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IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference: Herz
Title: Ida Herz papers
Dates: 1902-c1981
Level: fonds
Extent and Medium: 2 boxes
Name of Creator: Herz, Ida (1894-1984) bookseller

CONTEXT

Biographical/Administrative History: Ida Herz was a bookseller from Nuremberg, who became a friend of Thomas Mann in 1924 and was asked by him in 1925 to organise his library in Munich. She was an avid collector of material about Mann and amassed over 3000 newspaper articles about Mann from over 20 countries. Herz was forced to flee Germany in 1935. She lived in London for the rest of her life. She deposited her correspondence with Mann and her Mann collection with the Thomas Mann archive in Zürich in 1960.

CONTENT

Scope and Content: Includes correspondence and other records relating to Thomas Mann and the Thomas Mann Gesellschaft (mostly transcripts); correspondence between Ida Herz and various TM scholars; a copy of the first page of a Gestapo report on Ida Herz from 1937; unpublished proofs of Mann's essay "Zur Judische Frage", 1921; obituaries and other commemorative articles on TM, and drafts and copies of articles on TM by various scholars.

ACCESS AND USE

Language of Scripts: English, German, French
Conditions of Access: Open. At least 48 hours' notice is required for research visits.

Herz 1	Thomas Mann and family papers	1902-1980
	Includes correspondence to and from Thomas Mann and family; articles, notes and open letters by Thomas Mann and a small number of personal items relating to Thomas Mann, including a copy of his family tree, a transcript of the inscription on the Mann family mausoleum and some photographs.	
	3 folders	
Herz 1/1	Correspondence - copies and transcripts	1902 December- 1965 October
	Transcripts of letters sent from and to members of the Mann family. The majority are from Thomas Mann sent between 1902 and 1954 to other family members, friends and other individuals, mostly concerning his writing. Almost all are transcripts of the originals, probably made by Ida Herz when she was working as his archivist.	
	1 folder	
Herz 1/1/1	Letter from Thomas Mann to Paul Raché (transcript/copy)	1902 December 02
	Concerns TM's novel 'Buddenbrooks'. Headed 'Abschrift einer Abschrift' (copy of a copy). Previously in Herz Box1/3.	
	1 leaf	
Herz 1/1/2	Letter from Thomas Mann to his brother Heinrich Mann (copy)	1910 June 16
	Congratulates HM [on what event is not stated]. Would be grateful for repayment of money lent to HM. Annotated 'unpublished'. Previously in Herz Box1/2.	
	1 leaf	
Herz 1/1/3	Letter from Thomas Mann to his brother Heinrich Mann (copy)	1912 February 17

Describes Katja's illness and visit to the sanatorium, and asks HM to repay them money he owes. Annotated 'unpublished'. Previously in Herz Box1/2.

1 leaf

Herz 1/1/4 **Card from Arthur Schnitzler to Thomas Mann (transcript)** **1922 June 26**
Previously in Herz Box1/3.

1 leaf

Herz 1/1/5 **Letter from Heinrich Mann to Tommy [Thomas Mann] (transcript)** **1924 December 11**
Previously in Herz Box1/2.

1 leaf

Herz 1/1/6 **Letter from Thomas Mann to Herr Gide [André Gide] (transcript)** **1930 January 20**
Previously in Herz Box1/3.

1 leaf

Herz 1/1/7 **Circular letter from S. Fischer Verlag with attachment (transcripts)** **1933 October 12**
Circular letter addressed to 'sehr geehrte Herren' ('Dear Sirs') [probably sent to some or all authors whose works were published by the S. Fischer Verlag. Concerns a declaration (see attachment) by the Reichsstelle zur Förderung des Deutschen Schrifttums about writers who had written for a newly-established exile journal, 'Die Sammlung'. Previously in Herz Box1/3.

2 leaves

Herz 1/1/8 **Letter (fragment) to Ferdinand Lion (transcript)** **1938 August 09**

Sender's name is not given, but is presumed to be Thomas Mann. The end of the letter was missing when the copy was made. Previously in Herz Box1/2.

