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Title: An Inventory of the Camp Greeley POW Collection

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Creator or Collector: Hirtens, Helmut

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Abstract:

This collection consists of one letter dated 1998 August 26th from Ruth & H. Hirtens to Mr. & Mrs. Damschroder. In the letter Helmut Hirtens describes his experiences as a German prisoner of war during World War II at Camp Greeley and Camp Gould, both located in Colorado.

Scope and Content Note:

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Biography of Helmut Hirtens:

Helmut Hirtens was a member of the 5th Paratrooper Division in the German Army during World War II. After the "Ardennen Offensive," he was captured by American troops and sent to several camps in France, Camp Chaffee/Arkansas, and arrived in Camp Greeley in April 1945. When Camp Greeley and Gould were closed in December 1945, he was transferred to other destinations in the United States and England. He was released on June 24, 1948.

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Dr. Janet E. Worrall at the request of Helmut Hirtens

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Subjects:

Hirtens, Helmut.

Prisoners of war -- United States -- Colorado -- Greeley.

Prisoners of war -- Germany.

World War, 1939-1945 -- Prisoners and prisons, American.

Camp Gould (Gould, Colo.)

Camp Greeley (Greeley, Colo.)

Gould (Colo.) -- History.

Greeley (Colo.) -- History.

Inventory:

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Camp Greeley POW	SC 86		Box 1	Folder 1 – Helmut Hirtens	Letter dated 1998 August 26 th from Ruth & H. Hirtens to Mr. & Mrs. Damschroder