, 1966 (with cover letter to President Robert K. Carr from Ronald K. Johnson, 6/15/1966)