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Summary Information

Repository: Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library

Creator: Cramer, Hans

Creator: Berlich, Otto

Creator: Bürgel, Ernst

Creator: Fehr, Heinrich

Creator: Göhre, Wilhelm

Creator: Hackbarth, Walter

Creator: Hauschild, Arthur

Creator: Köhler, Richard W

Creator: Kühnemund, L

Creator: Laternser, Otto

Creator: Landsberg, Max

Creator: Lindhorst, Felix

Creator: Müller, Oscar O

Creator: Muthesius, Hermann, 1861-1927

Creator: Nansen, Paul

Creator: Nathansohn, Paul

Creator: Pfennig, Curt

Creator: Posener, Julius

Creator: Rein, Max

Creator: Späth, L

Creator: Straumer, Heinrich

Creator: Taut, Bruno, 1880-1938

Creator: Vallette, Henri

Creator: Paulus & Lilloe

Creator: Körner & Brodersen

Creator: P. Prochnow & E. Pommer

Creator:	Taut u Hoffmann
Title:	Haus Cramer architectural records and papers
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Preferred Citation

Haus Cramer architectural records and papers. Located in the Dept. of Drawings & Archives, Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library, Columbia University.

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Biographical / Historical

Hermann Muthesius was born on April 20th, 1861, in Gross-Neuhausen in Thuringia. His father was a master mason who built numerous country churches. A local pastor recommended Muthesius to the Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar as a promising candidate for higher education. From 1881-1883, he studied philosophy at Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität (now Humboldt University), before transferring to the Technische Hochschule Berlin where he studied architecture. As a complement to his formal education, Muthesius also learned the trade of masonry from his father during the two and a half years that elapsed between finishing

his studies at the local school and heading to Berlin for his secondary education. Muthesius gained practical experience in a number of architectural offices, including that of Paul Wallot, the architect of the Reichstag building. From 1887-1891 he worked for the firm of Ende & Böckmann in Tokyo and from 1893-1894 he worked in the architectural offices of the Prussian government before becoming the editor of the Zentralblatt der Bauverwaltung.

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He married Anna Trippenbach, a prominent singer, in 1896. Anna Muthesius shared her husband's interest and in 1903, she published a book on reform clothing, entitled *Das Eigenkleid der Frau*. Muthesius traveled widely, visiting Japan, China, Thailand, India, Egypt and Italy. However, his sojourn in England proved to have the most lasting effect on his intellectual development and reputation. In 1896, he was appointed technical attaché to the German Ambassador in London. He lived in England from the time of his appointment until 1903, writing reports on railways, gasworks and other industrial installations for the Prussian Board of Trade. He also befriended many leading members of British artistic circles, including Charles Rennie Mackintosh and William Morris. Muthesius was fascinated by recent innovations in English domestic architecture and eventually wrote a three volume study on the topic, entitled *Das englische Haus*. Using the works of Charles Voysey, William Lethaby and Richard Norman Shaw, among others, Herman Muthesius illustrated the ground-breaking functional planning of the English house. This emphasis on a functional approach to design formed a fundamental underpinning of the Modern movement in Europe.

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Upon his return to Germany in 1903, Muthesius put his new ideas into practice, building numerous villas in the suburbs of Berlin, including Haus Cramer, the focus of this collection. Muthesius also helped to found the Deutscher Werkbund, a trade organization heavily influenced by the English Arts & Crafts movement in its desire to bring a higher standard of artistic production to handcrafts and industrial products. Unlike the English movement, however, the Werkbund embraced the machine, and Muthesius would even go so far as to propose the idea of "types" or standardized forms for building, furniture and other industrial products. His ideas caused a rift when he presented them at a July 1914 meeting of the Werkbund, with some members aligning themselves with Muthesius, and other aligning themselves with the more individualistic ideas of Henry van de Velde who opposed standardization. Muthesius's remained influential in German architectural circles until his

untimely death in a tram accident in 1927. His other publications include *Stilarchitektur und Baukunst* [1902] and *Kleinhaus und Kleinsiedlung* [1918].

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Haus Cramer, commissioned by Hans and Gertrude Cramer, is located at Pacelliallee 18/20 (formerly Cecilienallee 18/20) in Berlin-Dahlem. The collection contains a comprehensive set of drawings dating to the construction of the house in 1911-1914, including drawings of the exteriors, interiors and gardens. During the 1930s, the Cramer family ran into financial trouble due to the oppressive anti-Jewish policies of the Nazi government, which placed numerous restrictions on Jewish businesses. Prior to this, Hans Cramer had run a profitable import/export business dealing mostly in grains. His family was of Jewish descent, although they had converted to Lutheranism at some point during the mid-nineteenth century.

