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IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference:	RMA
Title:	Rudolf Majut papers
Dates:	1918-1966
Level:	fonds
Extent and Medium:	7 boxes
Name of Creator:	Majut, Rudolf (1887-1981) German literary scholar

CONTEXT

Biographical/Administrative History: Rudolf Majut was born in Vienna on 13 March 1887 into a family of Jewish origin. He received his early education there and, at the age of ten, moved with his family to Breslau (now Wroclaw) and then Berlin. In Berlin he began his studies in Germanistik, completing them at Greifswald. He obtained his doctorate in 1912 with a thesis entitled 'Farbe und Licht im Kunstgefühl Georg Büchners'. Büchner became the focal point of his research and this opened the gates for a spate of subsequent study and publication by others. However, Majut may be regarded as a pioneer of Büchner research.

Majut was promoted to 'Studienrat', a post equivalent to a teacher in a secondary school but with Civil Servant status. He began studying for the 'Habilitation' in contemporary German literature and planned to try for a chair in pedagogics. His plans foundered with the advent of the National Socialist regime. In 1933 he was dismissed from the teaching profession due to his non-Aryan descent and additionally found it increasingly difficult to publish his research.

Although he was already in his mid-forties, Majut began to study evangelical theology at the University of Basle. For the first few years he commuted daily over the Swiss/German border, being unable to get papers to stay abroad, but for his final year, 1938-39, he left German territory and took up residence in Basle. He had been warned of the personal dangers posed by the Nazi regime in Germany by a young woman from Berlin, Käthe Genetat, who became his wife and life's companion. Their correspondence in those difficult years was preserved by a friend, Eva Hellbardt, who acted as a 'post restante', and has been published as *Briefe für Käthe 1933-37. Eine Auswahl*, edited by Heinz Fischer (1995).

In 1939 Majut received a personal invitation from the Bishop of Chichester, Dr George Kennedy Allen Bell, to come to England. Dr Bell operated a support organisation for Christian ministers of Jewish descent. Majut accepted and left Switzerland with Käthe, arriving in London in May 1939. For a short period he was vicar at the Sefton Internment Camp on the Isle of Man. Then he was obliged to carry out gardening work at Redbrook, which he found totally unconvivial. In 1941 he came to Leicester and accepted a post as teacher of German in a secondary school. Later he was appointed lecturer first at Vaughan and then at Loughborough Colleges. Eventually he joined the staff of Leicester University as a Lecturer, and when he retired he was an Honorary Professor. In 1970 he was awarded the 'German Bundesverdienstkreuz' First Class.

Majut belonged to the group of literary Expressionists and was later in contact with members of the Stefan George-Kreis, principally with Melchior Lechter, who became the subject of an essay by Majut. His publications ranged from standard literary history and criticism, through philological and lexicological studies to volumes of his own poetry, the product of his life-long study of the German language combined with a truly creative talent. Many of the poems, originally published in six parts and then combined in a collected edition edited by his wife in 1994, reflect his personal experiences and emotions particularly as a refugee.

CONTENT

Scope and Content: Correspondence and papers of Rudolf Majut, including typescripts of works by Rudolf and his brother Hans.

ACCESS AND USE

Language of Scripts: English, German

System of Arrangement: Divided into two series: Typescripts and Correspondence.

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- RMA.1.1.1 Der verlorene Sohn** **1928**
Text of a Christmas story by Hans Majut (1892-1937). Published in 'Deutsche Monatshefte' (Berlin), Heft 12, Dezember, pp 616-628.
36 pages
- RMA.1.1.2 Weltseele** **undated**
[c1918-1937]
Book of 123 poems by Hans Majut. Filed with a small handwritten note (in Rudolf Majut's hand) on the back of a till receipt, which does not seem to have any relevance to the text.
128 pages
- RMA.1.2.1 Das Lied von den Schuhen** **[?1945]**
(i) A poem by Rudolf Majut, probably composed after the official report on the opening up of the Nazi extermination camps. It muses over the rows of children's shoes whose former owners have been committed to the gas ovens (4 pages).
(ii) Letter from Rudolf Hirsch, S Fischer-Verlag, Frankfurt am Main, refusing to publish the poem which they consider unsuitable both in form and subject matter (May 1961). Envelope annotated by Majut.
(iii) Old envelope containing Majut's MS notes concerning Thomas Mann's appreciation of the poem.
3 items
- RMA.1.2.2 Aussprache im österreichischen Rundfunk...** **1953 June 11**
2 copies of the text of a broadcast made over Austrian national radio by Rudolf Majut, on the topic of autobiographical reminiscences. With MS annotations initialled 'R M'.
6 pages

