

Michalowski, Hermann, b.1-1-1860 in Berlin, d. 9-25- 1902 in Chicago. Hermann Heinrich Albert Michalowski was the oldest of the eight children of a Berlin mechanic. He became a student of the Munich Academy in 1883 and arrived in the U. S. in May 1885. He settled first in Milwaukee, where his name appears in the city directories for the first time in 1886. Michalowski specialized in figure painting and became a much sought after portrait artist in Milwaukee with a studio at 105 Grand Ave. (now Wisconsin Ave.) where Robert Schade and George Peter also had studios in the 1890's. In addition to doing portraits he provided mural decorations for several Milwaukee buildings, including the residence of the brewer Emil Schandeln. In the fall of 1894 Michalowski executed two altar paintings which can still be seen in St. Bernhard's Roman Catholic Church at Watertown, Wisconsin. By 1895 Michalowski had moved to Chicago, where he died of tuberculosis at the age of forty-three.
