**HANNES FAMILY LETTERS AND POSTCARDS, 1934-1944**

**1990.35**

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Hannes family letters and postcards

Dates: 1943-1944

Accession number: 1990.35 (RG-10.157)

Creator: Hannes (Family: Hamburg, Germany)

Extent: 1 folder

Repository: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW, Washington, DC 20024-2126

Abstract: The collection documents the Holocaust-era experiences of the Hannes family, originally of Hamburg, Germany. Included are five German Red Cross letters, dated from March 1943 to October 1944 from Luise Eugenie Hannes to her daughters Ruth (later Ruth Hannes Doswald) and Lieselotte (later Lieselotte E. Rosenmeyer), both of whom fled Hamburg to England. Her daughters’ responses are on the reverse of each letter. Also included are seven postcards addressed to Luise’s husband Dr. Berthold Hannes from former patients imprisoned in the Theresienstadt concentration camp. The postcards date from December 1943 to September 1944.

Languages: German, French

**Administrative Information**

Access: Collection is open for use.

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Preferred citation: (Identification of item), Hannes family letters and postcards (1990.35), United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, Washington, DC
Acquisition information: The collection was donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by Ruth Hannes Doswald in 1990.

Custodial history: Ruth Hannes Doswald collected the letters from her mother and the postcards from her father’s patients imprisoned in Theresienstadt after World War II.

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

Processing history: Updated by Adam Fielding, April 2020

Biographical note
Berthold Hannes (b. 1882) married Luise Eugenie Meyer (b. 1896) in 1919 in Hamburg, Germany. They had two daughters: Lieselotte (later Lieselotte “Lilo” Rosenmeyer, 1920-2006) and Ruth (later Ruth Hannes Doswald, b. 1928). Berthold was a doctor practicing in Hamburg. During the Holocaust, Lieselotte and Ruth were refugees in England while their parents remained in Hamburg.


Scope and content of collection
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System of arrangement
The collection is arranged as two series.
Series 1. Deutsches Rotes Kreuz letters, 1943 Mar. 15-1944 October 16

Folders are arranged alphabetically and documents are arranged chronologically.

Indexing terms
Person:
Hannes family.
Doswald, Ruth Hannes.
Rosenmeyer, Lieselotte E. Hannes, 1920-
Hannes, Berthold.
Hannes, Eugenie Meyer.

Corporate:
Theresienstadt (Concentration camp)
Deutsches Rotes Kreuz.
Topical Subject:
Jews--Germany--Hamburg.
Jews, German--England.
Jewish physicians--Germany--Hamburg.
Refugees, Jewish--England.

Geography:
Hamburg (Germany)
England--Emigration and immigration.

Genre/Form:
Postcards.
Letters.

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Series 1. Deutsches Rotes Kreuz letters, 1943 Mar. 15-1944 October 16

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