

Volume 5510**Wilhelm Hespeler (1830-1921) (Acc. No. 2012-008)****Folder 1**

1. 1847-1849 WH is attending the Polytechnic Institute of Karlsruhe. He is the legal son of Johan and Ana Barbara Hespeler. He is 16 years of age. Physique "weak." This document is confirmation "he attended the Polytechnic Institute for two years ..." It is signed by the burghers of his community, Baden.
2. 17 May, 1849 Certificate from military draft authorities. WH suffers from a weak chest, catarrh, tonsillitis, and has trouble with his feet (walking, marching). Signed by doctors and his commanding officer – indicating he's actually in the army but excused service.
3. 23 Oct., 1849 Report of satisfactory studies in chemistry and mineralogy, signed by his two professors at Karlsruhe.
4. 28 Apr., 1850 Deferment from military service in order to emigrate, dated at Raven, State of Baden.
5. 3 May, 1850 Travel document. Permission to leave the country for North America, travelling via the port of Le Havre.
6. 30 Apr., 1867 Passport issued by A.J. Peterson, agent in Berlin, on behalf of Viscount Monck, Governor General of British North America. Also signed by "Dougall." Includes description of WH.
7. 15 March, 1872 Open letter of reference from German Consul, Toronto, prior to trip by WH to Alsace-Lorraine as Commissioner of Immigration for the Government of Canada
8. 18 July, 1872 Passport permitting WH to travel to Turkey and Russia, issued by Sir Andrew Buchanan, Ambassador of Great Britain at Vienna (stamped on reverse).
9. 28 Aug., 1872 Civil judgement (real estate) against WH – heard in Berlin (WH loses the case.)
10. 16 Jan., 1882 Kaiser Wilhelm II of Prussia appoints WH to be German Consul at Winnipeg, Manitoba.
11. 25 Apr., 1882 Queen Victoria, at Court of St. James, accredits WH to be German Consul at Winnipeg for Manitoba. Document is countersigned "Granville" (Earl Granville, Foreign Secretary under Gladstone.)
12. 30 March, 1885 Letter from Otto von Bismark to WH (dated two days prior to Bismark's 70th. Birthday) thanking WH for the gift of the stuffed head of a "mouton" (presumably mountain goat; a renowned hunter, Bismark comments that although he has hunted these animals in Europe, he has never seen such a big one).
13. 23 Feb., 1889 Letter from German Ambassador in London, Prince von Hatzfeldt, giving provisional authority to WH to act as German Consul in Assiniboia and Alberta. Also, a letter dated 19 March, 1889 from Government House, Ottawa, signed by Charles Colville, Governor General's Secretary, recognizing WH as German Consul for the districts of Assiniboia and Alberta.
14. 25 Nov., 1893 Letter of thanks from "Mrs. Egerton," Lady-in-Waiting to HRH the Duchess of Connaught, written on Buckingham Palace stationary, with stamped envelope.
15. 15 Apr., 1902 Personal details concerning Walter Bauch, German Consul at Montreal.
16. 3 June, 1904 Citation stating WH has been awarded the Order of the Red Eagle (4th. Class) for loyal service to the King of Prussia in his capacity as German Consul at Winnipeg.
17. 19 Nov., 1905 WH is nominated Consul for the extended area of Saskatchewan and Alberta – signed by Kiser Wilhelm II at "Bulow" aboard battleship Kaiser Wilhelm II at Kiel.
18. 30 Dec., 1905 WH is appointed German Consul for the provinces of Manitoba Saskatchewan and Alberta, signed at the Court of St. James by King Edward VII (R & I), and countersigned by "E. Grey" (Foreign Secretary under Campbell-Bannerman).
19. 7 Dec., 1907 WH appointed Knight Cross with Oak Leaves of the Zahringer Lion by Grand Duke Friedrich of Baden and Zahringen – Karlsruhe.
20. 14 Dec., 1907 Letter from the Foreign Office, Berlin, authorizing WH to retire as consul, owing to his age. The letter thanks him for his services, asks that he "await instructions from the German Consul at Montreal as to the disposal of his archives ..."
21. 18 Sept., 1911 WH is importing a number of wines. Price list.

Other documentsFolder 2

22. 24 Apr 1872 Letters given to WH to take to Russia. Offer to Mennonites as to immigrating to Canada from the Government. Includes translation of letter dated 15 Jan 1872 from Leonard Suderman & others, and a translation of letter dated 13 Jan 1872 from P. Lohrenz & others. Includes copies of General correspondence No. 5840, Department of Agriculture, Privy Council Office Ottawa dated 16 April 1872.

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23. 10 Oct 1877 Copy of letter, the Earl of Carnarvon to the Earl of Dufferin informing that he has conveyed his report of the Mennonite settlement to the Queen, and requesting that he inform the Mennonites that she is pleased with their satisfaction and trusts that they will continue to find Canada conducive to their welfare and happiness.
24. 1876-1877 Three letters from the Department of the Secretary of State, Ottawa, dated 29 November, 1876; 31 March, 1877; and 1 May, 1877 – and all with the same unidentified signature, bearing the title “Under Secretary of State.” The first letter is about appointing WH as a member of the Council of Keewatin due to an “emergency”, the second letter, requesting his resignation since the emergency has passed, and the third letter acknowledging the receipt of his resignation. [The “emergency” was the severe small pox epidemic in the settlement around Gimli.]

Folder 4

25. 28 Feb 1896 “Get Population and all Else Shall be Added Unto You.” Paper read by WH before the Immigration Convention at Winnipeg.