

**WILLIAM SCHULKIN PAPERS, approximately 1908-1946
1992.183.10**

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Descriptive summary

Title: William Schulkin papers

Dates: approximately 1908-1946

Accession number: 1992.183.10

Creator: William Schulkin

Extent: 18 folders

Repository: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW,
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Abstract: The William Schulkin papers contain primarily correspondence between William Schulkin, a dental technician in New York and his siblings in Europe, through the 1930s and World War II. The letters cover a variety of topics but many concern William's attempts to assist his family in immigrating to the United States. Other documents included in the papers are affidavits for his family members, photographs, and various notes and receipts.

Languages: English, Russian, Yiddish, German

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: The William Schulkin papers were donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1992 by Vicki Schulkin, William's granddaughter. The papers were donated as one collection and given the accession number 1992.183, but the documents were later removed and given a new accession number, 1995.A.0366. These documents were later unified with the remaining items in 1992.183, and given the extension 1992.183.10.

Related archival materials: The museum also holds an envelope cover written on the back of a Torah scroll, under the accession number 1992.183.9.

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

Processing history: Michael Folkerts, October 2015

Biographical note

William Schulkin (1887-1963) was born to Abraham Schulkin and Maryashe Slotar in Stowbtsy, Russia (now Belarus). William had seven brothers and sisters, named: Isaac, Rachel, Ida, Celia, Fanny, Elena, and Yakov. In addition, William had three additional siblings from Abraham's first marriage to Esther Briny before she died, whose names were: Jesse, Nechama, and Nathan. Abraham worked as a manager for a local branch of a German timber company called Stolz, and was wealthy enough to afford maids and cooks. In the early 20th century, Jesse, Nathan, Nechamky, Rachel, and William moved to the United States. However, William did not like living in America, and returned to Europe. Abraham's business relocated soon after to Vilnius, to take advantage of the growing commercial center there. With the outbreak of World War I, William was sent back to New York to avoid being drafted. He trained to become a dental technician, and married Fannie Shapiro. His business grew in the 1920s, and was prosperous before he bought gold from a dentist supply company and was later robbed, placing him in debt. William and Fannie had two children, Victor and Ben, though Victor died at the age of 14. While living in the United States during World War II, William kept in contact with his siblings living overseas, and attempted to obtain visas for them to immigrate to the United States.

Scope and content of collection

The William Schulkin papers contain primarily correspondence in Russian and Yiddish, sent to William from various family members still living in Europe. Many letters come from William's sister Fanny and her husband Kurt Jacobi, while several others come from Kurt's sister, Kathe Levy, asking to help Kurt and Fannie in any way possible. Other letters come from his sister Elena and husband Mykolas Fratkinas, his brothers Nathan and Isaac, his father Abraham, his cousin Asher Slotar, and his nephew Nelson Vogelsohn. Other letters included were sent by William and Bernard Malin, William's accountant, to the American Consulate General. Other various documents included in the papers are affidavits for William's siblings to come to the United States, photographs of the Schulkin family, blank forms, notes, and receipts.

System of arrangement

The William Schulkin papers are arranged into two series:

- Series 1: Correspondence, 1922-1946
- Series 2: Various, approximately 1908-1946

Indexing terms

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Schulkin, Fannie Shapiro
Schulkin, Ben
Schulkin, Abraham
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Schulkin, Jesse
Schulkin Nechama
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Schulkin, Isaac
Schulkin, Leon
Schulkin, Mischa
Vogelsohn, Rachel Schulkin
Vogelsohn, Solomon
Vogelsohn, Nelson
Schulkin, Aidela
Schulkin, Celia
Jacobi, Fanny Schulkin
Jacobi, Kurt
Levy, Kathe Jacobi
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Fratkinas, Mykolas
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Slotar, Asher
Malin, Bernard

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Series 2: Various, approximately 1908-1946

Folder	Title
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