1 leaf

Herz 1/1/9 **Open letter from Emil Preetorius to Thomas Mann (transcript)** **1945
September-
October**

EM justifies his decision to remain in Germany during the Nazi period. Withdrawn before publication. Previously in Herz Box1/2.

2 leaves

Herz 1/1/10 **Letter from Thomas Mann to Hans Reisiger (transcript)** **1947
September
04**

Previously in Herz Box1/3.

2 leaves

Herz 1/1/11 **Letter from Thomas Mann to his brother Vikko [Viktor Mann] (transcript)** **1947
October 30**

Previously in Herz Box1/2.

1 leaf

Herz 1/1/12 **Letter from Thomas Mann to Herrn Appelbaum [pianist Kurt Appelbaum] (transcript)** **1948 May 01**

Previously in Herz Box1/3.

1 leaf

Herz 1/1/13 **Letter from Thomas Mann to Charlotte Kestner (transcript)** **1951 June
18**

Charlotte Kestner was the great great granddaughter of Charlotte Buff, about whom TM had written in the novel, *Lotte in Weimar*. Previously in Herz Box1/3.

1 leaf

Herz 1/1/14	Letter from Thomas Mann to [illegible] (copy) Handwritten. Previously in Herz Box1/3. 3 leaves	1954 April 15
Herz 1/1/15	Letter from Hermann Hesse to Erika Mann (transcript) Previously in Herz Box1/3. 1 leaf	1961 December
Herz 1/1/16	Letter from Erika Mann to Professor Friedrich Sieburg (transcript) Concerns FS's very critical review of the second volume of Thomas Mann's collected letters. Previously in Herz Box1/2. 2 leaves	1964 January 23
Herz 1/1/17	Circular letter from Katia Mann to friends and co-authors Concerns the publication of <i>Thomas Mann - Eine Chronik seines Lebens</i> . Previously in Herz Box1/2. 1 leaf	1965 October 27
Herz 1/2	Thomas Mann's articles, notes and open letters Includes unpublished proof of Thomas Mann's essay 'Zur jüdischen Frage' ('On the Jewish Question'), marked with the official stamp of the Deutsche Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Berlin (1921); typewritten copy of a letter from TM to the editors of the Staatsbürgerzeitung Berlin stating that he is not Jewish (1912); copy of a page of one of TM's notebooks (marked with the official stamp of the Thomas Mann Archive in Zürich, and annotated on the verso by Ida Herz as 'Das 9. Notizbuch' (1906) (all previously in Herz Box 1/4). 1 folder	1906-1921
Herz	Other family papers	undated

Includes a photograph of the Mann family mausoleum taken by Ida Herz, and a typed copy of the inscriptions on it (1935); a family tree of the Mann family, copied from Viktor Mann's autobiography, 'Wir waren fünf' (undated, c. 1978); a colour photograph of three elderly ladies (undated, c. 1980s) (all previously Herz 1/2); and a photograph of Thomas Mann and a young man, possibly one of his sons (undated, previously in Herz Box1/1).

1 folder

Herz 2 Publications and events relating to Thomas Mann 1932-1976

Includes essays and articles about Thomas Mann and his work, articles published to mark his 75th and 85th birthdays and his death, and records of live events in which TM was involved.

11 folders

Herz 2/1 Essays, articles and reviews relating to Thomas Mann and his work 1932-1976

Transcripts and photocopies of published articles, essays and reviews concerning Thomas Mann.

3 folders

Herz 2/1/1 Typescript of 'Thomas Mann oder die Ironie aus Mangel an Stolz' by Rudolf Thiel 1932

Typescript of a chapter from Rudolf Thiel's book *Die Generation ohne Männer* (Berlin: Neff Verlag, 1932). Previously in Herz Box 1/4.

1 folder (32 leaves)

Herz 2/1/2 Transcript of an article in the Luxemburger Woche concernng Hans Naumann's comments on the withdrawal of Thomas Mann's honorary doctorate by Bonn University 1937 March

Explains Professor Hans Naumann's views on the withdrawal of TM's honorary doctorate by the University of Bonn. HN suggested that if TM had stayed in Germany [during the Third Reich], he would not have developed such a wrong-headed view of

German politics. Original published 21/22 March 1937.
Previously in Herz Box 1/1.

