

# Georg Martin Wunderlich Papers

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Georg Martin Wunderlich Papers

**Span Dates:** 1897-1951

**ID No.:** MSS46748

**Creator:** Wunderlich, Georg Martin, 1883-1951

**Extent:** 2,700 items ; 12 containers ; 4.8 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in German and English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Summary:** International lawyer, professor of law, and consultant to the Department of State. Correspondence, diaries, notebooks, academic records, legal writings, financial papers, photographs, memorabilia, printed matter, biographical data, military papers, and unpublished studies primarily reflecting Wunderlich's legal education and career in Germany, his forced emigration as a Jew, and subsequent legal work and teaching in the United States.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

Wunderlich, Georg Martin, 1883-1951.

### Organizations

American Society of International Law--Correspondence.

American Society of International Law.

International Law Association--Correspondence.

International Law Association.

United States. Department of State.

University of Pennsylvania. Law School.

### Subjects

International law.

Judges--Belgium.

Judges--Turkey.

Law--Germany.

Law--Methodology.

Law--Philosophy.

Law--Study and teaching--Germany.

Law--Study and teaching--United States.

Law--United States.

Practice of law--Africa, West.

Universities and colleges--Pennsylvania.

World War, 1914-1918--Germany.

World War, 1939-1945.

### Places

Germany--Emigration and immigration.

United States--Emigration and immigration.

### Occupations

Educators.

Lawyers.

# Administrative Information

## Provenance

The papers of Georg Martin Wunderlich, international lawyer, professor of law, and consultant to the Department of State, were given to the Library of Congress by Mrs. Wunderlich in 1952.

## Processing History

The papers of Georg Martin Wunderlich was processed in 1954 and rehoused in 2008. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Georg Martin Wunderlich is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Georg Martin Wunderlich are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Georg Martin Wunderlich Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

# Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1883	Born, East Prussia
1892-1901	Attended Köllnisches Gymnasium, Berlin, Germany
1901-1902	Attended law school, University of Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany
1902	Attended Freiburg University, Baden, Germany
1902-1904	Attended University of Berlin, Berlin, Germany
1904	Passed first legal examination of state
1905	Law degree, University of Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany
1906	Doctor of laws degree, University of Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany
1909	Passed second legal examination of state
1909-1910	On leave to study the English language and common and international law, London, England
1910-1912	Represented the firm Daniel de Pass & Co. (London, England) in Lüderitzbucht (now Lüderitz) in Southwest Africa (then a German colony), whose title to the Pomona diamond mine was contested
1912	Began practice of law, Berlin, Germany

1914	Appointed Kriegsgerichtsrat (military judge advocate) with rank of captain
1914-1917	Military judge investigating and trying cases against soldiers and Belgians in Belgium
1917-1918	Military judge of appeal in Turkey
1918	Imperial Attorney, Brussels, Belgium
1918-1936	Returned to practice of law, Berlin, Germany
1919-1920	German legal member of the South African-English-American-German Commission at the Hague and Amsterdam charged with adjusting the interests in the German-Southwest African Diamond Mines in conformity with the Versailles Treaty, resulting in the establishment of the Consolidated Diamond Mines of Southwest Africa
1920	Became a notary, Berlin, Germany
1936	Disbarred because of being a Jew Emigrated to the United States
1938?	Appointed lecturer, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, Pa.
circa 1941-1945	Special counsel to the State Department
1951	Died

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Georg Martin Wunderlich (1883-1951) span the years 1897-1951 and consist of correspondence, diaries, notebooks, academic records, legal writings, financial papers, photos, memorabilia, clippings, printed matter, biographical data, military papers, and manuscripts of unpublished studies. The papers reflect Wunderlich's legal education at Berlin, Leipzig, and Baden; his activities on behalf of clients in West Africa and elsewhere; his services to the German Imperial Government during World War I as judge and judge advocate in Belgium and Turkey; his postwar rise in Berlin to writer and authority on international law; his emigration in 1936 to the United States; his adjustment to the Anglo-American legal system; his teaching duties at the University of Pennsylvania; and his services during World War II as special counsel to the State Department. Included is correspondence concerning the American Society of International Law and the International Law Association.

The material is in English and German.

## Arrangement of the Papers

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