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➤ **Carl and Jacqueline Zerner and Family** ◀  
**Association of two Toledos, 1981 – 1988**

MSS-119

**Size:** approx. 5 lin. ft.

**Provenance:** Received from Carl Zerner on June 27, 1996.

**Access:** open

**Collection Summary:** Austrian immigrant to Toledo, Ohio, Attorney and past president of the Association of two Toledos, an organization created to promote cultural exchange between sister cities of Toledo, Ohio and Toledo, Spain (b.1913); Activist and English professor (1927-?)  
Collection contains pamphlets, programs, magazines, books, mementos and artifacts (Spanish dagger, flags, tie, sculpture, and armor), and visual materials (postcards and photographs) all related to the Zerners' involvement in the Association of Two Toledos.

**Subjects:** [Civic Interests](#) [Music, Art, Drama, and Theatre](#) and [Travel](#)

**Related Collections:** Association of Two Toledos Collection, 1609-2002, MSS-071; John Yeager Association of Two Toledos Collection, MSS-120

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**Biographical Sketch**

Carl Zerner was born on September 14, 1913, in Vienna, Austria. He graduated from the University of Vienna in 1938. He left his native Austria in 1938 for England and in 1940 he immigrated to the United States. Zerner served in U. S. Army counter intelligence at The Pentagon. Zerner assisted in Nuremberg as a German-speaking trial lawyer. Zerner gained U.S. citizenship in 1944 and later established an accounting firm in Toledo, Ohio in 1947.

Jacqueline L. Zerner was born in Long Beach, California on November 28, 1927. She graduated from the University of Southern California with a Doctorate in English Literature. She was president of the League of Women Voters of New Jersey, and Sister Cities International for the State of Ohio, in Washington, D.C. from 1980-81.

Carl Zerner was president of the Toledo Chapter of the Association of Two Toledos from 1981-1984. Jacqueline Zerner was secretary and treasurer. Their son, Michael C. Zerner, was a corresponding secretary for the non-profit organization.

Zerner began his tenure as president of the Association of Two Toledos at a very important time, when a great deal of planning needed to be done to prepare for the organization's Fiftieth Anniversary celebration in 1981. Committees and subcommittees were set up to explore different means of raising funds for the celebration.

The Fiftieth Anniversary celebration was a success. In 1981, the Association of Two Toledos was awarded recognition for their anniversary celebration. Twice the Reader's Digest Sister Cities International named the Toledo chapter the "Best Single Project Award," for cities with a population over 300,000, and for the international exhibition "El Greco," respectively. Both awards were presented to the Association of Two Toledo's in 1982. Jacqueline Zerner was essential in coordinating and finally in bringing the "El Greco" exhibition to the Toledo Museum of Art in 1982.

Carl and Jacqueline Zerner and Family have been instrumental in the continuation of the well established relationship between the Sister Cities of Toledo, Ohio and Toledo, Spain. Zerner and his son remain active in the organization. Jacqueline L. Zerner died on February 12, 1996.

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**Scope and Content Note**

The *Carl and Jacqueline Zerner and Family Association of Two Toledos Collection* contains four series. These series comprise the following: **Printed Materials**; **Artifacts**; **Visual Materials**; and **Audio Materials** series.

The **Printed Materials Series** contains: exhibition catalogs; “*El Greco of Toledo: An International Exhibition*,” is comprised of 3 volumes and has different news clipping reviews of the “El Greco” tour. (Box 1) This series also includes pamphlets and programs of different dinners, banquets and celebration that occurred for the fiftieth anniversary and photocopies of cathedrals in Toledo, Spain. (Box 1)

The publications section of the **Printed Materials Series** includes magazines, and books. “*Descripcion de La Imperial Ciudad de Toledo*,” “*Historia de Toledo*,” are all titles which have been translated into English. (Box 1) There are other titles included in this series as well. “*La Reconquista de Toledo por Alfonso VI*” (*The Reconquest of Toledo by Alfonso VI*), is a book written entirely in Spanish that tells the story of how Alfonso VI was able to defeat, and then regain control of Spain from the Moors who ruled Spain for 800 years.

The **Artifacts Series** consists of mementos and souvenirs: a small dagger; flags; a Spanish silk tie; sculptural knights and armor; and wine gift bottles are also included (Box 1-2).