- RMA.2.BAR From Karl Barth, theologian, to Majut** **1938 May 31**
 Postcard requesting him to report to the secretariat of the University to complete his registration. Address: Basel.
 1 item
- RMA.2.BAU From Professor Walter Baumgartner, Hebrew scholar, to Majut** **1938-1949**
 Postcards and letter (with envelope) inviting Majut and his wife to visit; reminiscences of the pre-war days. Address: Basel. One postcard seems to be signed by M (not W) Baumgartner - possibly Walter Baumgartner's wife.
 4 items
- RMA.2.BEH From Otto Behagel to Majut** **[?]1924 May 10**
 Postcard re item missing from the bibliography of his latest work. Address: Giessen.
 1 item
- RMA.2.BEL From George K A Bell, Bishop of Chichester, to Majut** **1939 June-December**
 Letters thanking Majut for his greetings on his ten-year jubilee; honorary degree from Basel University. Sends greetings and sympathy in return plus offers of help from the Church of England Committee for Non-Aryan Christians, from Rev C C Griffiths (St Leonards on Sea). Address: The Palace, Chichester.
 3 items
- RMA.2.BERGE From Fritz Bergemann to Majut** **1929-1962**
 Letters, postcards and newscuttings: cuttings concern the writer Hanns Johst and a novel by Kasimir Edschmid. Address: Berlin-Steglitz.
 28 items

- RMA.2.BERGM From Alfred Bergmann to Majut** **1962-1970**
 Letters (some with envelopes). Address:
 Detmold-Schanze, Amselweg 2.
 20 items
- RMA.2.BIE From Wilhelm Bietak to Majut** **1932 March 23, 1932 April 04**
 Letters (one with envelope) thanking Majut for reviewing his book [no details specified]; discussion of his perception of Biedermeier; gives a few personal details, very grateful for Majut's interest in his studies. Warmest thanks for the article on Goethe and the 'Studien um Büchner', has read the former with great enjoyment and will get in touch again when he has thoroughly digested the latter. Address: Vienna.
 2 items
- RMA.2.BIT From Jethro Bithell to Majut** **1944-1962**
 Correspondence: details of individual letters and postcards are given at item level. Address (unless stated otherwise): Trevergy, 17 Mennaye Road, Penzance, Cornwall.
 110 items
- RMA.2.BIT(A) From Alice Emily Bithell to Rudolf and Käthe Majut** **1949, 1962**
 Correspondence with Jethro ('Jet') Bithell's second wife Alice (née Eastlake). Details of individual letters are given at item level.
 9 items
- RMA.2.BIT(E) From Ethel Rose Bithell (first wife of Jethro Bithell) to Majut** **1945 June 05**
 Postcard explaining that her husband is ill and cannot deal with any business. Address: Trevergy, 17 Mennaye Road, Penzance, Cornwall.
 1 item

