

BEATRICE PAPPENHEIMER PAPERS, approximately 1941-1990
1990.153

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Descriptive summary

Title: Beatrice Pappenheimer papers

Dates: approximately 1941-1990

Accession number: 1990.153

Creator: Pappenheimer, Beatrice, 1932-

Extent: 0.5 linear foot (13 folders)

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Abstract: The Beatrice Pappenheimer papers consist of original and photocopied records including biographical materials, correspondence, Œuvre de secours aux enfants materials, and photographs documenting the Stern family from Lauterbach and Karlsruhe, their internment in concentration camps in France during the Holocaust, their efforts to immigrate to the United States, Beate and Suse Stern's survival in hiding under the auspices of the Œuvre de secours aux enfants (OSE), and their reunion with their aunt in England.

Languages: German, French, 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: Beatrice Pappenheimer donated the Beatrice Pappenheimer papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1990.

Related materials: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum also hold an oral history interview conducted with Beatrice Pappenheimer on June 6, 1990. The collection "Selected individual files of children under the care of Œuvre de secours aux enfants (OSE)" (2009.78, RG-43.113M) includes a file on Beatrice Pappenheimer and her sister (reel 56).

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

Processing history: Julie Schweitzer, March 2015

Biographical note / Administrative history

Beatrice Pappenheimer was born in 1932 in Lauterbach, Germany, to Moritz (1900-1942) and Rosa (nee Gottlieb, 1900-1942) Stern, and her sister Susan (Suse) was born in 1935. Her family moved to Karlsruhe after her father was forced out of his textile business in 1936. In 1939, the Stern family were deported to Gurs and later transferred to Rivesaltes. Through the Œuvre de secours aux enfants, Beate and Suse were placed in convents and group homes in France. With the help of relatives in England and the United States, the girls traveled to London in July 1945 and immigrated to the United States in October 1947. Their parents were deported to Auschwitz in 1942 and perished.

Scope and content of collection

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Biographical materials include OSE paperwork documenting Beate and Suse's itinerary in France, efforts by Flora Gottlieb Schmidt to bring them to the United States, and their departure for England to join their aunt Bertha Gottlieb. This series also includes a list of items Beate brought from Rivesaltes to an OSE home. Except for the list of items and an identity card for Beate, the documents in this series are photocopies.

Correspondence primarily consists of letters and postcards from Moritz and Rosa Stern during their internment in French concentration camps and documents their concerns for each other and their children and their pleas for help with money, food, getting Beate and Suse out of France, and their own emigration. Some of their letters include notes from relatives Clara, Fanni, and Adolf, who were also in French concentration camps. This series also includes correspondence from relatives in England and the United States, Beate's pen pals in France, and aid organizations. Most of the letters and postcards in this series are photocopies. The correspondence is accompanied by occasional notes including commentary added many years later by the donor and her sister.

Œuvre de secours aux enfants materials include a 50th anniversary brochure describing OSE's history and activities, a 1985 letter from OSE thanking Beatrice Pappenheimer for completing a questionnaire, a list

of OSE homes opened during World War II, and a map showing OSE homes where Beate Stern stayed during the war.

Photographs consist of four copy prints depicting Moritz, Rosa, Beate, and Suse. The photographs of Moritz and Rosa Stern were originally taken before the war, and the photographs of Beate and Suse Stern were originally taken in France during the war and used on identification papers.

System of arrangement

The Beatrice Pappenheimer papers are arranged as four series:

- Series 1: Biographical materials, 1941-1943, approximately 1990
- Series 2: Correspondence, 1941-1943, approximately 1990
- Series 3: Œuvre de secours aux enfants materials, approximately 1983-1985
- Series 4: Photographs, approximately 1990

Many of the documents in this collection are reproductions. Dates in parentheses indicate dates of original documents from which reproductions were made.

Indexing terms

Gurs (Concentration camp)

Rivesaltes (Concentration camp)

Œuvre de secours aux enfants (France)

Jews-- Germany--Lauterbach.

Jews--Germany--Karlsruhe.

Jews--Persecutions--France.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--France.

Jewish children--France.

World War, 1939-1945--Jews--Rescue--France.

Concentration camp inmates--France--Correspondence.

Gurs (France)

Rivesaltes (France)

Photographs

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Series 1: Biographical materials, 1941-1943, approximately 1990

Folder	
1	Stern, Beate, (1942-1945), 1941-1943, approximately 1990
2	Stern, Suse, (1942-1945), approximately 1990

Series 2: Correspondence, 1941-1943, approximately 1990

Folder	
3	Gottlieb, Berta, (1942), approximately 1990
4	Gottlieb Schmidt, Flora, (1939-1942), approximately 1990
5	Gross, Gerty, 1943
6	Rimmer, Paulette, 1943
7-10	Stern, Rosa and Moritz, (1940-1942), 1941-1942, approximately 1990 (4 folders)
11	Miscellaneous, (1938-1943), approximately 1990

Series 3: Œuvre de secours aux enfants materials, approximately 1983-1985

Folder	
12	Brochure, letter, list, and map, approximately 1983-1985

Series 4: Photographs, approximately 1990

Folder	
13	Stern family, (approximately 1935-1945), approximately 1990