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Hans Cramer's daughter, Charlotte, married an American and moved to New York in the early 1930s. At this point, Hans Cramer began shipping some of the family's furniture and art to his daughter. In this same year, due to his inability to pay taxes on the house and property, the city of Berlin seized his house and eventually auctioned off much of the contents. Hans Cramer, his wife Gertrud and son Frederick, followed Charlotte, emigrating to the United States in 1933. After World War II, Hans Cramer waged a long battle to gain restitution from the government of Germany for his lost property. Correspondence between Hans Cramer and his lawyer, Helmut Ruge, forms a large part of the records of the collection. According to the family, the house survived the war only to be destroyed in a gas explosion sometime during the 1950s. Julius Posener, the noted architectural historian, intervened in the 1970s and petitioned the city of Berlin to reconstruct the house for use by Stanford University, which eventually purchased Haus Cramer in 2000 to house their Bing Overseas Studies in Berlin.

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Scope and Content

This collection primarily contains original and reprographic architectural records, photographs, correspondence and personal and professional records related to the design, construction, and ownership of the Haus Cramer in Dahlem, Berlin, Germany, designed by German architect Hermann Muthesius in 1911-1913 for Hans and Gertrud Cramer, with later additions by Muthesius and other architects. A significant portion of the collection also documents the Cramer family's efforts to obtain restitution after World War II for the seizure of the house in the 1930s. Also included are records documenting the restoration and reuse, an effort led by noted architectural historian Julius Poesner.

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Arrangement

This material is arranged in four series: Project Records; Family Papers; Restitution Documents; and Restoration/Reuse. Series are further described by subseries; the arrangement of materials within each subseries is described at the beginning of each subseries inventory.

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Custodial History

Lilian M. C. Randall, granddaughter of Hans Cramer, donated the collection to Avery Library, 2004.004.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Architecture, Domestic -- Germany -- 20th century
- Architecture -- Germany -- Berlin -- Designs and plans
- Furniture -- Germany -- 20th century
- Gardens -- Germany -- Berlin -- Design
- Interior decoration -- Germany -- History -- 20th century
- Landscape architecture -- Germany -- Berlin
- Berlin (Germany) -- Buildings, structures, etc

- Haus Cramer (Berlin, Germany)

Collection Inventory

Series I: Project Records

Subseries 1: Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances	
Hans Cramer to Paul Nansen, Regierungsbaumeister, 1933 Mar 10-1935 Jul 11 Scope and Contents Regarding mortgage with Victoria Allgemeine Versicherungs Aktien-Gesellschaft; includes some correspondence with Victoria; Paul Nansen is Hans Cramer's cousin	box 1	folder 1
Fritz & Favre, Decorative Painters, to Hans Cramer, 1916 Oct 12 Scope and Contents Regarding payment for services	box 1	folder 2
Habermann & Guckes to and from Hans Cramer, 1911 Oct 28-1911 Nov 25 Scope and Contents Relating to the delivery and spreading of soil for the garden and lawn	box 1	folder 3
Louis Hartung to Hans Cramer, 1922 Feb 15 Scope and Contents Regarding water heater	box 1	folder 4
Otto Laternser, Architect, to and from Hans Cramer, 1922 Apr 07-1923 Jan 15 Scope and Contents Includes a letter from Otto Laternser to Hermann Muthesius and receipts for work done on the house	box 1	folder 5
Hermann Muthesius to Gertrude Cramer, 1916 Sep 04-1917 Jun 23 and undated	box 1	folder 6
Hermann Muthesius to Hans Cramer, 1911 Mar 01-1923 Mar 06 and undated	box 1	folder 7

Scope and Contents

One letter is a fragment

Paul Nansen, Regierungsbaumeister, to Hans Cramer [1 of 2], 1930 Aug 21-1934 Oct 04	box 1	folder 8
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Regarding conversion of house into apartments and mortgage with Victoria Allgemeine Versicherungs Aktien-Gesellschaft; includes some correspondence with Victoria; Paul Nansen is Hans Cramer's cousin</p>		
Paul Nansen, Regierungsbaumeister, to Hans Cramer [2 of 2], 1934 Oct 06-1935 Sep 06	box 1	folder 9
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Regarding conversion of house into apartments and mortgage with Victoria Allgemeine Versicherungs Aktien-Gesellschaft; includes some correspondence with Victoria; Paul Nansen is Hans Cramer's cousin</p>		
Paul Nathansohn, Master Builder, to Hans Cramer, 1913 Mar 17-1916 Oct	box 1	folder 10
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Includes a letter from Hermann Muthesius and a letter from Paul Kretschmann, a supplier</p>		
Jakob Ochs to Hans Cramer, 1912 Sep 25	box 1	folder 11
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Mentions a cost estimate but that document is missing</p>		
Subseries 2: Files		
Title/Description	Instances	
Building permits, 1908 May 08-1913 May 05	box 1	folder 12
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Includes a drawing of the site</p>		
H. Höhne Fabrik für Drahtzäune und Geflechte, chain-link fence promotional materials, 1911 Apr 07	box 1	folder 13
Note accompanying plans of Haus Cramer sent to the Municipality of Dahlem, 1912 Mar 26	box 1	folder 14
Paul Nathansohn, Master Builder, building description and cost calculations, 1912 Sep 08-1913 Mar 07	box 1	folder 15

