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University of Southern Indiana's Center for Communal Studies receives valuable collection: Harmonist Society research collection comes home

One of the nation's most valuable collections of research on the Harmony Society has been contributed to the University of Southern Indiana's Center for Communal Studies. The massive collections of Dr. Karl J.R. Arndt, professor at Clark University, Massachusetts, comprising more than 42 cartons of materials, was donated by Dr. Arndt's widow, Hedi. Dr. Arndt, who died in 1991, spent 50 years collecting and researching materials about the Harmonist Society. His research culminated in 11 books and numerous articles about Father George Rapp's Harmonists.

The extensive Arndt collection, with many documents in German script, will be catalogued by Mrs. Gina Walker, library assistant in USI's Special Collections and University Archives department of the Rice Library at USI. The material soon will be available for research.

Dr. Donald Pitzer, professor of history and director of the Center for Communal Studies, expressed appreciation to Mrs. Arndt for uniting Dr. Arndt's collection with those of other scholars of communitarianism. "These materials will be an important research resource for students, faculty, and the projected master's program in Communal Studies," Dr. Pitzer said.

Additional information is available from Dr. Pitzer, 812.464.1727.