

Interim report by Mag. Dr. Wolfgang Meixner on the curriculum vitae of Dr. Hans Klocker, his wife Emma, his son Wolfgang, as well as on important persons both in his private and his professional life (as of November 10, 2022)

So far, in the process of establishing the facts about Dr. Hans Klocker's life, his biographical estate at the Klocker Foundation has been cursorily examined. It consists of letters and postcards to his (later) wife as well as to relatives, friends, flying comrades, and work colleagues. Moreover, various certificates and documents have come down to us (especially from the National-Socialist era and his time in the German Wehrmacht).

Additionally, the following archives have been consulted thus far:

Österreichisches Staatsarchiv/Archiv der Republik (ÖStA/AdR) in Vienna:

- Registry of Deeds entry on Johann Klocker (b. 20/06/1909) [photocopy at Klocker Foundation]
- Federal Ministry of National Defence/General Series: file on the discharge from the Austrian Armed Forces (1933) (no. 22.850-3/33) [photocopy at Klocker Foundation]
- Federal Ministry of Justice: de-Nazification, exempt from reparations (1947/48 until 1953) [files partly photocopied at Klocker Foundation]
- Office of the President: de-Nazification, exempt from reparations (1947/48 until 1953), conferment of *Kommerzialrat* title (1976)
- Liquidator of the German Reich institutions/administration of justice to AG-Rat Dr. Johann Klocker, Andreas-Hofer-Strasse, Innsbruck, 08/05/1946, no. 51.345-46: discharged 06/06/1945, member Sturmabteilung (SA) 26/10/1933 until 01/09/1937, from 01/09/1937 NS Air Corps, allocated Reutte District Court (Federal Criminal Police Office (BKA) liquidator 1950-51 court (1-4) carton 26: court 2 file no. 28.359-50) [file not yet examined]
- liquidator to Johann Klocker 07/11/1950, no. 50.223-50: not kept on the payroll, discharged, no rights deducible from former employment (BKA liquidator 1950-51, court (1-4), carton 26: file court 2 no. 28.359-50) [file not yet examined]
- Oberst Winkler, director of public security for Tyrol, Innsbruck 27/11/1945: records of camp for political prisoners (regional government office, department VIII, state police files 1945/46, carton 12, no. 3780/45)

National archive (BArch) in Berlin Lichterfelde:

Department BE (provision):

- NSDAP district file on Dr. Hans Klocker (NSDAP district file | BArch R 9361-IX KARTEI / 20950493): NSDAP membership number 6288181 of May 1st, 1938 (admission applied for on 28/08/1938)
- NSDAP district file on Ing. Helmut Retter (NSDAP district file | BArch R 9361-IX KARTEI / 34530375): NSDAP membership number 7364025 of January 1st, 1940 (admission applied for on 21/06/1938)

- personnel file for Johann (Hans) Klocker at the German Reich's administration of justice (VBS 1018 (R 3001) / ZB II 1750 A. 02)

Department MA (military archive) in Freiburg:

- on Johann Franz (Hans) Klocker, b. 20/06/1909, there is no personnel file [letter of 02/07/2021]
- air corps file on Dr. Hans Klocker (signature: RW 59/2147)

Department PA (individual-related information on World War I and II, formerly *Deutsche Dienststelle* – WAST):

- file card on Dr. Hans Klocker, identification tag -78-1./ R.O.A. Ausb. Btl. Kamenz (National Archive signature B 563-1 KARTEI/K-904/290) [scan available]
- registration at the 1st company *Feld-Ersatz-Bataillon* of the Luftwaffe 1, Gütersloh (National Archive signature: B 563/07397) [not yet requested]
- *Krankenbuchlager*/medical records archive (National Archive signature B 578 Klocker, Johann, 20/06/1909) [not yet requested]
- member of the unit *Reserve-Offiziers-Anwärter-Ausbildungs-Bataillon Kamenz* (recorded without ascertainable date) (National Archive signature: B 563/08922) [not yet requested]

Ministère de L'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères, France Diplomatie (Paris):

Request concerning a charge against Dr. Klocker of the Gouvernement Militaire Francais du Tyrol Vorarlberg bearing the signature **L/Sche**. Zone d'occupation francaise en Autriche Gouvernement Militaire du Tyrol du **23.8.1945, GZ1: Justice No. 294 J/3** [no answer so far, only a response that the request had been handed on to the competent authority; new request through Priv.-Doz. Mag. Dr. Horst Schreiber, Innsbruck, in August 2022. On October 24, an interim statement was received that the files were still being examined with regards to Klocker.]

