

SEYMOUR KRIEGER PAPERS, circa 1934-1946
1986.A.0024.2

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Descriptive summary

Title: Seymour Krieger papers

Dates: circa 1934-1946

Accession number: 1986.A.0024.2

Creator: Krieger, Seymour, 1913-1959

Extent: 0.5 linear feet (10 folders and 1 oversize folder)

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Abstract: The Seymour Krieger papers include correspondence, a diary, and printed material relating to Seymour's involvement with the office of the U.S. Chief of Counsel during the International Military Tribunal (IMT) in Nuremberg. The collection also includes military documents relating to Seymour's service in the United States Army and two photographs of Seymour in Nuremberg and with his wife, Rita Krieger.

Languages: English

Administrative Information

Access: Collection is open for use, but is stored offsite. Please contact the Reference Desk more than seven days prior to visit in order to request access.

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Acquisition information: The Seymour Krieger papers were donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in two separate donation. Susan Becker, the executrix of Rita Krieger's estate, donated 1986.A.0024 in 1986. Peggy Frankston, the daughter of Rita Krieger's cousin, donated 2011.52

in 2010. The accessions previously numbered 1986.A.0024 and 2011.52 have been incorporated in this collection.

Separated material: Allied Military Authority currency and a Newsmap poster from the Armed Forces (Vol. IV No. 28 F, 1945) were cataloged separately as object.

Related material: The Museum's Library hold a copy of *Nazi Germany's war against the Jews* (D810.J4 N39 1947), prepared and compiled by Seymour Krieger.

Accruals: Accruals may have been received since this collection was first processed, see archives catalog at collections.ushmm.org for further information.

Processing history: Morgan Voth, March 2019

Biographical note

Seymour Krieger (1913-1959) was born in East Orange, New Jersey and served with the Office of the U.S. Chief of Counsel under Justice Robert H. Jackson during the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg from 1945 and 1946. He worked to discover, collect, examine, and translate information that resulted in the indictments against Nazis for crimes against Allied soldiers and prisoners of war and for the persecution of Jews. After his service in Nuremberg, he returned to Washington, D.C. where he continued practicing law and opened his own firm. Seymour married Rita (née Zachary, circa 1913-1982) and they had a son Julian and a daughter Deborah.

Scope and content of collection

The Seymour Krieger papers include correspondence, a diary, and printed material relating to Seymour's involvement with the office of the U.S. Chief of Counsel during the International Military Tribunal (IMT) at the Nuremberg trials. The collection also includes military documents relating to Seymour's service in the United States Army and two photographs of Seymour in Nuremberg and with his wife, Rita Krieger.

Correspondence includes almost daily letters to his wife, Rita, describing his activities as a member of the prosecution team as well as his daily activities. Also included is a letter to Helen Kahau concerning Hitler, dated April 13, 1934.

The typewritten diary was kept by Seymour from 1945-1946 during his time working with the office of the U.S. Chief of Counsel in Nuremberg. Seymour wrote almost daily entries describing staff meetings, courtroom observations, detailing what he was working on, the development of the case, and his daily activities. The diary also includes newspaper clippings, postcards to his wife, and other documents relating to the trial and his time in Nuremberg.

Military documents include correspondence relating to changing assignments and Seymour's return to the United States.

Printed material and writings include original and photocopies of newspaper clippings relating to the trial, transcriptions of reports from the office of the U.S. Chief of Counsel, and an article titled "The World Eventually at Peace under Law" from the *New York Herald Tribune*, 1946.

System of arrangement

The Seymour Krieger papers are arranged as a single series.

Indexing terms

Person:

Krieger, Seymour, 1913-1959.

Corporate:

International Military Tribunal.

Topical Subject:

Nuremberg War Crime Trials, Nuremberg, Germany, 1946-1949.

War criminals--Germany.

World War, 1939-1945--Personal narratives.

Geography:

Nuremberg (Germany)

Genre/Form:

Diaries.

Correspondence.

Photographs.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Seymour Krieger papers, circa 1934-1946

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8 of 10	Military documents, 1945-1946
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10 of 10	Printed material, circa 1945-1946