Scope and Contents

Includes some letters to Hans Cramer

Allgemeine Haushaltmaschinen-Gesellschaft m.b.h., promotional literature, 1912 Oct 21	box 1	folder 16
Bills and receipts related to the house and garden, 1913	box 1	folder 17
Scope and Contents		
Includes receipts for mason, roofer, etc.		
Bills and receipts related to the house and garden, 1912-1914	box 1	folder 18
Scope and Contents		
Includes receipts for glass and contractor		
Bills and receipts related to the house and garden, 1912-1914	box 1	folder 19
Scope and Contents		
Includes receipts for mason, electrical and heating equipment		
Bills and receipts related to the house and garden, 1915-1922	box 1	folder 20
Bills and receipts related to the house and garden, 1916-1920	box 2	folder 1
Scope and Contents		
Includes receipts for painting, roofer, etc.		
Bills and receipts related to the house and garden, 1920	box 2	folder 2
Scope and Contents		
Includes receipts for blinds, shutters, wood/coal and correspondence from Paul Nathanson, master builder		
Bills and receipts related to the house and garden, 1920-1922	box 2	folder 3
Scope and Contents		
Includes receipts for furniture, coal, among others		
Bills and receipts related to the house and garden, 1926-1928	box 2	folder 4
Stahl, Fritz. "Hermann Muthesius: Haus Cramer-Dahlem." <i>Wasmuths Monatshefte für Baukunst</i> , [1916]	box 2	folder 5
Building permit for auto garage, 1922 Apr 28	box 2	folder 6

Building permit for the conversion of Haus Cramer into apartments, 1933 May 18	box 2	folder 7
Scope and Contents		
Related to correspondence with Paul Nansen, who handled the conversion of the house into apartments		
Allgemeine Elektrizitäts-Gesellschaft Berlin (A.E.G.) Product Advertisements, circa 1910s-1920s	box 2	folder 8
[Hans Cramer], notes on the building of the house, undated	box 2	folder 9
Promotional Materials, miscellaneous, 1909-1930, undated	box 2	folder 10

Subseries 3: Photographs

Title/Description	Instances	
Haus Cramer and garden, circa 1920s	box 2	folder 11
Scope and Contents		
Seven photographs with multiple copies of each		

Subseries 4: Drawings

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A complete inventory of these drawings may be found in this [downloadable Excel spreadsheet](#).

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Series II: Family Papers

Subseries 1: Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances	
Architects to Hans Cramer, 1911 Jan 16-1912 Mar 02	box 2	folder 12
Scope and Contents		
Offering their services for the design of the villa; includes letters from Otto Berlich, Wilhelm Göhre, Arthur Hauschild, Max Landsberg, Felix Lindhorst, Oscar Müller, Paulus & Lilloe, Curt Pfennig, P. Prochnow & E. Pommer, Heinrich Straumer, and Taut u. Hoffmann		
Charlotte Cramer to Hans Cramer, 1949 Mar 19-1949 Mar 20	box 2	folder 13

Scope and Contents

A letter mentions loan and Kinderzimmer but family states that this letter concerns the house in Mass., not Berlin

Frederick Cramer to Hans Cramer, 1948 Oct 10	box 2	folder 14
Gertrude Cramer to Hans Cramer, 1937 May 09	box 2	folder 15
Hans Cramer to Leopold Badt, 1919 Aug 09	box 2	folder 16
Scope and Contents		
Fragment of a letter related to Hans Cramer's import business		
Hans Cramer to Ilse Schiftan, 1937 Sep 12	box 2	folder 17
Scope and Contents		
Relating to transport of furniture to Charlotte Cramer in New York		
Lionel M. Ettlinger to Hans Cramer, 1941 Dec 29-1943 Mar 11	box 2	folder 18
Scope and Contents		
Lionel Ettlinger thanks Hans Cramer for his recommendation to the Department of Justice		
Franz Heckner, Decorative Painter, to Hans Cramer, 1930 Feb 28	box 2	folder 19
Scope and Contents		
Offering their services for the decoration of the villa		
Dr. G. Nahrath, Lawyer, to Hans Cramer, 1920 Dec 29-1921 Jan 05	box 2	folder 20
Scope and Contents		
Regarding Hans Cramer's Import Business		
Landscape Architects to Hans Cramer, 1911 Mar-1912 May 23	box 3	folder 1
Scope and Contents		
Offering their services for the design of the garden; includes letters from Heinrich Fehr, Richard W. Köhler, L. Kühnemund, Körner & Brodersen, Max Rein, L. Späth, and Henri Vallette		
Neighbor to Hans Cramer, 1912 May 08-1912 May 12	box 3	folder 2

