

**DOROTHEA BAUMGART PAPERS, 1940-approximately 1957  
1990.11.8**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Dorothea Baumgart papers

Dates: 1940-approximately 1957

Accession number: 1990.11.8

Creator: Baumgart, Dorothea, 1893-1980.

Extent: 0.1 linear foot (1 folder)

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Abstract: The Dorothea Baumgart papers include a 1940 letter from someone named Selma in Prague to someone named Hilde; a 1943 decree for the confiscation of Dorothea Baumgart's property; a postcard from Dorothea Baumgart in Theresienstadt to Frieda Boldes in Auschwitz; several sheets of toilet paper used as writing paper to describe her Holocaust experiences and claims for restitution; and a list of the Holocaust-era fates of Hertha Baumgart, Frieda Boldes, Richard Boldes, and Kurt Baumgart.

Languages: German

**Administrative Information**

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Acquisition information: Henry Heppner donated the Dorothea Baumgart papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1990.

Custodial history: Dorothea Baumgart likely transferred her papers to Henry Heppner in Britain following World War II.

Related materials: Henry Heppner also donated a Star of David badge (1990.11.1) and a Theresienstadt armband (1990.11.2) to the Museum.

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

Processing history: Julie Schweitzer, May 2015

### **Biographical note**

Dorothea Baumgart (1875-1957), was born Dorothea Lissner in Obrzycko, Poland and lived in Breslau, Germany (Wrocław, Poland). Her property was confiscated by the Nazi regime in June 1943, and four days later she was deported to Theresienstadt, where she remained until its liberation in 1945. She spent some time in the Deggendorf displaced persons camp after the war before moving to England around 1946. Her daughter Hertha Baumgart moved to England in 1939, and her children Kurt Baumgart, Frieda Boldes, and son-in-law Richard Boldes are believed to have been killed at Auschwitz.

### **Scope and content of collection**

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### **System of arrangement**

The Dorothea Baumgart papers are arranged as a single series:

- Series 1: Dorothea Baumgart papers, 1940-approximately 1957

### **Indexing terms**

Theresienstadt (Concentration camp)  
Auschwitz (Concentration camp)  
Birkenau (Concentration camp)

Jews--Poland--Wrocław.  
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Germany.  
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Economic aspects--Germany.  
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