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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Adele Gerhard Papers
<b>ID:</b>	ger039
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1938-1956
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.33 cubic ft.
<b>Physical Location:</b>	The materials are located onsite in the department.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Adele Gerhard (1938-1965) Papers include hand-corrected typescripts, photocopies and clippings of essays, a collection of clippings about Cologne-born novelist Gerhard and reviews.

### Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Adele Gerhard Papers, 1938-1956. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Gerhard Papers).

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## Biographical History

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Adele Gerhard was born in Cologne, Germany, in 1868 where she spent her childhood and adolescent years. She married Stephan Gerhard in 1889 and moved to Berlin, where her involvement in social work brought her in contact with some of the outstanding women figures of her day, Susan B. Anthony, Beatrice Webb and others.

After the birth of her children (Melitta in 1891 and Dietrich in 1896), Adele Gerhard turned her hand to creative writing. Her first short story was published in 1894 and her full-length work, *Mutterschaft und geistige Arbeit*, was published in 1901. Her works reflect the times in which she lived, the social movements of the 1890s, womens rights, the youth movement in Germany, and the changes brought about by war and its aftermath. Adele Gerhard followed her children to America in 1938 at the age of

60 after having briefly visited in 1937. She lived most of the time with her daughter, Melitta, became an American citizen, and continued to write in her native German. She returned to Germany in 1955 and died in her native city of Cologne one year later on May 10, 1956.

1868	Born Adele de Jonge on June 8 in Cologne, Germany to Adolph (1821-1898) and Caroline Hesse de Jonge (1825-1891).
1889	Married Stephan Gerhard, moved to Berlin.
1891	Birth of daughter, Melitta.
1896	Birth of son, Dietrich on Nov. 7.
1936	Death of husband, Stephan Gerhard.
1937	Visit to United States.
1938	Immigrated to the United States.
1955	Returned to Germany.
1956	Died in Cologne, Germany on May 10.

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## Scope and Contents

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The Adele Gerhard Papers consist of 0.33 cubic feet of materials, 1938-1956, and include hand-corrected typescripts of three unpublished novels written by Gerhard during her years in the U.S. (*Gää*, *Unter den Gestirnen* and *Wahrer der Leuchte*) and four novellas, as well as photocopies or clippings of essays and one serialized novella (*Ulmenfrucht*). Also included in the collection are clippings about Adele Gerhard and reviews of her works.

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## Arrangement of the Collection

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The collection has no series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Processing Information

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## Acquisition Information

All items in this manuscript collection were transferred to the University Libraries, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, by Melitta Gerhard, the daughter of Adele Gerhard in 1980 August.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Literature
- World War, 1939-1945--Refugees.
- Women authors.
- Gerhard, Adele, 1868-1956
- Spalek, John M.
- Gerhard, Melitta, 1891-

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence between Melitta Gerhard and Dr. John M. Spalek re: Adele Gerhard materials. 3 L. Also listing of Adele Gerhard Papers at the Deutsches Literaturarchiv, Marbach., 1980	Box 1 (Adele Gerhard Papers)	Folder 1
Photocopy of a document honoring Adele Gerhard on her 80th birthday, 1948	Box 1 (Adele Gerhard Papers)	Folder 2
Unpublished manuscript: "Gää" Typescript of unpub. Novel, Part I. 29p.; Part II. 52p., 1933-1934	Box 1 (Adele Gerhard Papers)	Folder 3
Unpublished manuscript: "Unter den Gestirnen." Typescript of unpub. novel. Photocopy. 73p., Undated	Box 1 (Adele Gerhard Papers)	Folder 4
Unpublished manuscript: "Wahrer der Leuchte." Typescript of unpub. novel. Part I. 30p.; Part II. 22p.; Part III. 20p., Undated	Box 1 (Adele Gerhard Papers)	Folder 5
Unpublished manuscript: "Das Kind. Stephan Gerhard zu Ehren." Novelle. Typescript. 18p., Undated		

	Box 1 (Adele Gerhard Papers)	Folder 6
Unpublished manuscript: "Spuren im Schnee." Novella. Typescript. 23p., Undated	Box 1 (Adele Gerhard Papers)	Folder 7
Unpublished manuscript: "Der Wassermann." Novella. Typescript. 21p., Undated	Box 1 (Adele Gerhard Papers)	Folder 8
Unpublished manuscript: "Wurzelweibchen." Novella. Typescript. 34p., Undated	Box 1 (Adele Gerhard Papers)	Folder 9
Publication: Der Pestkirchhof. Section from a book, pp. 603-626., Undated	Box 1 (Adele Gerhard Papers)	Folder 10
Publication: Schicksalslied. Section from a book, pp. 342-358., Undated	Box 1 (Adele Gerhard Papers)	Folder 11
Publication: Ulmenfrucht. Novella serialization, Neue Freie Presse, 1935. Clippings and photocopies., Undated	Box 1 (Adele Gerhard Papers)	Folder 12
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