Scope and Contents

Regarding acquiring a 1-2 meter wide strip of Cramer's property along the border of their adjacent properties

Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer, to and from Charlotte Cramer-Sachs, 1972 Dec 04-1973 Aug 27	box 3	folder 3
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Scope and Contents

Relating to Hans Cramer's will, a copy of which is included; letter in need of conservation belongs with this material

Ilse Schiftan to Charlotte Cramer, 1937 Apr 26	box 3	folder 4
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Scope and Contents

Relating to transport of furniture to Charlotte Cramer in New York

Paul Schur Möbeltransport to and from the Cramer Family [1 of 2], 1933 Jan 16-1936 Sep 08	box 3	folder 5
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Scope and Contents

Relating to transport of furniture to Charlotte Cramer in New York

Paul Schur Möbeltransport to and from the Cramer Family [2 of 2], 1936 Aug 01-1940 Jan 09	box 3	folder 6
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Scope and Contents

Relating to transport of furniture to Charlotte Cramer in New York

Karl Sturm to [Hans Cramer], 1912 Jan 14-1912 Jan 20	box 3	folder 7
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Ernst Bürgel, Architect, to Hans Cramer, 1921 Nov 11	box 3	folder 8
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Scope and Contents

Offering his services for the design of the villa

Subseries 2: Financial Records/Real Estate Records

Title/Description	Instances	
Account Book, Bau-Terrain Cecilien Allee 18/20, Dahlem, 1912-1918	box 3	folder 9

Scope and Contents

Includes lists of books, oil paintings, and art objects along with some bills which had been inserted into the account book

Land register and tax documents relating to the parcel of land for Haus Cramer, Dahlem [1 of 3], 1911 Jun 02-1927 Nov 02	box 3	folder 10
Land register and tax documents relating to the parcel of land for Haus Cramer, Dahlem [2 of 3], 1913 Apr 04-1927 Mar 31	box 3	folder 11
Scope and Contents		
Includes letters denying extension on the remaining mortgage payments for the land and a notice of building codes which need to be met		
Land register and tax documents relating to the parcel of land for Haus Cramer, Dahlem [3 of 3], 1915 Feb 12-1927 Nov 03	box 3	folder 12
Gustav Schroeder, Land Surveyor and Engineer, to Hans Cramer, 1928 Feb 21	box 3	folder 13
Scope and Contents		
Regarding the cost of dividing the property in the land register		
Rudolf Erhard to Hans and Gertrude Cramer, 1929 May 15-1929 May 17	box 3	folder 14
Scope and Contents		
Regarding the sale of the property		
Notarized statement regardings Hans Cramer's property in Dahlem and the mortgages on that property, 1929 Aug 12-1930 Mar 04	box 3	folder 15
Rental contract for Else Cramer's apartment on Deidesheimerstrasse 9, Berlin, 1930 Aug 25	box 3	folder 16
<i>Wirtschaftliche Kurzbrieife über Steuer-Verkehrswesen, Wirtschaftskunde.</i> [Financial short letters about taxes, transportation and economics], 1932 Nov 29	box 3	folder 17
Scope and Contents		
Document discussing tax policies		
Inventories of contents of house, related to the seizure for non-payment of taxes, [1933-1934]	box 3	folder 18
Amtsgericht [District Court], Berlin-Lichterfelde, to Hans Cramer, 1933 Mar 07-1940 Sep 30	box 3	folder 19

Scope and Contents

Regarding taxes

Pfändungsprotokoll [Record of Seizure], 1933 Nov 17	box 3	folder 20
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Seizure of assets due to an inability to pay taxes; related to restitution claims because Hans Cramer asserted that the laws affecting Jews made it difficult to make a living and therefore pay his taxes</p>		
M. Cramer, Affidavit of ownership of abandoned furniture from Haus Cramer, 1934 Jan 02	box 3	folder 21
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>M. Cramer asserts that the furniture abandoned by his brother has been his property since that time</p>		
Correspondence between Finanzamt Zehlendorf and Charlotte and Fritz [Friedrich] Cramer, 1934 Jan 17-1954 Mar 16	box 3	folder 22
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Related to auction of house contents by the district of Zehlendorf; also includes a much later document which may have been prepared as part of the restitution suit</p>		
[Hans Cramer] to Dr. W. Beuck, 1934 Jul 06	box 3	folder 23
Hans Cramer to the Amtsgericht (District Court), Berlin-Lichterfelde, 1934 Oct 23-1940 Mar 30	box 3	folder 24
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Regarding taxes</p>		
Hans and Gertrud Cramer to the Landesfinanzamt [Tax Authority], Berlin, 1934 Nov 19	box 3	folder 25
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Protesting decision by the Finanzamt concerning the taxes on the property</p>		
Auction records, inventories, 1935 Nov 19	box 3	folder 26
Victoria zu Berlin, Insurance Company, to Hans Cramer, 1939 Apr 17	box 4	folder 1
Hans Cramer to Victoria zu Berlin, Insurance Company, 1939 Apr 30	box 4	folder 2
Hans Cramer to Dr. Max Israel, 1939 May 09-1940 Feb 05	box 4	folder 3