1 leaf

Herz 2/1/3 **Transcript of a review in the Schleswig Holsteinische Tageszeitung of Thomas Mann's novel, *The Ten Commandments*** **1943 June 22**

Anonymous, anti-semitic review of TM's novel, which he wrote in English. Reviewed here *Die zehn Gebote*. Previously in Herz Box 1/4.

3 leaves

Herz 2/1/4 **Typescript of German translation 'Thomas Manns biblischer Roman' by Fredrik Böök** **undated [c1945]**

Translation by Käte Hamburger of a review by the Swedish literary critic, Fredrik Böök, of Thomas Mann's tetralogy *Joseph und seine Brüder*, which was published between 1933 and 1943. Previously in Herz Box 1/4.

6 leaves

Herz 2/1/5 **Transcript of an article in the *Mitteilungsblatt* entitled 'Juden in Thomas Manns *Dr Faustus*' by Kurt Loewenstein** **1948 July 16**

On the subject of the German 'Geist' and the Jews. Published in Tel Aviv. Previously in Herz Box 1/4.

7 leaves

Herz 2/1/6 **Transcript of an article in *Politische Briefe* Nr. 63: 'Die "88" und Thomas Mann' by Pablo Hesslein** **undated [c1950]**

Concerns reputation of Thomas Mann in post-war Germany compared with the 88 German authors who made a vow of most faithful allegiance (Gelöbnis treuester Gefolgschaft) to Hitler in 1933. Published independently by PH in Santiago de Chile. Previously in Herz Box 3/1.

7 leaves

Herz 2/1/7 **Transcript of an essay by Zwi Altmann, 'Die mildere Zone Österreichs' on Thomas Mann and Paul** **undated [c1960]**

Amann

Concerns the correspondence from Thomas Mann to Paul Amann, published in 1959. With handwritten annotations on sources, possibly added by Ida Herz. Published in the Bulletin des Leo-Baeck-Instituts in 1960. Previously in Herz Box 1/4.

6 leaves

**Herz
2/1/8**

Draft typescript of 'Die Fragmente zu Thomas Manns *Fürsten-Novelle*: Zur Urhandschrift von "Königliche Hoheit" by Hans Wysling

With handwritten corrections and annotations. Published in *Quellenkritische Studien zum Werk Thomas Manns* (Bern/München 1967) pp. 64–105. Previously in Herz Box 1/4.

**undated
[c1967]**

16 leaves

**Herz
2/1/9**

Copy of an article in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung 'Briefe eines Unbekannten' by Elaar Benyoetz

Concerns the correspondence from Thomas Mann to Paul Amann, published nine years earlier [in 1959]. Previously in Herz Box 1/4.

**1968 March
20**

2 leaves

**Herz
2/1/10**

Copy of an article 'Thomas Mann: the Writer as Historian of his Time' by Jim Reed

With attached note conveying friendly greetings [to Ida Hertz?]. Published in *Modern Language Review*, 76 (1976). Previously in Herz Box 1/4.

**undated
[c1976]**

19 leaves

**Herz
2/2**

Commemorative newspaper articles and speeches about Thomas Mann

Articles marking TM's 75th and 80th birthdays and obituaries and speeches given at events following his death.

1950-1962

7 folders

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| Herz
2/2/1 | Newspaper cuttings 75th birthday

Previously in Herz Box 2/2.

1 folder | 1950 |
| Herz
2/2/2 | Transcript of speech given by Ida Herz on Thomas Mann's 80th birthday
2 copies. Held at the 'Frauenloge' in London.
Previously in Herz Box 2/2.

24 leaves (2 items) | 1955 |
| Herz
2/2/3 | Transcript of speech given by Anna Jacobson on Thomas Mann's 80th birthday
Given in New York on 6 June 1955. Broadcast on the radio station WEVD. Previously in Herz Box 2/2.