- RMA.2.BOH From Theodor Bohner, historian and writer, to Majut** **1931-1963**
 Letters and postcards, including notification of Theodor Bohner's death in February 1963. Address: Berlin.
 24 items
- RMA.2.BÖL From Heinrich ('Heini') Böll to Majut** **1960**
January 18
 Illustrated postcard depicting Peruvian gold vessels. No address.
 1 item
- RMA.2.BRA From Alois Leonhard Brandl to Majut** **1933-1935**
 Letters acknowledging manuscripts sent. Discussion of commentaries for two Liliencron letters. Address: Berlin.
 3 items
- RMA.2.BRE From Hans [?]Brendicke to Majut** **1918 May**
15
 Postcard re [?]school matters. Address: Berlin W30.
 1 item
- RMA.2.DOD From Heimito von Doderer, novelist, to Majut** **1959**
January 06,
1960 May
27
 Letters (with envelopes) re having been busy in Berlin and Rome for the previous six months or so; has lectured at Queen's College Oxford after the War; delighted with the offprint and concurs with Majut's point of view re Musil and Gutzkow. Very pleased to receive some of Majut's poems; warm appreciation and looks forward to the sixth forthcoming volume 'Reimchronik' which reminds

him of Otacher von der Geul. Address:
Währingerstraße 50, Vienna IX.

2 items

RMA.2.EHR From Gustav Ehrismann to Majut 1917-1938

Letters and postcards (some illustrated): views depicted include Greifswald, Heidelberg, Potsdam and the Black Forest. Address: (i) Greifswald; (ii) Heidelberg; (iii) Berlin-Grunewald. Enclosures include: death notice for his wife, Emma, née Pregizer; hymn sheet for the memorial service for Adolf Lasson (1832-1917).

60 items

RMA.2.ELS From Hanns Martin Elster, writer and critic, to Majut 1919-1930

Letter re agreement to try to publish Majut's poems. Invitation from the PEN-Club to a lecture by Paul Valéry. Circular on behalf of 'Künstlerdank' - subscription reminder and notice of extra publications. Address: Berlin.

3 items

RMA.2.FOR From Professor Leonard Wilson Forster, University College London, to Majut 1958 May 01, 1959 November 23

Postcard and letter (with envelope) acknowledging article on Melchior Lechter for 'German Life and Letters'; warm thanks for copy of 2nd edition of Majut's history of the modern German novel. Address: University College London, Gower Street, WC1. Date of postcard taken from the postmark.

2 items

RMA.2.GEN From Professor Felix Genzmer to Majut 1950, 1953

Letter (with envelope) and postcard discussing German spells and charms; thanks for sending article on the Hilderbrandslied. Address: Tübingen.

2 items

- RMA.2.GIL From Professor Alexander Gillies to Majut [1956]-1959**
 Letters and illustrated postcard (of The Manor House at Knaresborough, Yorkshire) acknowledging offprints of articles and the 2nd edition of Majut's history of the German novel. Address: Department of German, University of Leeds.
 4 items
- RMA.2.GÖT From Professor Alfred Götze, etymologist to Majut 1933 January 04**
 Postcard (with representation of impala from the Frauenbund der Deutschen Kolonialgesellschaft) accepting with thanks Majut's suggestions for the definition of Biedermeier in the Etymologisches Wörterbuch. Address: Gießen.
 1 item
- RMA.2.HARD From Hermann Harder, scholar, to Majut 1931 July 17, 1932 May 08, 1932 May 27**
 Letters (with envelopes) expressing the wish to see Majut before he leaves for Sylt; discussion of women's names; working on his novel; has been reading Münchhausen; cannot send Majut the article he wanted until after the holidays. Illustrated black and white postcard (of the sand dunes on Sylt) re beneficial sojourn by the North Sea; sends Whitsun greetings. Address: Parkstraße 24, Berlin-Parkaus.
 3 items
- RMA.2.HARD(A) From Adelheid Harder (Mrs Hermann Harder) to Majut 1960-1962**