Tyrolean State Archive (TLA):

- register (civil register) of the Catholic parishes of the State of Tyrol (diocese of Innsbruck, Tyrolean section of the arch diocese of Salzburg): parish of Mutters, parish of Wiesing
- personnel files and professional credentials – personnel files of judges and other staff 0907: KLOCKER Johann, Dr. (Innsbruck Regional Court) [partly scanned resp. excerpted]
- penal file 10 Vr 2300/47: KLOCKER Johann, Dr. (Innsbruck Regional Court) [partly scanned resp. excerpted]
- court trial calendar 1940 (solely information on defendants and no names of judges, the latter only with individual written verdicts) (files of the Innsbruck Regional Appeal Court at the Tyrolean State Archive)
- Vr files 1938 to 1940 (carton 438 – 446): Only max. 20 percent of criminal files have come down to us. Dr. Hans Klocker is mentioned only once as secretary in a trial of 1938. His flying and pen pal Dr. Hohenleitner is mentioned several times annually as presiding judge.

- special tribunal at the Innsbruck Regional Court, 1939–1940 (3 cartons): Dr. Hans Klocker not mentioned as presiding judge
- file “K 17” including files concerning Dr. Hans Klocker: personnel and qualification certificate, professional career path
- general files concerning appointment, transfer and promotion of civil servants [Innsbruck Regional Appeal Court: general and summary files 1939–1945 (201, 201 E), carton no. 185]: Klocker and Hohenleitner are mentioned in a list on an inquiry into the membership of judicial officers in a Masonic lodge
- registration sheet on the listing of National Socialists according to par. 4 Prohibition Act of 1947, consecutive no. 928: Andreas-Hofer-Strasse 34/1, Innsbruck, KLOCKER Johann, Dr., b. 20/06/1909 [Tyrolean State Government office (after 1945) department Ic-NS – files – NS registration sheets (incl. de-Nazification notes) of the Innsbruck city council (typewritten copies with handwritten entries, alphabetically sorted according to street names and house numbers)] [partly scanned resp. excerpted]
- registration sheet on the listing of National Socialists according to par. 4 Prohibition Act of 1947, consecutive no. 857: Fischergasse 11, Innsbruck, HOHENLEITNER Siegfried, b. 08/07/1889, Innsbruck, Austrian, Dr. jur. [excerpts]
- registration sheet on the listing of National Socialists according to par. 4 Prohibition Act of 1947, consecutive no. 855: Fischergasse 11, Innsbruck, HOHENLEITNER Erika, b. 02/11/1895, Innsbruck, Austrian, housewife, Innsbruck
- registration sheet on the listing of National Socialists according to par. 4 Prohibition Act of 1947, consecutive no. 856: Fischerstr. 11 [sic!], Innsbruck, HOHENLEITNER Oswald, b. 22/02/1888, Austrian, Magistrate
- de-Nazification file Ic-NS, no. 7826/1948 – Klocker, Johann [Tyrolean State Government office (after 1945) department Ic-NS] [partly scanned resp. excerpted]
- NS documentation material: partial inventory “Alte Kämpfer” (old fighters) (illegal Nazis, alphabetically filed according family names): KLOCKER Johann (federal police headquarters Innsbruck) [scanned and excerpted]
- political vetting of Regional Court director Dr. Siegfried Hohenleitner, 1946 (file) [vetting senate – Z.8 (1948)] [document partly excerpted]
- application for release as well as denunciation because of illegal NSDAP membership against Dr. Siegfried Hohenleitner [special authorities after 1868 – public safety directorate for Tyrol (Tyrolean State Government office, department VIII) – Special Branch files 1946 – pos. 1691] [document partly excerpted]
- federal police headquarters Special Branch, department Präs. III-Information: political record Dr. Hans Klocker, of 02/01/1946 (Tyrolean State Government office, department VIII, Special Branch files 1945/46, carton 20: file 1820/46) [scanned]
- public safety directorate VIIC 1820/1/46: list of judges in custody, pos. 10: Dr. Johann Klocker (Tyrolean State Government office, dep. VIII, Special Branch files 1945/46, carton 20: file 1820/46) [scanned]
- conscription register for Dr. Hans Klocker not available
- conscription register (conscription no. 09/1/31/1) branch FI 212 for Ing. Helmut Retter incl. black-and-white photograph [partly scanned and excerpted]

Innsbruck City Archive (StAI):

- file card on the registration of National Socialists in accordance with art. II of the constitutional law of May 8, 1945, St.G.Bl. no. 13, on the prohibition of the NSDAP (Prohibition Act) for Johann Klocker [document scanned and archived at the Klocker Foundation]

Innsbruck University Archive (UAI):

