

ERWIN MARX PAPERS, 1937-1970
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Descriptive summary

Title: Erwin Marx papers

Dates: 1937-1970

Accession number: 1990.283.13

Creator: Marx, Erwin, 1895-1988.

Extent: 0.5 linear foot (8 folders)

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Abstract: The Erwin Marx papers consist of biographical materials, printed materials, and restitutions papers documenting Erwin Marx, a merchant from Freiburg, Germany, his refuge in Shanghai, and his efforts to obtain restitution after the Holocaust.

Languages: German, English, Chinese

Administrative Information

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Related materials: Ruth Kraemer also donated five medals and two pins (1990.283.1 through 1990.283.7) to the Museum.

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Biographical note

Erwin Marx (1895-1988) was a textile merchant born in Freiburg, Germany, to Julius Marx (1865-1925) and Anna Schoenthal Marx (1870-1941). He was imprisoned at Dachau for one month following *Kristallnacht* in 1938, his business was liquidated by the Nazi government in December 1938, and he fled to Shanghai in 1939. He immigrated to the United States in 1947, settling in San Francisco.

Scope and content of collection

The Erwin Marx papers consist of biographical materials, printed materials, and restitutions papers documenting merchant Erwin Marx from Freiburg, Germany, his refuge in Shanghai, and his efforts to obtain restitution after the Holocaust.

Biographical materials include Erwin Marx's German passport and identification card and certificates documenting Marx's identification, good conduct, and vaccines as a refugee in Shanghai. This series also includes a handful of notes or diary entries documenting anecdotes about Marx's life in San Francisco.

Printed materials consist of photocopies of *Aufbau* and *Der Wiedergutmachung* articles about procedures, processes, and policies regarding restitution claims.

Restitution files consist of correspondence, reports, forms, bank statements, and tax records documenting Erwin Marx's pursuit of restitution claims against Germany for his incarceration in Dachau, the loss of his business, his confinement to the Hongkew ghetto in Shanghai, illnesses, and emigration costs.

System of arrangement

The Erwin Marx papers are arranged as three series:

- Series 1: Biographical materials, 1937-1962
- Series 2: Printed materials, 1956-1959
- Series 3: Restitution, 1951-1970

Indexing terms

Dachau (Concentration camp)

Jewish merchants--Germany--Freiburg.

Aryanization--Germany.

Jews--Persecutions--Germany.

Jewish refugees--China--Shanghai.
World War, 1939-1945--Refugees--China--Shanghai.
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Reparations.

Shanghai (China)

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Biographical materials, 1937-approximately 1962

Folder	Title
1	Marx, Erwin, 1937, 1939, 1946
2	Notes or diary entries, approximately 1959-1962

Series 2: Printed materials, 1956-1959

Folder	Title
3	Photocopies of Aufbau articles, 1956-1957
4	Photocopies of <i>Die Wiedergutmachung</i> articles, 1957-1959

Series 3: Restitution files, 1951-1970

Folder	Title
5-8	Restitution files, 1951-1970