Letters (with envelopes) offering congratulations on Majut's professorship and regretting that he and Hermann Harder did not gain posts at German universities; admires his work; wonders if he would settle in the new Germany; compares Bochum with Berlin; enquires on behalf of a friend whether the University of Leicester runs Summer Schools? Has been busy with school trips and the visit of her daughter and grandchild; thanks him for sending a volume of his poetry; her youngest daughter and her granddaughter are very musical and enjoy the sound of the poetry; misses her husband Hermann who had been invited to be assistant to Professor Deutschbein, she is still in contact with Mrs Deutschbein; her work as a teacher keeps her very busy and she enjoys it; asks Majut's advice about publishing her husband's work, especially presenting it in typewritten form; she would like to do this while she is still able. Has only just learnt of Majut's 75th birthday and sends warm congratulations; has two sets of leave coming up to study English; warns him he may get a letter from her daughter who is coming to England for a few weeks in July; her son is getting married, her younger son wants to study for his doctorate in chemistry; despite support from Dr [?]Lentz she has been unsuccessful in getting her husband's work published since it is a legacy of the National Socialist period; would be delighted if they met up at a reunion. Address: Bochum.

3 items

RMA.2.HARI From Jakob Haringer, poet, to Majut

**[c1930,
1932]**

Postcards sending effusive thanks and good wishes. Address: (i) Salzburg; (ii) Berlin-Charlottenberg. Address of the second card taken from the postmark.

2 items

RMA.2.HAV From Julius Havemann to Majut

**1920 April-
September**

Letters (with envelopes) expressing pleasure at Majut's review of his work but regrets that Majut finds his poetry disappointing; it has been suggested the volume of poems be enlarged to honour his fiftieth birthday by the city of Lübeck; the French have shown their appreciation too; discusses the poems, their publication and his Novellen; enquires after Dr Köhler. Grateful for Majut's review of his 'Gottin der Vernunft'; goes on to discuss his work. Address: Huxstraße 55, Lübeck.

2 items

RMA.2.HEI From Bernt von Heiseler, writer, to Rudolf and Käthe Majut 1959-1968

Letter, and cards, including a printed notice of the death of his mother, Emy von Heiseler, in 1960. Address: Brannenburg am Inn, Upper Bavaria.

23 items

RMA.2.HERR From Max Herrmann, theatre historian, to Majut 1929-1937

Letters. Address: Berlin-Zehlendorf.

9 items

RMA.2.HES From Hermann Hesse, writer, to Majut 1932-1937

Postcards (illustrated with woodcuts by Hesse, one from a watercolour by him) and a poem: 'Jesus und die Armen'. Address: (i) Berlin-Charlottenburg; (ii) Burg-Aargau. Date taken from the postmark (partly obliterated by the removal of the stamp).

3 items

RMA.2.HOF From Ruth Hoffmann, writer, to Majut 1957 August-December

Letters and lettercard (all with envelopes) saying she is gratified that Majut has reviewed her work in his history of the German novel; asks that some extra citations be included in the new edition; discusses the lyric and his works on Lebensbühne und Marionetten and Studien über Büchner; sends

Christmas and New Year greetings. Address:
Waldsängerpfad 4, Berlin-Schlachtensee.

3 items

RMA.2.HOLT **From Hans Egon Holthusen, President of the Bavarian Academy of Fine Arts, to Majut** **1952**
October 10
Letter (with envelope) thanking Majut for his discussion of Holthusen's essay on the later Rilke. Address: Munich.

1 item

RMA.2.HOU **From Professor Heinrich Hubert Houben to [Hermann] Kügler** **1930**
February
21, 1930
February 29

Letter and postcard re the iniquitous level of fee or honorarium for writing articles; further humorous comments on lecturing and writing articles. Address: Planetenstraße 1, Berlin-Neukölln. Date of postcard taken from the postmark.

2 items

RMA.2.JUN **From Ernst Junger to Majut** **1957**
February 23

Postcard acknowledging receipt of an article. Address: Wilflingen über Riedlingen.

1 item

RMA.2.KOC **From Franz Koch to Majut** **1955-1962**

Letters (with envelopes) and postcards (one illustrated with photograph of the Landhaus Portal, Linz). Topics covered include discussion of E G Kolbenheyer, and Koch's experiences in Berlin during and after World War II. Address: Tübingen.

9 items

RMA.2.KOC(H) **From Herbert Koch to Dr Koehler (Berlin Wilmersdorf)** **1953**
August 03

Illustrated postcard (of 'Alpenwirtschaft - Knappenhütte') re has received Majut's communication; therefore announces their probable date of arrival back in Berlin and would like Majut to make their reservations for them. Address: St Obai, Tyrol.

