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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Carl Auer Von Welsbach Letter
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0438
Date:	1890.
Extent:	1 Item
Creator:	Welsbach, Carl Auer von, Baron Forscher, Frederick
Language:	German In German.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Frederick Forscher, December 19, 1991.

Ownership and Custodial History

Donor's maternal grandmother was chief accountant for the Austrian Gas and Electric Company, and the letter was part of her estate.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Baron Carl Auer von Welsbach was born in Vienna, September 1858. He studied at the Vienna Polytechnic and at Heidelberg. In 1885 he patented an incandescent gas mantle which gave gas a new lease on life for illumination in the face of growing competition from electricity. He sold the patent to the Austrian Gas and Electric Company in 1890. Welsbach died August 1929.

Scope and Contents

Letter, written by Carl Auer Von Welsbach to the Austrian Gas and Electric Company, February 23, 1890. It records his sale to that utility of the gaslight mantle he invented.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Chemists -- 1880-1900 -- Austria
Gas light fixtures -- 1880-1900 -- Austria
Inventors -- 1880-1900

Types of Materials:

Correspondence -- 1880-1900 -- Austria

Names:

Austrian Gas and Electric Company