

**United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives**  
**Finding Aid**  
**RG-10**  
**Small Collections**

**RG-10.413**  
**1990.254**

**Title:** Eva Edmands Papers, 1937-1946.

**Extent:** 1 identity card. 1 photoprint: b&w.

**Provenance:** The papers were donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by Eva Edmands in 1990.

**Restrictions on access:** No restrictions on access.

**Restrictions on use:** No restrictions on use.

**Organization and arrangement:** Arrangement is in the order in which received.

**Language:** French.

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

**Scope and content note:** The papers consist of one photograph of Eva Edmands at age eight and one identification card issued to Gabrielle Rapaport [donor's mother] in France on Sept. 2, 1946, with a visa to enter the United States.

**Biographical note:** Eva Edmands was born on October 27, 1929, in Vienna, Austria. In 1938, her family fled to Paris, France. Her father worked as a journalist in Paris before he was drafted into the French army and sent to southern France. Eva and her mother remained in Paris, but after a threatening visit by the Gestapo, they fled to Bordeaux, France. Eva and her mother crossed into the Free Zone of France and joined Eva's father. A Protestant pastor helped Eva's father to leave the army since it was dangerous for him. The pastor gave the family false identification. Eva's family tried unsuccessfully to cross into Switzerland. They went to Annecy, France, and a Catholic priest settled them in his village. For three years, Eva's parents hid in the parish house boiler room. As a 12-year old child, Eva could go outside and attend a local French school. After the liberation of France, Eva's family moved to Paris. In May 1948, her family emigrated to the United States.

**Inventory**

1. 1 photoprint: b&w. Photograph depicts Eva Edmands at age eight, 1937.

2. Identity/travel card. Issued to Eva Edmand's mother, Gabrielle Rapaport (born Vermes.) Issued in France on September 2, 1946, with visa to enter the United States, 1946.