4 leaves | 1955 |
| Herz
2/2/4 | Newspaper cuttings 80th birthday

Includes cuttings and extracts of tributes to TM from the Sonntags Beilage of the <i>Nationalzeitung Basel</i> ; the Feuilleton of the <i>Deutsche Zeitung</i> and <i>Wirtschaftszeitung</i> ; the <i>Kleine Bund</i> ; <i>Der Bund</i> ; <i>Aufbau</i> , <i>The Observer</i> , <i>The New York Times Book Review</i> ; the <i>Tages-Anzeiger</i> , the <i>Allgäuer Tagblatt</i> ; the <i>Lübeckische Blätter</i> , the <i>Emeth</i> ; a 1954/55 season programme of the <i>Münich Kammerspiele</i> ; the <i>Tageszeitung für Stadt und Kanton Zürich</i> ; the <i>St Galler Tagblatt</i> ; the <i>Neue Zürcher Zeitung</i> ; and the <i>Manchester Guardian</i> . Previously in Herz Box 2/2.

1 folder | 1955 |
| Herz
2/2/5 | Transcript of obituary for Thomas Mann in 'Time and Tide' magazine by C.V. Wedgwood
Previously in Herz Box 1/4.

2 leaves | 1955 |
| Herz
2/2/6 | Programmes and a flyer for tribute meeting for Thomas Mann held by the PEN Zentrum Deutscher | 1955 |

Autoren im Ausland

Meeting held on 18 November 1955 to commemorate TM. Held in Beveridge Hall, Senate House, University of London. Previously in Herz Box 1/4 and 2/1.

2 programme, 1 flyer

**Herz
2/2/7**

Newspaper cuttings - obituaries

1955

Includes TM obituaries from the Association of Jewish Refugees' *Information*; *The Times*; the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*; the *New York Times*; *Die Welt*; *Le Figaro*; the *Daily Telegraph*; the *Welt am Sonntag*; the *Manchester Guardian*; the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*; the *Tagesspiegel*; the *News Chronicle*; *Aufbau*; the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*; the *Times Literary Supplement*; the *Sunday Times*; the *New Statesman* and *Les Nouvelles Littéraires, Artistiques et scientifiques*. Previously in Herz Box 2/2.

1 folder

**Herz
2/2/8**

Typescript of speech given [by Ida Herz] at commemorative meeting for Thomas Mann held by the Klub 1943 in London

1955

With handwritten annotations probably by the author. Published in *German Life and Letters* Vol 9/4, July 1956. Previously in Herz Box 3/2.

15 leaves

**Herz
2/2/9**

Typescript of speech given by Erich von Kahler 'Thomas Mann: the artist at the crossroads of our age'

1962

Transcript of talk given at the opening of the Thomas Mann exhibition at the Goethe-Haus in New York in October 1962. Given to Ida Herz by Katia [Mann] in 1963. Previously in Herz Box 1/4.

14 leaves

**Herz
2/2/10**

Photocopies of newspaper cuttings of obituaries and other commemorative articles

1950

Photocopies of articles in Herz 2/2/1, 2/2/4 and 2/2/7.
Previously in Herz Box 3/2.

1 folder

Herz 2/3	Events and broadcasts Contains a list of talks by and on Thomas Mann broadcast on the BBC Third Programme between 1947 and 1955 and on the BBC's Light Programme in 147 (created 10 July 1962); and a poster for a special Germanic languages lecture given by Thomas Mann, entitled 'The philosophy of Friedrich Nietzsche in the light of our experience' at Senate House, University of London on 20 May 1947. Previously in Herz Box 1/4. 1 folder (2 leaves)	1947-1962 July 10
Herz 3	Correspondence (except that of the Mann family) The series consists mainly of letters between Ida Herz and various Thomas Mann researchers. Previously in Herz Boxes 1/1-4 and 3/1. 4 folders	1927-1980
Herz 3/1	Letter [to Ida Herz] from Otto Grautoff of the Gesellschaft der Deutsch-Französischen Rundschau 1 leaf	1927 April 30
Herz 3/2	Copy of letter from Friedrich Gundolf to Jonas Lesser 1 leaf	1930 April 20
Herz 3/3	Letter [to Ida Herz] from Fritz [surname illegible]	1936 February 29

1 leaf

**Herz
3/4** **Letter to Ida Herz from Friedelind Wagner** **1940 May 01**

1 leaf

**Herz
3/5** **Letter to Ida Herz from Friedelind Wagner** **1940 May 08**

1 leaf

**Herz
3/6** **Letter to Ida Herz from Käthe Rosenberg** **1941 July
16**

Concerns Erika Mann, then staying at the Savoy,
London.