- PhD exam protocol and personal juridical data for Hans Klocker
- registry file no. 6415316 for Wolfgang Klocker
- PhD exam protocol for Wolfgang Klocker; matriculation register 6415316 (dual course in law and at the then arts faculty), beginning of studies 1964
- appointment proposal for the chair in Austrian criminal and criminal trial law 1950/51, third place on the list for Siegfried Hohenleitner (1889–1969), habilitated as judge at the Innsbruck Regional Appeal Court (under Rittler) for criminal and criminal trial law in 1935, suspended from the office of judge for some time after 1945 [cf. Susanne Lichtmannegger, *Geschichte des Lehrkörpers der Rechts- und Staatswissenschaftlichen Fakultät der Universität Innsbruck 1945–1955*, 2 volumes, dissertation, Innsbruck 1998, vol. 2, pp. 229–246 (copies of the relevant Hohenleitner documents)]

Innsbruck University and State Library (ULBT):

Wolfgang Klocker, *Der alternäre Aussagenkalkül und das System E von Anderson*, Hausarbeit aus Philosophie, Universität Innsbruck [April] 1973, submitted to Univ.-Prof. Dr. Gerhard Frey [Sign: 602/8923]

Library of the Tyrolean State Museum Ferdinandeum in Innsbruck:

- Bemerkenswerte Erfindung eines Innsbruckers, in: *Innsbrucker Zeitung*, no. 126 of June 6, 1934, p. 5.
- *Retterwerk Informationen. Aus dem Betrieb – Für den Mitarbeiter*, vol. 1 & 2 (1971, 1972), no. 1-9 [Z 2388] [note in the copy: „mit Jhg. 2, Nr. 9 eingestellt!“, i.e. discontinued after vol. 2, no. 9]
- Kommerzialrat Ing. Helmut Retter zum Gedenken, in: *Tirols Gewerbliche Wirtschaft* 27 (1973) no. 43/44 (27/10/1973), p. 13.
- Helmut Retter †, in: *Tiroler Tageszeitung*, vol. 29, no. 245 of October 22, 1973, p. 17.
- further obituaries in *Tiroler Tageszeitung* of 19/10/1973, no. 243, p. 24.

Inquiries with various grammar schools (some of which were answered):

Privates Oberstufenrealgymnasium PORG Volders [e-mail answer by Dir. OStR Dr. Gerhard Waldner of 25/02/2022]

From 1914 until 1920, lessons at PORG were suspended, while the boarding school remained open. The students attended the nearby private grammar school Josefinum of the Benedictines. Johann Klocker presumably has begun his grammar school career there in the autumn of 1919. Files resp. documents from this time have not survived at the grammar school.

Collegium Sancti Bernardi, monastery grammar school in Mehrerau: my e-mail enquiry of 25/02/2022 has not been answered so far.

Bischöfliches Institut VINZENTINUM, secondary school, grammar school, boarding school, Brixen, Italy, e-mail answer from headmaster Christoph Stragenegg of 25/02/2022:

- file sheet Klocker Johann of Vinzentinum Brixen no. 2820 [digitally available]
- excerpt from the marks register 6th form (1924/25) [digitally available]
- excerpt from the marks register 7th form (1924/25) [digitally available]

Bischöfliches Gymnasium Paulinum, Schwaz, Head Master Mag. Dr. Elmar Fiechter-Alber, e-mail answer of 01/03/2022:

- main catalogue with the assessments of his final year (1926/27) with a note on the leaving certificate of May 4, 1927
- photograph of the first Pauliner A-level class [photograph digitalised]
- annual report of the school year 1926/27 with mention of Hans Klocker as VIIIth grade student [photograph of the relevant page]

Private grammar school of the Franciscans, Hall in Tirol [e-mail answer from the grammar school's archivist, Br. Pascal M. Hollaus OFM, of 01/03/2022]:

Student of the VIIIth grade in the school year 1926/27 as well as passing of A-level exams by Hans Klocker (b. Kreith, 1909) on the summer date 1927 (written exams June 8 to 11, oral exams June 11 to 12)

Initiated

- digitalisation and predictive text of a part of the correspondence of Dr. Wolfgang Klocker (1961–1967); further processing of the text corpus in the context of a research lab (2 hours a week tutorial) at the institute for historical science and European ethnology of the University of Innsbruck (to be concluded at the end of January 2023)
- digitalisation and predictive text of a part of the correspondence of Dr. Hans Klocker (World War II years); further processing of the text corpus in the context of a research lab (2 hours a week tutorial) at the institute for historical science and European ethnology of the University of Innsbruck (winter semester 2023/24)

and further steps

- complementation and clarification of material already accessed
- accessing the Klocker Foundation's archive:
 - production of a rough and subsequently more detailed overview of holdings
 - comparison of target state (outline) with the actual state (archival and non-archival materials)
 - drawing up of (digital) search helps

- digitalisation of the holdings for the purpose of a careful further historiographical processing