1 item

RMA.2.KOC(M) From Professor Max Koch, literary historian to Majut 1916, 1925

Letter (with envelope) and postcard expressing great interest in Majut's career. Returns New Year's greetings; is in good health for his age. Address: (i) Bergmannstraße, Berlin SW29; (ii) Leibniz-Gymnasium, Berlin SO26.

2 items

RMA.2.KRE From Ernst Krenek, composer, to Majut 1929-1930

Letters (with envelopes) requesting and acknowledging offprints of one of Majut's articles [not specified] which he would like sent on to his publishers as well; thanks for Majut's poems. Address: Vienna. Postage stamps removed and postmarks obliterated.

3 items

RMA.2.KRO From Professor Hendrick Willen Jan Kroes to Majut 1958-1960

Postcards thanking Majut for sending various copies of his works - particularly interested in Majut's comments on Biedermeier with which he compares Goethe's 'Hermann und Dorothea'; points out a few minor errors. Address: The Hague.

4 items

RMA.2.LAN From Paul Landau, literary historian, to Majut 1929-1933

Letters (with envelopes). Address: Akazien-Allee 17 ii, Berlin-Charlottenberg.

4 items

- RMA.2.LAS From Professor Agathe Lasch to Majut 1929 February 28**
- Card (with envelope) explaining that she is working on a neglected field of study - a dictionary of the Berlin dialect must surely follow. [Professor Lasch's book 'Berlinisch: eine berlinische Sprachgeschichte' had been published in 1928.] Address: Rehhagen 9, Hamburg 20.
- 1 item
- RMA.2.LEC From Melchior Lechter, painter, to Majut 1918-1934**
- Letterforms, postcards and letters acknowledging the gift of Majut's poetry and discussing it. Describes his three-month period in the Sanatorium; mentions Frau Hoffmann particularly. Invitation to spend an evening with him and Carina Kricheldorf. Very pleased with the gift of Majut's sonnets. Invitation to visit in the New Year (1933); extends the invitation to Dr [?Gerhard] Kohler [?the art critic], with whom he has lost touch. Confirmation of date of this meeting. Request to listen in to his night broadcast, extended to Dr G Kohler. Address: Königin-Augusta Sanatorium, Kleiststraße, Berlin W62. A printed invitation is to an exhibition of Lechter's work held in his own rooms in the Kleiststraße, Berlin Charlottenberg (December 1921) is filed with the correspondence. The correspondence is in Lechter's hand but he used capital letters continually rather than a cursive hand.
- 7 items
- RMA.2.LIC From Professor Rudolf Liechtenhan-Barth, theologian, to Majut 1939-1947**
- Cards, lettercards and letters (some with envelopes), including a black-edged printed letter form from Liechtenhan-Barth's widow and children notifying his death, together with a news cutting of the death notice sent to the press. Address: Basel.
- 13 items
- RMA.2.LIN From Walther Linden, literary historian, to Majut 1928-1932**

Headed postcards and letters (with envelopes) regretting that Majut's articles are unsuitable for the Zeitschrift für Deutschkunde; acknowledges the complimentary copies of Majut's books, which will be listed in the annual bibliography; sends an offprint of the review of Majut's 'Lebensbühne und Marionette'. Address: Dölau bei Halle.

5 items

RMA.2.MAN(H) From Heinrich Mann to Majut

**1918
February
14**

Postcard thanking Majut for the poem inspired by his [Mann's] novel. Address: Bavaria.

1 item

RMA.2.MAN(T) From representatives of the Thomas-Mann-Archiv to Majut

1956-1962

Letters (with envelopes) from Klaus Wagenbach, Edith Egli and Georg Wenzel. They ask Majut for any correspondence he might have. Warm acknowledgements for the copies of Thomas Mann's letters to Rudolf and Käthe Majut; the contents are interesting and significant; the intention is to publish a selection of Mann's letters. Address: (i) S Fischer-Verlag, Frankfurt am Main; (ii) Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule, Zürich; (iii) Deutsche Akademie der Wissenschaften, Berlin. Accounts of the archive's work and intentions and a newscutting with the advertisement by S Fischer-Verlag asking for the whereabouts of Thomas Mann correspondence are filed with these letter.