Scope and Contents

Hans Cramer consulted with Dr. May regarding his tax problems

Dr. Max Israel May to Hans Cramer, 1939 May 26-1940 Mar 01	box 4	folder 4
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Scope and Contents

Hans Cramer consulted with Dr. May regarding his tax problems

Correspondence, Frederick H. Cramer to American Kommandatur, 1948 Jun 16	box 4	folder 5
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Scope and Contents

Regarding sending the remaining pieces of furniture in Germany to the family in the US; includes official and handwritten lists of auctioned pieces

Hans Cramer, draft of request for license to ship remaining furniture to Charlotte and Friedrich Cramer	box 4	folder 6
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Scope and Contents

Includes chronology of events leading to the departure from Germany and auctioning of possessions by government

Steuerliche Fragen mit Bezug auf G.m.b.H. [Inquiries Related to Hans Cramer's Import/Export Business]	box 4	folder 7
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Subseries 3: General

Title/Description	Instances	
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Certification of origin of imported grain, 1916 Aug 02	box 4	folder 8
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Scope and Contents

Related to Hans Cramer's import business

Hans Cramer, Statement of support for Oscar Metzger's petition for United States citizenship, 1943 Mar 05	box 4	folder 9
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Scope and Contents

Oscar Metzger was an employee of Hans Cramer in Berlin

Haus Cramer, tree in corner of garden, 1926	box 4	folder 10
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Junge Kunst in Europa, 1931 Jan	box 4	folder 11
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Scope and Contents

Includes articles on Bruno Paul and Heinrich Tessenow, among others

Financial notes, miscellaneous, undated	box 4	folder 12
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Scope and Contents

Unrelated to the house in Berlin

Notice regarding the installation of a police public address system, 1927 Oct 12	box 4	folder 13
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Untitled poem, 1939 Jul	box 4	folder 14
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Scope and Contents

Poem possibly authored by Charlotte Cramer

Scrapbook of Haus Cramer	box 8	
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Scope and Contents

Includes photographs of Haus Cramer and a handwritten document entitled "Wuensche für den Bau", along with a description of the property

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Series III: Restitution Documents

Subseries 1: Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence and documentation relating to the dissolution of H.S. Cramer G.m.b.H., 1933 Mar 31-1939 Jan 05	box 4	folder 15
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Reichsgesetzblatt originally filed with these papers-- now filed with the correspondence with the Jewish Organization</p>		
Hilda Barth to Hans Cramer, 1952 Nov 18	box 4	folder 16
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Regarding Claims on In der Halde 12</p>		
Hans Behmack, Rechtsbeistand, to Hans Cramer, 1953 Mar 28-1955 Jul 30	box 4	folder 17
Claims against Victoria Insurance Company, note inserted in file	box 4	folder 18

Charlotte Cramer-Sachs to Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer, 1951 Jun 12-1960 Mar 01	box 4	folder 19
Frederick Cramer to Hans Cramer, 1951 Jul 19-1953 May 19	box 4	folder 20
[Frederick Cramer] to Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer	box 4	folder 21
Correspondence between Hans Cramer and American Federation of Jews from Central Europe, 1949 Mar 10-1949 Mar 29	box 4	folder 22
Scope and Contents		
Includes Information Bulletin on Restitution Developments and a copy of the Reichsgesetzblatt concerning the expatriation of the German Jews		
Hans Cramer to Hans Behmack, Rechtsbeistand, 1953 Mar 23-1955 Aug 07	box 4	folder 23
Hans Cramer to the Central Filing Agency, Bad Naumheim, drafts	box 4	folder 24
Hans Cramer to Charlotte Cramer-Sachs, 1950 May 06-1951 Jun 15	box 4	folder 25
Scope and Contents		
Regarding Claims on Im Dol 45 and correspondence with Dr. Helmut Ruge		
Hans Cramer to and from the U.S. Department of State [1 of 2], 1946 Jul 12-1948 Nov 22	box 4	folder 26
Scope and Contents		
Includes copies of letters to the Finanzamt für Liegenschaften regarding claims on house in Dahlem		
Hans Cramer to and from the U.S. Department of State [2 of 2], 1948 Dec 08-1949 Jan 11	box 4	folder 27
Scope and Contents		
Includes articles from <i>Aufbau</i> , relating to restitution claims.		
Hans Cramer to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 1946 Aug 29-1946 Sep 05	box 4	folder 28
Hans Cramer to Frederick Cramer, 1952 Jul 03	box 4	folder 29
Hans Cramer to Magistrate of the City of Berlin, Department of Finance, 1946 Jul 12-1947 May 06	box 4	folder 30
Hans Cramer to Marian Peisert, 1953 Mar 06-1958 Oct 15	box 4	folder 31
Hans Cramer to Herr Reissner, 1954 Mar 15	box 4	folder 32

