

DAVID DIAMANT PAPERS, 1943-1944
1991.122.8

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Descriptive summary

Title: David Diamant papers

Dates: 1943-1944

Accession number: 1991.122.8

Creator: Diamant, David, 1903-1994

Additional creators: Bajtszok, Henri, 1922-1943
Fingercwajg, Maurice, 1923-1944

Extent: 0.1 linear foot (1 folder)

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Abstract: The David Diamant papers include Diamant's forged identity card and work certificate under his alias Alexandre Nagy, a forged identity card under the alias Marc Sylvain Camus for another member of the French Resistance, and the last letters of French Resistance members Henri Bajtszok and Maurice Fingercwajg before their executions.

Languages: French

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: David Diamant sold the David Diamant papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1991.

Related materials: David Diamant also sold a poster (1991.122.1) and a printing press (1991.122.7) to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. The Museum also holds Selected Records from Fonds Diamant CMXXVIII-CMXLII (RG-43.082M) and CMXXV-CMXXVI (RG-43.081M) reproduced from the holdings of the Centre de Documentation Juive Contemporaine. The Museum's library holds a dozen books by or with contributions by David Diamant: please see the library's catalog.

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Processing history: Julie Schweitzer, July 2015

Biographical note

David Diamant (1903-1994) was born David Erlich in Hrubieszow, Poland, and moved to France in the 1920s. He was a Jewish communist and member of the underground resistance during World War II. After the war he worked with the Union des Juifs pour la Résistance et l'Entraide (UJRE) and documented the Jewish resistance by collecting original documents and writing and publishing on the subject.

Henri Bajtszok (1922-1943) was born in either 1922 or 1923 in Livry-Gargan (Seine-Saint-Denis) or Warsaw (sources differ). He joined the Francs-tireurs et partisans (FTP) in 1941 and participated in missions against German military trains. He was arrested in June 1943 and executed in October.

Maurice Fingerwajg (Mojze Fingerweig, 1923-1944) was born in Warsaw and raised in France. He joined the Jeunesse Communiste in 1940, the Jewish detachment of the Francs-tireurs et partisans – main-d'œuvre immigrée (FTP-MOI) in 1942, and worked on a derailment team under the command of Missak Manouchian. His father and two brothers were deported in 1942. Fingerwajg was arrested with Manouchian in November 1943, sentenced to death, and executed at Fort Mont Valérien in February 1944.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The David Diamant papers are arranged as a single series:

- Series 1: David Diamant papers, 1943-1944

Indexing terms

World War, 1939-1945--Underground movements--France.

World War, 1939-1945--France--Prisoners and prisons.

World War, 1939-1945--Atrocities--France.

Jews--France--History--20th century.

France--History--German occupation, 1940-1945.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: David Diamant papers, 1943-1944

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