6 items

RMA.2.MER From Professor Paul Merker, literary historian, to Majut

1929, 1931

Letter (with envelope) and postcards containing acknowledgements and comments for articles sent by Majut for publication in the Zeitschrift für Deutsche Philologie. Address: Breslau [now Wrocław].

4 items

- RMA.2.MIE** **From Agnes Miegel, writer, to Rudolf and Käthe Majut** **1963-1964**
 Coloured postcards (illustrated with views of Bad Nenndorf, and the castle and abbey at Corvey), printed postcard and letter sending Christmas greetings and thanks for various gifts; Easter greetings and thanks for their best wishes on her 85th birthday; greetings from a Bach concert held at Corvey; has been ill; sends greetings on the occasion of their Silver Wedding and wishes them a happy trip to the region of Calwe where Hermann Hesse grew up; thanks for their greeting card. Address: Hauptstraße 1a, Bad Nenndorf.
- 5 items
- RMA.2.MIE-HIN** **From Heimgard von Hingst (companion of Agnes Miegel) to Käthe Majut** **c[1960]-1967**
 Letters and illustrated postcard of Dresden around 1700 (from an engraving) sending greetings; is glad their gift struck a chord. Very pleased Majut's poems have at last been published; describes their home now Agnes Miegel is dead; cannot make it a museum as they do not own it; the first anniversary of her death was a very moving experience shared with many others; changes in the school curriculum; sends Christmas and New Year greetings. Warm thanks for remembering Agnes Miegel's birthday in March which was remembered by many others too; they have both been ill; Elsie Schmidt-Miegel (Agnes's adopted daughter) is now over 70 and feeling more frail; united in their memories of Agnes Miegel. Address: Hauptstraße 1a, Bad Nenndorf.
- 3 items
- RMA.2.MIT** **From Professor Walther Mitzka, etymologist, to Majut** **1956
October 07,
1960
February 03**

Postcards welcoming Majut's comments and suggestions for inclusion in the new edition of Klug's Etymologisches Wörterbuch [18th edition 1960]. Address: Zeppelinstraße 8, Marburg/Lahn.

2 items

RMA.2.MOL From Gerhard Modenhauer to Majut **1929**
February 28

Postcard re cannot find any trace of a translation of Georg Büchner in the Spanish national libraries; rumour has it that a Theaterdichter in Madrid is prepared to take it on. Address: Madrid, Zurbano 32.

1 item

RMA.2.MUS From Professor Walter Muschg to Majut **1938**
February 27

Covering note to two letters from Dr Scherrer in answer to a query from Majut about the Swiss publishing scene. Address: Deutsches Seminar, Universität Basel

1 item

RMA.2.ODE From Professor Rudolf Odebrecht to Majut **1918-1947**

Letters, postcards and cablegram, including a letter from Hans Joachim Sieberg to Käthe Majut giving what few details he knows of the fate of Professor Odebrecht. Address: mostly Berlin Pankow, Amalienpark 5.

54 items

RMA.2.OPP From Professor Opper Horst to Majut **1955-1957**

Letters (some with envelopes) and postcards. Address: Mainz; Marburg an der Lahn.

8 items

RMA.2.PET From J Petersen to Majut **1926**
January 18

Postcard specifying a time when they can talk together. Address: Berlin-Grunewald. Date taken from the postmark.

1 item

**RMA.2.PEU From Will-Erich Peuckert, folklorist, to Majut 1955
February 26**

Postcard expressing the wish to see a review of the book [not identified] that Majut is enquiring about before he can comment. Address: Engelsmühle, Darmstadt-Eberstadt. Date taken from the postmark.

