

**United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives**  
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**Title:** David Klipp Papers, 1945-1947.

**Extent:** 16 photographs: b&w. 1 letter. 2 testimonies. 1 poem (1 folder) .

**Provenance:** Photographer is unknown. The poem was written by Walter Dehmel and was presented to David Klipp in 1945. The letter from the War Crimes Group was sent to David Klipp by Captain H. Cleaver in 1947. David Klipp donated the collection to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1990.

**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:** David Klipp was born on July 9, 1905, in Skudy, Lithuania. On January 17, 1940, David was forced out of his apartment and was brought to the ghetto in Lodz and from there, to Auschwitz. He was on the same transport as Chaim Rumkowski and Leon Rosenblat. After going to Auschwitz, he was sent to the Continental-Gummi-Werke, he was made to work on the upper floors where rubber was cooked. On November 30, 1944, he was sent to Ahlem, a subcamp of Neuengamme, to work in an old asphalt mine. Ahlem was evacuated on April 6, 1945. He came to the United States in 1950.

**Scope and content note:** The collection consists of photographs of commemoration ceremonies in Hannover, Germany, in September 1946; a poem in German; a letter, from the War Crimes Group to David Klipp, that lists the verdicts of the Hannover-Ahlem trial; and David Klipp's testimonies about two camps, Conti and Ahlem.

## Inventory

1. 1 poem entitled, "Ist das alles schon vergessen?" The author presented this poem to David Klipp in Hannover in 1945.
2. Letter, from the War Crimes Group, that lists the verdicts of the Hanover-Ahlem trial, 1947 May.
3. Testimonies. Account of two camps, Conti and Ahlem by David Klipp, n.d.
4. 1 photoprint: b&w. This is a picture of a mass grave in Ahlem where an underground arms factory was being built, n.d. 7 x 5 1/8 in.
5. 1 photoprint: b&w. Seelhorst cemetery with two stone masons setting a stone and a large group of people watching, 1946 Sept. 7. 5 x 6 1/8 in.
6. 1 photoprint: b&w. "Today the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 1946, the day of commemoration for the victims of Nazi terror, is the cornerstone to this memorial placed..." 1946 Sept. 7. 7 x 4 3/4 in.
7. 1 photoprint: b&w. Seelhorst cemetery in Hannover. Scene includes pairs of men carrying funeral wreaths, 1946 Sept. 5 x 6 7/8 in.
8. 1 photoprint: b&w. "The Jewish cemetery in Hannover, called Bothfeld cemetery, where on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 1946, 319 urns of ashes were taken from the crematorium at the Seelhorst cemetery." Photo depicts mourners and others holding funeral wreaths. 7 x 4 3/4 in.
9. 1 photoprint: b&w. Evangelical Bishop Dr. Lillie speaking at a commemoration service, 1946 Sept. 7. 5 x 7 in.
10. 1 photoprint: b&w. Two men standing beside a funeral wreath and tombstone. Crowd in background, n.d. 5 3/4 x 4 5/8 in.
11. 1 photoprint: b&w. Men standing addressing group of mourners with wreaths. Mr. Weber, Mayor of Hannover, n.d. 4 5/8 x 5 7/8 in.
12. 1 photoprint: b&w. Seelhorst cemetery in Hannover. One of many commemorations. Group of men and woman standing around memorial. 5 x 6 7/8 in.
13. 1 photoprint: b&w. Detail of dedication tablet on memorial at Seelhorst cemetery, 1946 Sept. 7 x 5 1/8 in.
14. 1 photoprint: b&w. "Jesuit pater Kurt Dehne speaking at the Seelhorst cemetery in Hannover," 1946 Sept. 7. 6 7/8 x 5 in.

15. 1 photoprint: b&w. "Seelhorst cemetery in Hannover, 1946 Sept. 7. Another shot of the crematorium services." Group of people standing around coffin. Cleric speaking on podium. 7 x 4 ½ in.
16. 1 photoprint: b&w. Seelhorst cemetery in Hannover, 1946 Sept. 7. A Protestant minister addresses the gathering. 4 ½ x 7 in.
17. 1 photoprint: b&w. Seelhorst cemetery at Hannover. Wreath laying ceremony at a commemoration, 1946 Sept. 4 5/8 x 6 ¼ in.
18. 1 photoprint: b&w. Wreath laying ceremonies at a monument, erected by the Russians in Hannover, commemorating citizens of the USSR and other countries, victims of Nazi brutality, 1946 Sept. 5 ¾ x 4 5/8 in.
19. 1 photoprint: b&w. Two men with wreath in front of USSR monument, n.d.