

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives
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Small Collections

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Title: Ochs Family Papers, ca. 1938-1978.

Extent: 1 box.

Provenance: The papers were donated in three parts to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by Herman and Kathryn Ochs in 1989, 1992, and 1996.

Restrictions on access: No restrictions on access.

Restrictions on use: No restrictions on use.

Organization and arrangement: Arrangement is thematic.

Language: German and English.

Preferred citation: Standard citation for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Collections Division, Archives Branch.

Biographical/historical note: Julius Ochs was arrested on Kristallnacht and taken to Dachau concentration camp. He was released after six weeks through the efforts of his wife, Therese. Julius and Therese Ochs immigrated to the United States in the summer of 1939. Their son, Herman, was a medical student at the University of Heidelberg and immigrated to the United States in 1934.

Scope and content note: Contains a postcard written by Julius Ochs [donor's father] to Theresa Ochs [donor's mother] from Dachau concentration camp. The papers also consist of two identification cards ("Kennkarte") issued to Julius Ochs and Theresa Sara Ochs [donor's parents] by "Der Landrat" (District Magistrate) in Rastatt, Germany, along with letters, memoranda, reports, etc. relating to the Holocaust experience, emigration, and restitution claims of members of the Ochs family.

Inventory

Folder 1

1. Postcard written to Therese Ochs from Julius Ochs, who was interned in Dachau, 1938 Dec. 4. In German.

Folder 2

1. Kennkarte. Jewish identity card issued to Therese Sarah Ochs by "Der Landrat" or District Magistrate in Rastatt, Germany. Stamped numerous times, over black and white photograph with German National Insignia. Signed, lower right corner, in ink [illegible]. 1939 Jan. 16. In German.
2. Kennkarte. Jewish identity card issued to Julius Ochs by "Der Landrat" or District Magistrate in Rastatt, Germany. Stamped numerous times, over black and white photograph, with German National Insignia. Signed, lower right corner, in ink [illegible]. Dated 1939 Jan. 16. In German.

Folder 3

1. Restitution file, correspondence. Includes claim by the American Federation of Jews from Central Europe for property of the Gernsbach and Kuppenheim synagogues destroyed during Kristallnacht. It also contains a German social security claim of Herman Ochs, American citizen, former social security contributor as a German student filing his contradiction. Includes correspondence, opinions, pamphlets. etc, 1945-1978. In German.

Folder 4

1. Correspondence about damaged and repaired furniture of the Ochs family. Memorial services announcement-Felix Hoesch for Gernsbach, Baden, Germany. Restitution claim for Julius Ochs that includes monthly payment orders and correspondence, 1956-1959. In German and English.

Folder 5

1. Correspondence both legal and official with the Restitution office in Freiburg and others. Restitution claims for Ochs and Nachman. Lists of objects and confiscated property in 1939, 1949-1956. In German.

Folder 6

1. Restitution claims for Julius Ochs and Rita Nachman. Correspondence with lawyers, travel agencies, and courts in Germany and the United States, 1951-1966. In German.

Folder 7

1. Includes Restitution claims, correspondence with German lawyers in Baden Baden and German courts restitution branch in Karlsruhe, payments to USA banks, check transfers, and pension information. Contains pamphlets from several German spas in Baden Baden, Schwarzwald, and Bollensee, 1957-1961. In German and English.