

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives
Finding Aid
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Small Collections

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Title: Jerzy and Zofia Guminski Collection, 1942-1944.

Extent: 4 documents
1 microfiche

Provenance: Wanda Lysikiewicz donated original letters and photographs from Auschwitz and Ravensbruck to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in September 1991. Lysiakiewicz donated documents in memory of Jerzy Guminski, killed in Auschwitz in 1942.

Restrictions on access: No restrictions on access.

Restrictions on use: No restrictions on use.

Language: German and Polish.

Preferred citation: Standard citation for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives.

Biography: Jerzy Guminski was born on March 20, 1923, He and his mother, Zofia Guminski, worked for a Polish partisan group called the Zwiasek Walki Zbrojnej (ZWZ). Among other activities, they assisted escapees from prison and gave shelter to endangered individuals in their pension in Swider, near Warsaw (Poland). Collaborators denounced Jerzy and Zofia. The gestapo arrested them at the end of 1940. Though they were interrogated and beaten, the two did not confess. They were both incarcerated in the Pawiak (Polish prison), where Jerzy worked as an orderly in a German chancellery office and Zofia was employed in a laundry room. On March 6, 1942 Jerzy was transported to Auschwitz where he was shot on August 14, 1942. In August 1942 Zofia was transported to Ravensbruck. She survived.

Scope and content: Contains two letters and two photographs from the Auschwitz and Ravensbruck concentration camps. Jerzy Guminski in Auschwitz wrote a letter to his sister, Hanna Guminski in Swider (Poland). In the letter he reported his health condition and asked to send him sheet music from variety of composers. The second letter was sent by Zofia Guminski from Ravensbruck (Germany) to her family. In the letter she thanks family for sending her packages. Both letters are handwritten on camp stationery with the letterhead in German. Two photographs of Jerzy Guminski show his image in a concentration camp uniform with a triangular patch containing a "P" for Poles and the prisoner number 26596.

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<u>Item #</u>	<u>Title/Description</u>
1.	Letter written by Jerzy Guminski from Auschwitz concentration camp to his sister in Swider (Poland). June 28, 1942. 1 item. Handwritten in German.
2.	Letter sent by Zofia Guminska from the concentratioin camp at Ravensbruck. May 1944. 1 item. Handwritten in German.
3.	Photograph of Jerzy Guminski, ca 1942. 1 item: b & w; 13 x 8,5 cm.
4.	Photograph of Jerzy Guminski, ca. 1942. 1 item: b & w; 12 x 5 cm.