1 item

**RMA.2.POW From Professor Hugh Powell to Majut 1962 March
07**

Letter (with envelope) sending a copy of Jethro Bithell's obituary from The Times. Address: Department of German, University of Leicester.

1 item

**RMA.2.RAS From Wolfdietrich Rasch to Majut 1958 March
14**

Letter apologising for the late acknowledgement of the receipt of Majut's contribution to the Schröder-Festschrift; has looked at it briefly; publication will begin soon; has been preoccupied with the increased workload of his new professorial post at Münster. Address: Würzburg.

1 item

**RMA.2.RON From M I M Roncier to Majut 1928
November
05**

Letter (with envelope) re unable to find any trace of 'Isola Bella' by Mme Cottin. Address: Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris.

1 item

RMA.2.SCH From Christoph Schwantte to Majut 1927-1930

Letters and postcards. Address: Berlin Pankow.

4 items

RMA.2.SCHM From Karl Ludwig Schmidt, New Testament scholar, to Majut **1938
November
10**

Postcard regretting missing Majut's visit to Reihen and explaining the reason. Address: Riehen.

1 item

RMA.2.SCHR From Professor Franz Rolf Schröder to Majut **1953
August 04**

Postcard re looking forward to Majut's visit. Address: Würzburg.

1 item

RMA.2.SCHU(F) From Professor Franz Schultz to Majut **1931
January
05, 1932
April 29**

Letter (with envelope) and postcard acknowledging a copy of 'Lebensbühne und Marionette'; draws Majut's attention to a book on the Biedermeyer style by Günther Weydt. Acknowledges a copy of Majut's book on Büchner; the book on Biedermeyer is timely; cites Weydt again and Wilhelm Bietak; admires his ability to combine school-teaching with academic literary research in such a successful fruitful way; tries to dissuade him from attempting to enter university life as a lecturer. Address: Feldbergstraße 7. Frankfurt am Main.

2 items

RMA.2.SCHU(W) From Werner Schulze to Majut **undated
[c1916-
1970]**

Postcard (printed with a poem by R Zahnke, issued by the Deutsche Sprachverein) agreeing to accept an article for the Märkischer Sprachblätter. No address. Postmark obliterated by removal of the postage stamp.

1 item

RMA.2.SHA From George Bernard Shaw to Majut 1947 May 23

Postcard declining to contribute a preface and stating his reasons. Address: 4 Whitehall Court, London SW1.

1 item

RMA.2.SOE From Albert Soergel, literary historian, to Majut 1930 January 08

Letter (with envelope) thanking Majut for sending him some poems. Address: Rabenstein bei Chemnitz.

1 item

RMA.2.SPI From Heinrich Spiero to Rudolf Majut and others 1937

Letters thanking Majut warmly for sending the copy of Liliencron's letter; has been made very ill by persecution but has found strong support and has founded a support group. Reports on the success of his scheme; some explanation about the exclusion of 'Nichtarier' [non-Aryans] from the Paulus-Bunds. Address: Reichsverband der nichtarischen Christen, Berlin.

2 items

RMA.2.SPIES From Professor Heinrich Spies to Majut 1917-1929

Letter and postcards re arrangements for keeping in contact (telephone numbers); cannot help Majut to a post at his school or towards the Habilitation. Address: Berlin.

5 items

RMA.2.STA From Wolfgang Stammler (medieval philologist), Elizabeth Roth, Christian Trott and H Hagen to Rudolf and Käthe Majut 1932-1965

Letters and cards from and about Wolfgang Stammler, including printed notices of his death (1965), and coloured photograph/postcard of his house in Hösbach-Bahnhof. Address: (i) Germanistisches Seminar der Universität, Greifswald; (ii) Hösbach Bahnhof im Spessart.

32 items

RMA.2.STRI From Fritz Strich to Majut 1947 August 23

Letter (with envelope) expressing gratitude for the critique of his book [Goethe und die Weltliteratur. Bern, A. Francke (1946)]. Address: [?]Silvahof, Bern.