1 leaf

**Herz
3/7** **Letter to Ida Herz from the University of London** **1947 May 13**

Inviting IH to a Special University Lecture to be given
by Thomas Mann on 20 May.

1 leaf

**Herz
3/8** **Letter to Ida Herz from [Hans] Burgin** **1947 June
04**

Concerning HB's research into TM.

1 leaf

**Herz
3/9** **Letter to Ida Herz from Max Rychner of 'Die Tat'** **1947
November
05**

Concerns MR's review of TM's Dr Faustus novel.

1 leaf

**Herz
3/10** **Letter to Ida Herz from Thomas Mann (copy)** **1948 March
23**

2 leaves

**Herz
3/11** **Telegram from Yale University Library to Ida Herz** **1950 April
18**

Asking if she will loan them her Thomas Mann collection for an exhibition they are preparing for his 75th birthday.

1 leaf

**Herz
3/12** **Letter to Ida Herz from [illegible]** **1953 April
14**

Concerns the sender's research into Thomas Mann

1 leaf

**Herz
3/13** **Transcript of letter[s?] to Ida Herz from Thomas Mann** **1953
September
06**

Pages are numbered 1-3, but last page does not follow on from 2. Last page deals with a critic Mr [Ronald?] Gray.

2 leaves

**Herz
3/14** **Letter to Ida Herz from [illegible]** **1954 June
11**

Concerns the sender's research into Thomas Mann

1 leaf

**Herz
3/15** **Letter to Ida Herz from [illegible]** **1954 June
22**

	Concerns the sender's research into Thomas Mann. Invites IH and Professor Anna Jacobson to sender's house for a chat.	
	1 leaf	
Herz 3/16	Letter to Ida Herz from [Jonas] Lesser Sends birthday greetings to IH.	1954 October 13
	1 leaf	
Herz 3/17	Letter to Erika Mann from Ida Herz (copy) Thanks EM for her introduction [for a book?].	1956 May 01
	1 leaf	
Herz 3/18	Letter to Jonas Lesser from Ida Herz (copy) Discusses arrangements for forthcoming presentation JL is to give.	1958 January 26
	1 leaf	
Herz 3/19	Letter to Werner Weber of the <i>Neue Zürcher Zeitung</i> from Ida Herz IH points out some incorrect details of an anecdote which WW has told about Thomas Mann.	1965 June 24
	1 leaf	
Herz 3/20	Letter to <i>Welt der Literatur</i> from Professor P.E. Hübinger, Bonn Discusses Thomas Mann's essay 'Zur jüdischen Frage', which he had viewed at the TM Archive in Zürich and states to be the only surviving copy. See Herz 1/2.	1965 August 30
	1 leaf	
Herz 3/21	Letter to Friedelind Wagner from Ida Herz (copy)	1967 April 18

	States that her Thomas Mann collection was located after the war, and that it is now at the Thomas Mann Archiv in Zürich.	
	3 leaves	
Herz 3/22	Letter to Ida Herz from Jim Reed Asks whether she has photocopies of the Thomas Mann collection she donated to the Thomas Mann Archiv in Zürich.	1967 October 25
	1 leaf	
Herz 3/23	Letter to Jim Reed from Ida Herz (copy) Replies to his letter that she does not have photocopies of the Thomas Mann collection she donated to the Thomas Mann Archiv in Zürich.	1967 November 04
	1 leaf	
Herz 3/24	Letter to Jim Reed from Ida Herz (copy) Gives JR critical feedback on his essay on Thomas Mann's 'Geist und Kunst'.	1967 December 11
	2 leaves	
Herz 3/25	Letter to Dr [Hans] Wysling from Dr Hans Bürgin Discusses Dr Wysling's publication of the correspondence of Thomas Mann and Heinrich Mann.	1968 December 05
	4 leaves	
Herz 3/26	Letter to Ida Herz from Herbert Lehnert, University of California, Irvine 1 leaf	1969 October 30