Postcards of Granada and Toledo, Spain and other places, make up part of the items in the **Visual Materials Series** of the collection. (Box 1) Also included in this series are the Photographic materials section, including portraits of King Carlos of Spain, and Carl Zerner, respectively (Box 3).

“*Musica Recuerdo de Toledo*,” a 45 RPM, is the lone item in the **Audio Visual Series**, the final series of the collection (Box 1).

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**Folder List**

<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>	<b>SERIES</b>	<b>ITEM</b>
1	1	Biography and Organizational History	1983-91
	2	Printed Materials: Exhibitions	“El Greco of Toledo” (Vol. I)
	3		“El Greco of Toledo” (Vol. II)
	4		“El Greco of Toledo” (Vol. III)
	5	Maps	“El Toledo Del Greco,” (Documento I-IX) *
	6		“Travelers Map of Spain and Portugal” (National Geographic Society, 1984) *
	7	Pamphlets	“Association of Two Toledos, 1674-1987, A Collection Guide”
	8		“El Greco of Toledo: An International Exhibition”
	9		“International Institute of Greater” Toledo: Annual Awards”
	10		“Rosary Cathedral”
	11		“Sister Cities International Annual Banquet, 1982”
	12	Programs	“IX Centenario De La Reconquista De Toledo”
	13		“IX Centenario De La Reconquista De Toledo”
	14		“The 50th Anniversary Year As Two Toledos Meet, 1931-81”
	15		“Banquet: Toledo USA/Spain !50th Anniversary!(blue)” 1981
	16		“Banquet: Toledo USA/Spain !50th Anniversary (green)” 1981
	17		“Banquet: Toledo USA/Spain! 50th Anniversary! (red)” 1981
	18	Publications	“Toledo: Boletin de Informacion Municipal (3)”
	19		“El Greco of Toledo: A Study of Its Economic Impact, 1982”
	20		“Descripcion de La Imperial Ciudad de Toledo, 1974”
	21		“Historia de Toledo, 1976”
	22		“Museum Magazine: „El Greco, 1982””
	23		“La Reconquista de Toledo por Alfonso VI, 1980”

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	24		“Temas Toledanos, 1982”
	25		“National Geographic: „When the Moors Ruled Spain“ (article), 1988”
	26	Photocopies	“La Cathedral”
	27	Visual Materials: Postcards	“Granada, Spain(11)”
	28		“Miscellaneous (10)”
	29		“Toledo, Spain(20)”
	30	Audio Visual: 45 RPM	“Musica Recuerdo de Toledo, 1966”
	31	Artifacts	“El Greco of Toledo”
	32		“El Greco of Toledo”
	33		“Small Ceremonial Dagger”
	34		“Toledo Ciudad Sin Tiempo”
	35		“Toledo, Spain Tie”
2	1		“IX Centenario De La Reconquista De Toledo(2)”
	2		“Toledo USA/Spain! 50th Anniversary!”(flag)
	3		“Toledo USA/Spain! 50th Anniversary!”(flag)
	4		“Wooden Spanish Crest-Mounted Shield with Swords” (6 swords 7.5cm; 12.5cm; 17cm; 18.5cm; 21.8cm; 21cm)
	5		“Tio Felipe, Vino Rosado,1975” (Spanish wine)
	6		“Tio Felipe, Vino Rosado,1975” (Spanish wine)
	7		“Sculptural Gift”: dog and rabbit on marble base (tail broken but attached), inscription: “De Toledo (Espana) a Carl Zerner, 10/4/81” (17.5cm h x 7.5cm w)
	8		“Armadura”; knight and armor with sword dressed in red felt on marble base (22cm h x 5.5 cm w)
	10		“Armadura”; knight and armor with sword on marble base, broken in half (22cm h x 7 cm w)
3	1	Visual Materials: Menu	“Gala Banquet menu with sword, 1981” (framed)
	2	Photographs	“Carl Zerner and Former President Bush, Washington, DC”(framed)
	3		“Carl Zerner presenting King of Spain with a Labino glass sculpture (framed)
4	Oversize		“Miscellaneous Photo album” (photographs)

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and news clippings)^

**NOTE:**

R-4 = Range 4

\* = oversize cabinet, drawer

^ = oversize area

\*\* = locked file cabinet