1 item

RMA.2.STRO From J Stroh, Institute of Zoology and Comparative Anatomy, University of Zurich, to Majut 1934-1937

Postcards and letter. Address: Zurich.

6 items

RMA.2.TRU From Professor Erich Trunz to Majut 1952-1958

Cards and letter thanking Majut for the article on British German studies in Germanisch-romanische Monatsschrift; introduces a young student who is coming to Leicester in the autumn of 1952. Sends some of his own publications in return. Change of address card - moving to Kiel. Address: Münster.

3 items

RMA.2.UNG From Rudolf Unger to Majut 1930 December 28, 1932 March 19

Cards thanks for sending copies of 'Lebensbühne und Marionette' and 'Studien um Büchner'.
Address: Lotzestraße 29, Göttingen.

2 items

RMA.2.VIË From Viëtor, Karl, literary historian, to Majut 1928-1934

Letters and postcards acknowledging Majut's sending some of his own poetry, his works on Büchner, Gautier and Biedermeyer, together with Büchner references for a bibliography; Viëtor undertakes to review Majut's book on Büchner in Behaghels Literaturblatt. Address: (i) Gießen; (ii) New York.

9 items

**RMA.2.WAS From Jakob Wassermann, writer, to Majut 1930
January 03,
1932
December
20**

Letter and card acknowledging receipt of volumes of verse. Address: Altaussee, Styria. One sent on Wassermann's behalf, the other in his own hand.

2 items

**RMA.2.WEE From Professor Ernest Weekley, University College Nottingham, to Majut 1944
August 24**

Letter acknowledging notes sent by Majut; refers to his [Weekley's] book on forenames: 'Jack and Jill'. Address: 22 Marine Terrace, Criccieth. Enclosure: typescript postcard from the Registrar of University College Nottingham, with date and status of Weekley's retirement (8 August 1944).

2 items

RMA.2.WEY From Professor Günther Weydt to Majut 1932-1958

Letters (some with envelopes) and postcards.
Address: (i) Frankfurt am Main; (ii) Bonn.

11 items

- RMA.2.WIE From Ernst Wiechert, writer, to Dr W Laue** **1946**
January 05,
1946
February 27
- Letters commenting on the plight of ordinary Germans. Address: Hof Gagert, Wolframshausen, Upper Bavaria.
- 2 items
- RMA.2.WILK From Vaughan Wilkins, novelist, to Majut** **1952**
November
17
- Letter thanking him for a copy of his work on Georg Büchner on behalf of Fritz Bergemann. Address: Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire.
- 1 item
- RMA.2.WILL From Leonard Ashley Willoughby to Majut** **1942-1959**
- Postcards and letter congratulating Majut on his promotion; thanks for critique of his book on German romanticism. Address: (i) 4 Antaron Avenue, Aberystwyth; (ii) Institute of Germanic Languages and Literatures, London; (iii) Angle Place Cottage, Montague Road, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.
- 4 items
- RMA.2.WIT From Professor Georg Witkowski, editor of Zeitschrift für Bücherfreunde, to Majut** **1920 April**
24, 1920
May 03
- Postcards with printed heading asking for a short article on the hitherto unrecorded edition of 'Leonce und Lena' (Büchner). Address: Leipzig.
- 2 items
- RMA.2.WOL(J) From Jürgen Wolff to Majut** **1926**
March 13

Letter (with envelope). Address: Institut für
Literatur- und Theaterwissenschaft
Theatermuseum, Kiel.

1 item

RMA.2.WOL(M) From Max J Wolff, literary historian to Majut **1935**
November
25

Postcard inviting Majut to come and meet him,
through the offices of Schröder - warns him not
to expect too much in the way of help towards
publication. Address: Heilbronnerstraße 29,
Berlin W30.

1 item

RMA.2.ZIR From Werner Zirus to Majut **1933**
December
30

Letter recalling his student days under Majut and the
literary influences he remembers; thanks Majut for
the work on Biedermeyer; sympathises with Majut's
reaction to the turn in political events. Address:
Bleichhag 7, Jüterbog.

1 item