Herz 3/27	Letter to Eva Reichmann from Ida Herz (copy) Returns an essay by Max Horkheimer ('Die Zeitgemässheit der Philosophie Schopenhauers'), lent to IH by ER. 1 leaf	1971 May 07
Herz 3/28	Circular letter to members of the Thomas Mann Gesellschaft from the Erich Schmidt Verlag Announces publication of first volume of Thomas Mann bibliography by Professor [Klaus Werner] Jonas, and price for members of the TMG. 1 leaf	1972 September 05
Herz 3/29	Letter to Heidi Heimann [from Ida Herz] (copy) 1 leaf	1972 September 07
Herz 3/30	Letter to Professor [Klaus Werner] Jonas [from Ida Herz] (copy) 1 leaf	1973 February 04
Herz 3/31	Letter to Ida Herz from Claus Victor Bock, Westfield College, University of London Concerns relationship between Thomas Mann and Friedrich Gundolf. See Herz 3/2. 1 leaf and 1 envelope	1973 November 27
Herz 3/32	Letter to Ida Herz from Marie-Luise Sauereßig, R. Oldenbourg Verlag	1974 October 23

1 leaf

**Herz
3/33**

Letter to Ida Herz from Nigel [Hamilton]

1975 May 19

1 leaf

**Herz
3/34**

Letter to Nigel [Hamilton] from Ida Herz

**1975 June
15**

1 leaf

**Herz
3/35**

Letter to Professor Banuls from Ida Herz

**1975 July
23**

1 leaf

**Herz
3/36**

Letter to Dr [Werner] Rosenstock from Ida Herz

**1975 July
23**

1 leaf

**Herz
3/37**

Letter to Ida Herz from [illegible]

**1978 April
28**

1 leaf

**Herz
3/38**

Letter to Ida Herz from Professor P.E. Hübinger

**1979
September
28**

Asks for help with research on Thomas Mann and roots of his persecution by the National Socialists.

2 leaves

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| Herz
3/39 | Letter to Ida Herz from Eva Reichmann | 1979
October 16 |
| | 1 leaf | |
| Herz
3/40 | Letter to Emmi Oprecht from Ida Herz (copy) | undated
[?1980] |
| | On verso is handwritten note in English to Veronica [no surname], dated 12 June 1980. | |
| | 1 leaf | |
| Herz
3/41 | Letter to Ida Herz from Hans Wysling, Technische Hochschule Zürich | 1980
October 10 |
| | 1 leaf | |
| Herz
3/42 | Letter to Dr Robert Knüppel from Ida Herz | 1981 May 31 |
| | Thanks RK for invitation to the opening of the Museum [Behnhaus] Drägerhaus, [Lübeck], but cannot attend. | |
| | 1 leaf | |
| Herz
3/43 | Letter to Ida Herz from Lucy and Sepp [no surname given] | undated [no
year given,
August 23] |
| | 1 leaf | |
| Herz
3/44 | Postcard and greetings cards to Ida Herz | undated
[c1955-
1980] |

Includes postcards addressed to Ida Herz from various German acquaintances, including Klaus [Werner] Jonas (KWJ) and Heidi H[eimann]. Includes a photograph of KWJ in 1955 and a photograph of Thomas Mann's hands by Yousuf Karsh. Previously in Herz Box 1/3 and 3/1.

1 folder

Herz 4 Personal and miscellaneous papers of Ida Herz 1937-1972

Includes copy of first page of Gestapo report on IH, regarding withdrawal of her German nationality on the grounds of race and her attitude to the Third Reich, citing her continuing relationship with TM following his exile and her remarks about Julius Streicher (1937) (previously in Herz Box 1/4); typescript inventory of the dedications written by TM to IH in various books he gave her (1972) (previously in Herz Box 1/1); transcript of poem by Erich Kästner (no title but from *Deutsches Ringenspiel*, 1947) (previously in Herz Box 1/1); black bookmark, inscribed 'von Käte zu meinem [?70ten]' (undated) (previously in Herz Box 1/1).

1 folder