

ELLEN WALL PAPERS, approximately 1930s-1949
1991.117.52

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Descriptive summary

Title: Ellen Wall papers

Dates: approximately 1930s-1949

Accession number: 1991.117.52

Creator: Wall, Ellen, 1921-1995

Extent: 0.5 linear foot (12 folders)

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Abstract: The Ellen Wall papers include identification papers, passes, and ration card documenting the imprisonment of the Wertheimer family from Frankfurt am Main in Theresienstadt from 1942 to 1945 and maps, name lists, poems, and reports documenting the Theresienstadt concentration camp and its survivors.

Languages: German, Czech

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: Ellen Wall donated the Ellen Wall papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1991 and 1992. The accession formerly cataloged as 1992.63 has been incorporated into this collection.

Related materials: Ellen Wall also donated two Star of David badges (1991.117.1 and 1991.117.2) and a Theresienstadt armband badge (1991.117.3) to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. The Museum also holds an oral history conducted with Ellen Wall (1993.A.0094.41).

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, July 2015

Biographical note

Ellen Wall (1921-1995) was born Ellen Wertheimer in Frankfurt am Main to Max (1879-1965) and Betty (nee Stern, 1895-1971) Wertheimer. Max Wertheimer was imprisoned in Buchenwald for two weeks following Kristallnacht. On September 16, 1942, the Wertheimer family was deported to Theresienstadt, where they remained until its liberation in May 1945. They returned to Frankfurt in July and immigrated to the United States in May 1946 aboard the Marine Flasher, the first ship to sail from Europe to the United States under President Truman's directive on Displaced Persons.

Scope and content of collection

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Biographical materials include identification cards, work cards, vaccination cards, passes, and ration cards documenting the imprisonment of Betty, Ellen, and Max Wertheimer in Theresienstadt from 1942 to 1945.

Theresienstadt materials include a name list of Theresienstadt survivors, a statistical report about those survivors, a report about the camp by Ludwig Stern, Leo Baeck's announcement of the camp's liberation, poems and songs written about the camp, maps of the camp, postcards depicting the town before the camp's establishment, and ration tickets and a money order in the name of two Theresienstadt prisoners.

System of arrangement

The Ellen Wall papers are arranged as two series:

- Series 1: Biographical materials, 1939-1945
- Series 2: Theresienstadt materials, approximately 1930s-1949

Indexing terms

Theresienstadt (Concentration camp)

Jews--Germany--Frankfurt am Main.

Concentration camp inmates--Czech Republic--Terezín (Ústecký kraj).

Terezín (Ústecký kraj, Czech Republic)

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Biographical materials, 1939-1945

Folder	
1	Wertheimer, Betty, 1939-1945
2-3	Wertheimer, Ellen, 1939-1945 (2 folders)
4	Wertheimer, Max, 1943-1945

Series 2: Theresienstadt materials, approximately 1930s-1949

Folder	
5	Liberation announcement by Leo Baeck, 1945
6	List of people liberated at Theresienstadt, 1945
7	Maps, approximately 1942
8	Poems and songs, approximately 1942-1945
9	Postcards, approximately 1930s
10	Ration tickets and money order form for other prisoners, approximately 1944
11	Report about Theresienstadt by Ludwig Stern, 1949
12	Statistical report about Theresienstadt survivors, 1945 (see oversize folder)

Oversize materials

Folder	
1	Statistical report about Theresienstadt survivors, 1945