

HENIA RING SCHIFF PHOTOGRAPHS, 1919-1938
1988.54.1

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Descriptive summary

Title: Henia Ring Schiff photographs

Dates: 1919-1938

Accession number: 1988.54.1 (RG-10.282)

Creator: Schiff, Henia Ring, 192401990.

Extent: 1 folder

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Abstract: The photographs depict Zelek (Zeleg or Zalek) and Sarah Feige (or Sura née Watchman) Ring upon their betrothal in 1919, and with their first child, Henoch, in 1920, as well as a Ring family portrait in 1938. All of the photographs were taken in Krzepice, Poland.

Languages: English

Administrative Information

Access: Collection is open for use.

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Processing history: Updated by Adam Fielding, April 2020

Biographical note

Henia Schiff (1924-1990, née Ring) was born on 3 March 1924 in Krzepice, Poland to Zelek (Zeleg or Zalek, b. 1895) and Sarah Feige (or Sura née Watchman) Ring. Her parents married in 1919. She had at least one older sibling, Henoeh (b. 1920). Krzepice was a small town that was more than 40 percent Jewish. Her father worked as a cattle trader.

After the German invasion of Poland in September 1939, the Ring family tried unsuccessfully to flee to Warsaw. They were then sent to the newly establish ghetto in Krzepice. In 1940 she was likely in the Parzymiechy ghetto In 1941 Henia fled the ghetto after hearing that the Germans were going to deport people from the ghetto for forced-labor. She was arrested and deported to the Gross-Rosen concentration camp in 1942. In 1943 she was transferred to Mauthausen. While at Mauthausen she tried to escape but was caught, beaten, and left for dead. She managed to crawl back to barracks and survived. In 1944 she was transferred to Bergen-Belsen. Henia was liberated by British troops on 15 April 1945. She recuperated in Sweden and immigrated to the United States in 1947. She settled in Oklahoma and later married Max Schiff. They had three children.

Henia's parents and brother all perished during the Holocaust.

Scope and content of collection

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The group family photograph depicts the following. Front row left to right: Sarah Feige Ring, Zelek Ring, Russel Ring (Zelek's brother), Sura Ring (Zelek's mother), Brindel Rosen (Zelek's sister), Deborah Ring (Zelek's sister), Mania Ring (Henia's cousin). Back row left to right: Henoeh Ring (Zelek and Sarah's son), Henia Ring (Zelek and Sarah's daughter), Chemya Rosen (Henia's cousin), Hannah Rosen (Henia's cousin), Srul Rosen (Henia's cousin), Liah Rosen (Henia's cousin), Etcho Rosen (Henia's cousin), and Mendel Ring (Henia's cousin).

System of arrangement

The collection is arranged as a single series.

Folders are arranged alphabetically and documents are arranged chronologically.

Indexing terms

Person:

Ring, Zelig.

Ring, Sura Fajga.

Ring, Henoeh.

Ring family.

Schiff, Henia Ring.

Topical Subject:

Jews--Poland--Krzepice.

Geography:
Krzepice (Poland)

Genre/Form:
Photographs.

CONTAINER LIST

Folder	Title
1	Zelik and Sarah Ring, 1919
1	Zelek and Sarah Ring with son Henoeh Ring, 1920
1	Ring family, 1938