Hans Cramer to Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer [1 of 13], 1948 Mar 06-1948 Dec 22	box 4	folder 33
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Hans Cramer to Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer [3 of 13], 1950 Mar 07-1950 Nov 05	box 4	folder 35
Scope and Contents		
Includes copy of official claim for restitution		
Hans Cramer to Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer [4 of 13], 1951 Jan 31-1951 Dec 27	box 4	folder 36
Scope and Contents		
Regarding Claims on Cecilien Allee 18/20 and Im Dol 45		
Hans Cramer to Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer [5 of 13], 1952 Jan 10-1952 Dec 11	box 5	folder 1
Scope and Contents		
Regarding Claims on Cecilien Allee 18/20; includes original file folder		
Hans Cramer to Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer [6 of 13], 1953 Mar 05-1953 Dec 27	box 5	folder 2
Scope and Contents		
Regarding Claims on Cecilien Allee 18/20 and In Der Halde 12		
Hans Cramer to Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer [7 of 13], 1954 Jan 04-1954 Oct 01	box 5	folder 3
Scope and Contents		
Regarding Claims on In der Halde 12 and Im Dol 45		
Hans Cramer to Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer [8 of 13], 1955 Feb 02-1955 Dec 27	box 5	folder 4
Scope and Contents		
Regarding Claims on Cecilien Allee 18/20		
Hans Cramer to Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer [9 of 13], 1955 Aug 11	box 5	folder 5

Scope and Contents

Draft of letter with supporting material, including worksheets regarding Hans Cramer's claims

Hans Cramer to Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer [10 of 13], 1956 Jan 10-1956 Nov 29	box 5	folder 6
Scope and Contents		
Regarding Claims on Pacelli Allee 18/20		
Hans Cramer to Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer [11 of 13], 1957 Jan 14-1957 Dec 27	box 5	folder 7
Scope and Contents		
Regarding Claims on Pacelli Allee 18/20; includes original file folder		
Hans Cramer to Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer [12 of 13], 1958 Jan 14-1958 Dec 22	box 5	folder 8
Scope and Contents		
Regarding Lawsuit against Berlin; includes a newspaper article on the claims program		
Hans Cramer to Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer [13 of 13], 1959 Jan 14-1959 Oct 27	box 5	folder 9
Original file folder for correspondence between Hans Cramer and Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer	box 5	folder 10
Hans Cramer to Alfred Toepfer, 1958 Feb 18	box 5	folder 11
Scope and Contents		
Two copies of the letter		
Hans Cramer to Jean [?], 1951 Aug 01-1951 Sep 07	box 5	folder 12
Bernard Fischbein, Chief, Central Filing Agency, to Hans Cramer, 1949 Jul 29	box 5	folder 13
Jewish Restitution Successor Organization to Hans Cramer, 1951 Apr 09-1953 Oct 30	box 5	folder 14
Scope and Contents		
Regarding Claims on Im Dol 45		
Jewish Restitution Successor Organization to and from Dr. Helmut Ruge, 1952 Dec 12-1953 Jul 02	box 5	folder 15
Marian Peisert to Hans Cramer, 1953 Mar 14-1958 Mar 20	box 5	folder 16
Pohle Family to Hans Cramer and Charlotte Cramer, 1933 Sep 24-1934 Sep 25	box 5	folder 17

Scope and Contents

The Pohle Family helped the family with matters related to the house after they had left Germany

Reichsstelle für Devisenbewirtschaftung [National Board for the Regulation of Foreign Exchange] to Hans Cramer, 1932 May 07-1936 Mar 13	box 5	folder 18
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Scope and Contents

Regarding taxes on his Berlin-based business once he emigrated to the United States; also includes an official assessment of his assets as a Jew

Dr. A. Reithinger to Hans Cramer, 1953 Oct 26-1953 Oct 27	box 5	folder 19
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Scope and Contents

Includes handwritten drafts of letters to Dr. Ruge regarding the content of Dr. A. Reithinger's letters

Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer, to Hans Cramer [1 of 13], 1948 Mar 24-1948 Dec 16	box 5	folder 20
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Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer, to Hans Cramer [2 of 13], 1949 Mar 03-1949 Oct 10	box 5	folder 21
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Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer, to Hans Cramer [3 of 13], 1950 Jan 12-1950 Dec 29	box 5	folder 22
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Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer, to Hans Cramer [4 of 13], 1951 Jan 09-1951 Dec 19	box 5	folder 23
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Regarding Claims on Cecilien Allee 18/20 and Im Dol 45

Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer, to Hans Cramer [5 of 13], 1952 Jan 25-1952 Nov 14	box 5	folder 24
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Regarding Claims on Im Dol 45

Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer, to Hans Cramer [6 of 13], 1953 Jan 16-1953 Dec 23	box 5	folder 25
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Scope and Contents

Regarding Claims on Im Dol 45

Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer, to Hans Cramer [7 of 13], 1954 Jan 02-1954 Sep 14	box 5	folder 26
Scope and Contents		
Regarding Claims on In der Halde 12 and Im Dol 45		
Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer, to Hans Cramer [8 of 13], 1955 Jan 22-1955 Dec 05	box 5	folder 27
Scope and Contents		
Regarding Claims on Cecilien Allee 18/20 and Pacelli Allee 18/20; includes original file folder.		
Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer, to Hans Cramer. [9 of 13], 1956 Jan 04-1956 Dec 12	box 5	folder 28
Scope and Contents		
Regarding Claims on Cecilien Allee 18/20 and Pacelli Allee 18/20		
Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer, to Hans Cramer [10 of 13], 1957 Jan 07-1957 Dec 21	box 5	folder 29
Scope and Contents		
Regarding Claims on Cecilien Allee 18/20 and Pacelli Allee 18/20; includes original file folder.		
Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer, to Hans Cramer [11 of 13], 1958 Jan 10-1958 Dec 16	box 5	folder 30
Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer, to Hans Cramer [12 of 13], 1959 Jan 08-1959 Oct 24	box 5	folder 31
Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer, to Hans Cramer [13 of 13], 1960 Feb 03-1960 Apr 04	box 5	folder 32
Ilse Schiftan to and from Charlotte and Hans Cramer, 1933 Sep 25- 1940 Dec 16	box 6	folder 1
Scope and Contents		
Ilse Schiftan helped the family with matters related to the house after they had left Germany		
Willi Schweig, Custodian of Properties Transferred Under Duress in Greater Berlin, to Hans Cramer, 1949 May 18	box 6	folder 2
Alfred Toepfer to Hans Cramer, 1958 Feb 25	box 6	folder 3

Scope and Contents

Includes copy of letter from Alfred Toepfer to Dr. Helmut Ruge

Alfred Toepfer to Dr. Helmut Ruge, Lawyer, 1958 Feb 25	box 6	folder 4
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Scope and Contents

Three copies of the letter

Subseries 2: Files

Title/Description	Instances	
Muthesius, Hermann. "Die Häuser Rümelin in Heilbronn und Cramer in Dahlem." <i>Dekorative Kunst</i> , 1918 Oct 01	box 6	folder 5
Scope and Contents		
Two copies; Note mentions that a copy was sent to the Cramer's lawyer, Helmut Ruge, who handled the family's claims for restitution; water damage in need of conservation		
Notes on restitution claims and inventory of house contents, 1935 Oct 21-1954 Mar 03	box 6	folder 6
Notes attached to file folder regarding entities responsible for claims, 1948 Sep 01	box 6	folder 7
Newspaper articles from <i>Aufbau</i> on the topic of restitutions, 1949 Aug 19-1949 Dec 01	box 6	folder 8
Notes on meetings with Dr. Helmut Ruge and Mr. Ladewig, Office of Reparations, 1953 Apr 27-1953 Apr 28	box 6	folder 9
Claim for the determination of losses due to displacement or war, 1954 Mar 19	box 6	folder 10
<i>Bundesrückerstattungsgesetz</i> (Federal Restitution Laws), 1957	box 6	folder 11
Scope and Contents		
Includes some notes on the text		
Partial Judgement by the District Court of Berlin, 1958 Aug 01	box 6	folder 12
Description of house and site	box 6	folder 13
Inventory of furniture in the Turnhalle	box 6	folder 14
Notes on restitution claims	box 6	folder 15

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Series IV: Restoration/Reuse

Title/Description	Instances	
<p>Photographs of Haus Cramer after gas explosion, 1949 Feb</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Includes pamphlet on the property</p>	box 6	folder 16
<p>Correspondence, Charlotte Cramer-Sachs to Judge Rifkind, 1957 Feb 02</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Regarding the possible use of Haus Cramer by American scholars in Berlin; Includes images from articles on Haus Cramer</p>	box 7	folder 1
<p>Correspondence, Klaus Curtius, Deutsche Generalkonsul, to Charlotte Cramer-Sachs, 1969 Oct 16</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Regarding the preservation of Haus Cramer; includes copy of letter from Klaus Curtius to Rolf Schwedler, Senator für Bau- und Wohnungswesen and an article by Julius Posener on the house</p>	box 6	folder 17
<p>Correspondence, Dr. Franz Josef Strauss to Alexander Sachs, 1969 Oct 20</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Regarding the preservation of Haus Cramer</p>	box 6	folder 18
<p>Correspondence, Dr. Helmut Ruge to Charlotte Cramer-Sachs, 1976 Nov 15-1976 Nov 25</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Forwards correspondence with Herr Stoehr, the Senator für Wissenschaft und Kunst, regarding the use of Haus Cramer by Stanford in Berlin</p>	box 6	folder 19
<p>Correspondence, Dr. Julius Posener to Charlotte Cramer-Sachs, 1976 Dec 04-1991 Aug 09</p>	box 6	folder 20
<p>Posener, Julius, Dr. "Excerpts from Opening Remarks of Speech by Julius Posener on the Occasion of the Hermann Muthesius Exhibit at the Akademie der Kunste, West Berlin", 1977</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Two copies</p>	box 6	folder 21
<p>Correspondence, Charlotte Cramer-Sachs to Dr. Julius Posener, 1977 Jan 03-1993 Apr 02</p>	box 6	folder 22

