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Papers of Werner Bienert, 1903-1979, German migrant to Scotland, language teacher and writer.

Werner Bienert was born in Thale Am Harz, Germany in 1902 to a sawmill owner. His early life until 1922 was spent working in the timber trade in Germany and Holland before moving to Edinburgh, Scotland in 1924 on a year's visa. There he met his future wife, Rose Tinney, with whom he had three children. They were married in 1925 before Bienert was forced to move back to Germany, settling in Hamburg.

The Bienerts returned to Edinburgh in 1927 where Werner became a graduate of the University of Edinburgh (1928-33). He then attended Moray House Training College becoming a fully-fledged teacher of languages including German, French, English and Latin. Between 1940 and 1949 he taught at various schools throughout Britain in areas including Wrexham, Dunstable, Kinross-shire and Edinburgh. Bienert had always been an eager writer and enrolled in correspondence courses at the London College of Authorship, the London School of Journalism and the School of Successful Writing. He wrote several articles for a variety of magazines between 1938 and 1964 as well as several unpublished short stories, gradually changing his name to Walter Benert.

The papers mainly consist of letters between Rose and Werner Bienert as well as other family members, together with the family's personal documents. Also included are Bienert's diaries from 1932-1979. As Bienert was a keen writer, the collection also includes both his published and unpublished work from 1925 to 1964 as well as several undated pieces. Also of interest are two manuscripts written by Bienert detailing his early life, beginning in Germany in 1902, up to his death in 1988.

Presented, 2015.

The collection has been arranged into the following series:

1-14	Correspondence
15-16	Diaries
17-24	Unpublished Works
25	Personal Documents
26	Published Works
27-29	Miscellaneous

1-8 Correspondence to Werner Bienert

1. 1903-1918, all in German.
2. July 1918-July 1923.
3. 1 July 1923-9 September 1924.
4. 10 September 1924-26 February 1926, mostly in German.
5. 1 January 1931-31 December 1936, all in German.
6. 31 January 1937-17 December 1941, in German and English.
7. 1 January 1942-30 June 1945.
8. 1943-1962.

9-14 Correspondence to Rose Bienert

9. 11 July 1925-20 December 1926.
10. 1 January 1927-31 December 1933, some in German.
11. 1 January 1934-31 December 1941.
12. 7 October 1924-30 April 1968.
13. 14 January 1942-14 December 1944.
14. 1 January 1945-31 August 1953.

15-16 Diaries

15. 1932-1945.
16. 1947-1979.

17-24 Unpublished Works

17. Various unpublished short stories (20), undated.
18. Various unpublished short stories (10), undated with some in German.
19. Two essays on regions of Germany with research materials, undated.
20. Correspondence with the London School of Journalism including several short stories (13), 12 June 1925- 22 July 1943.
21. Coursework from the London School of Journalism and the London College of Authorship.
22. Two novels.
 - Untitled novel, undated.
 - Between Two Worlds*, undated.
23. *My Life 1902-?* (Page 1-141).
24. *My Life 1902-?* (Page 1-394).

25 Published Articles

25. Published articles (9) 1938-1964.
 - Holidays in Germany* in 'The Torch of Truth', monthly journal for the New University Society Edinburgh, June 1938.
 - A Holiday Hint* in 'The Catholic Fireside', magazine, 13 February 1959.
 - Praeceptor Germaniae* in 'The Scottish Educational Journal', 29 April 1960.
 - Among the Saints in Little Britain* in 'The Catholic Fireside', magazine, 23 June 1961.

Holidays on Friendly Belgian Shores in 'The Catholic Fireside', magazine, 28 July 1961.

A Holiday Visit to the Little Flower in 'The Catholic Fireside', magazine, 18 August 1961.

An Altar Piece that gave Hope to the Sick in 'The Catholic Fireside', magazine, 21 September 1962.

Learn a Language- Here's How! in 'Psychology magazine', April 1963

An Alpine Holiday the Easy Way in 'The Catholic Fireside', magazine, 14 February 1964.

26 Personal Documents

26. Various personal documents of Werner and Rose Bienert including certificates (in German and English), diplomas, passports and registration cards, 1908-1967.

27-29 Miscellaneous

27. Various newspaper and magazine cuttings, qualifications, photographs and WWII pamphlets (includes Fire Guard paraphernalia), 1939-1959.
28. Sketch books 1932-74.
29. Various certificates and awards (5), 1918-1946.