

Noel Deisch Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Noel Deisch Papers

Span Dates: 1910-1937

ID No.: MSS84107

Creator: Deisch, Noel, 1892-1978

Extent: 150 items; 1 container; 0.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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Abstract: Patent drafter. Typescript with holograph notes and corrections of Deisch's monograph, *The Navigation of Interplanetary Space: A Study of the Question (Problem) of Flights to Other Worlds*, the first serious scientific treatise in English on space travel; together with correspondence, articles, biographical material, and other papers relating to Deisch's patents and awards.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Personal Names

Deisch, Noel, 1892-1978.

Subjects

Interplanetary voyages.

Space flight.

Occupations

Drafters.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Noel Deisch, patent drafter, were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1997.

Processing History:

The papers of Noel Deisch were arranged and described in 1998. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Noel Deisch is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions:

The papers of Noel Deisch are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Noel Deisch Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of John Noel Deisch (1892-1978) span the years 1910-1937 and consist of a typescript with holographic notes and corrections of Deisch's monograph, *The Navigation of Interplanetary Space: A Study of the Question (Problem) of Flights to Other Worlds*, articles by Deisch, correspondence, biographical material, and miscellaneous material relating to Deisch's patents and awards. The focus is on the typescript of *Navigation of Interplanetary Space*, an early scientific treatise in English on space travel. Although Deisch received some training in biology, chemistry, and mechanical engineering and worked for most of his life as a patent draftsman, he seems to have been essentially self taught in the field of astronautics.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

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BOX 1	Biographical material and material regarding patents, awards, and citations to Deisch's writings 1929, undated
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1920-1937, undated
BOX 1	Writings
BOX 1	Articles, 1910-1932
BOX 1	<i>The Navigation of Interplanetary Space: A Study of the Question (Problem) of Flights to Other Worlds</i> , 1926 (5 folders)