"Berlin-Dahlem Pacellialle 18-20 Wiederaufbau eines Landhauses von Herman Muthesius", 1977 Mar	box 6	folder 23
Scope and Contents		
Signed by Julius Posener; publication of the Senator für Bau- und Wohnungswesen; includes photocopy		
Invitation and telegram relating to the inauguration of Stanford University's Program in Berlin, 1978 Jan 06-1978 Jan 16	box 6	folder 24
"Stanford-in-Berlin back in business with new program and a new home." <i>Campus Report</i> , 1978 Feb 01	box 6	folder 25
"Renovated Berlin villa is dedicated." <i>The Stanford Observer</i> , 1978 Feb	box 6	folder 26
Cramer-Sachs, Charlotte. "Erinnerungen an Einen Garten", 1978 Apr 08-1978 Jul 27	box 6	folder 27
Scope and Contents		
Includes a plan of the garden and a letter from the government in Berlin, thanking Charlotte Cramer-Sachs for her help in reconstructing the garden		
<i>Muthesius</i> . Architettura Monografie, 1981	box 8	
Scope and Contents		
Inscribed "For Charlotte, with love, P & R, September 1984" P & R refers to Pooh Randall (Lilian né Cramer) and Richard Randall, Jr.		
Correspondence, Pooh (Lilian) and Richard Randall to Charlotte Cramer-Sachs, 1984 Sep 18	box 6	folder 28
Scope and Contents		
Letter accompanying the Muthesius monograph, given to Charlotte by the Randalls; inserted into the book with a color photograph of the house, marking the section dealing with Haus Cramer		
Posener, Julius. <i>Fast so alt wie das Jahrhundert</i> , 1990	box 8	
Scope and Contents		
Inscribed "Für Frau Charlotte Cramer Sachs, in deren Haus ich und der Student verliebt habe, Herzlichst, Julius Posener 30.11.90"		
Text on the artist Charlo, on the letterhead of Mrs. Alexander Sachs	box 6	folder 29

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Found at the back of Julius Posener's *Fast so alt wie das Jahrhundert*

Photographs of Haus Cramer and S-Bahn Station in Dahlem, 1993 Jul	box 6	folder 30
Muthesius, Hermann. <i>Style-Architecture and Building-Art: Transformations of Architecture in the Nineteenth Century and its Present Condition</i> , 1994	box 8	
Packet of information on Haus Cramer, 1995 May 08-2001 Nov 15 and undated	box 6	folder 31
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Includes multiple descriptions of the house, an excerpt from a book on the restoration of the house, a photo of members of the Stanford program with a portrait of Charlotte Cramer, and some correspondence between Charlotte Cramer-Sachs and Stanford.</p>		
Correspondence, Dr. Karen Kramer, Director of the Stanford in Berlin Study Center, to Charlotte Cramer-Sachs, 1995 Jul 31-2001 Dec 17	box 6	folder 32
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Faxed letter and photocopies, includes articles on the purchase of Haus Cramer by Stanford University and photographs of an event at the house in July of 2001</p>		
Correspondence, Charlotte Cramer-Sachs to Dr. Karen Kramer, 1998 Jan 15	box 6	folder 33
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Includes material on the purchase of Haus Cramer by Stanford</p>		
Photographs of Haus Cramer and garden, 1999 Oct	box 6	folder 34
Report on the reconstruction of Haus Cramer, Jana John and Linda Bollenberg, 2000 Apr 03-2000 Apr 24	box 6	folder 35
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Includes correspondence between Charlotte Cramer-Sachs and Jana, John and Linda Bollenberg</p>		
Correspondence, Bettinna Biedermann to Charlotte Cramer-Sachs, 2004 Feb 04	box 6	folder 36

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Regarding inclusion in a book on prominent residents
of Dahlem

"Berlin-Dahlem Cecilienallee 18-20"

box 6

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Three copies

Photograph of Haus Cramer

box 6

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Found with bills and receipts

Posener, Julius, Dr. "Ein unersetzliches Berliner Haus:
Fragen zum anscheinend unaufhaltsamen Abriß unserer
Villenvororte." *Der Tagesspiegel*

box 6

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Four copies

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