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Title: Manfred Lovin collection, 1892-1979.

Extent: 1 box.

Provenance: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum received the collection from Rabbi and Mrs. Eugene Lipman, executors of the Manfred Lovin estate, on February 25, 1992.

Restrictions on access: No restrictions on access.

Restrictions on use: No restrictions on use.

Organization and arrangement: The collection is organized: Series 1: Archival materials: RG-10.246*01*01; Biographical materials. RG-10.246*01*02; Photographs. RG-10.246*01*03; Academic notebooks.

Language: German, English, French, Greek, Latin, and Arabic.

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Biographical note: Manfred Lovin (née Löwin) was born on March 9th, 1892 in Berlin, the son of Leopold and Clothilde Löwin. The Löwin family was relatively prosperous, making a comfortable living in the textile industry. Religiously, the Jewish family was liberal. Manfred received the benefits of a classical education at the Kaiser Wilhelm Gymnasium, and later went on to business school. At the outbreak of World War I, Manfred served as a non-commissioned officer in a cavalry regiment of the German Army. After the war, Lovin founded a successful radio components manufacturing company, and came into contact with a number of individuals who would later help him escape Germany, most notably Albert Speer and Hjalmar Schacht. Ironically, the three men belonged to the same fraternal organization (Bruderschaft). In 1923, he married Erna Kowalsky, a pianist and singer. The couple had two children, Ursula and Gerda, of whom both perished in the Holocaust. In 1937 Lovin was arrested for “race pollution” and sentenced to 15 months imprisonment at Brandenburg prison. Lovin served the last six months of his sentence at the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp. In April 1939, Lovin secured a divorce. Three months later, with Hjalmar Schacht’s intercession, Lovin received permission to leave Germany and immigrate to the United States. The privilege was not extended to any of Lovin’s family. Manfred Lovin arrived in New York in May 1939. With the aid of the Koenigsberger family of Washington, DC, Lovin devoted much of his time and energies from 1939, to the end of the war attempting to get his family out of Germany. He was unsuccessful. In 1942, Lovin moved to Washington, DC and

worked at Hecht's department store. On the 30th of July 1943, he married Jenice Jaffa. On December 29th, 1958 Manfred Lovin retired from Hecht's department store. He died in 1991, age 99.

Scope and content note: Contains materials related to the life of Manfred Lovin, a German Jew, and his escape from Nazi Germany, along with information concerning the Lovin family and their fates.

Additional material: A wealth of information concerning Manfred Lovin and the Lovin (Löwin) family is also available in RG-19.040 (Lawrence and Irene Koenigsberger correspondence relating to the rescue of Manfred Loewin), and RG-28.007*01 (Manfred Lovin case file from the United Restitution Organization, 1958-1972). Please see also 1992.45.2-.5 for the artifact material donated with this collection.

* Manfred Lovin's family name was spelled Löwin, Löewin, Lövin, Lowin, Loewin, and Lovin at various times in his life.

Inventory:

RG-10.246*01: Archival materials.

RG-10.246*01*01: Biographical materials.

1. Birth certificate for Manfred Löwin (Lovin), Berlin, Germany. May 11, 1892. In German.
2. Vaccination certificate (No.35) issued to Manfred Löwin (Lovin). July 1, 1893. In German.
3. Postcard addressed to Hertha Löwin "the little naughty mouse" from Manfred Löwin (Lovin). Printed with pictures of young girls and hand-tinted with colored pencils. Message in German on verso. Berlin, Germany. December 21, 1900.
4. Vaccination certificate (No. 54) issued to Manfred Löwin (Lovin). June 25, 1904. In German.
5. Academic certificate issued to Manfred Löwin (Lovin) verifying one year's study at the Royal Friedrich Wilhelms Gymnasium in Berlin in the commercial business school. March 30, 1908. In German.
6. Note written on lined paper. n.d. In German.
7. Certificate of completion of export apprenticeship issued to Manfred Löwin (Lovin) by Orenstein & Koppel, Aktiengesellschaft. Signed by Arthur Koppel. March 31, 1912. In German.
8. Certificate of military service issued to Manfred Löwin (Lovin). January 5, 1912. In German.

9. Electrostatic copy of above, notarized and dated in New York, July 21, 1968.
10. Deutsches Reich Reisepass issued to Manfred Löwin (Lovin). A particularly fine historic example, complete with personal statistics, identification photograph, red "J" stamp, the name "Israel" added after date of issue with explanation for the added name, U.S. quota immigration visas (No. 463) dated and cancelled August 15, 1938 with a second dated April 22, 1939 complete with raised American seals, the stamp of the Dresdner Bank Depositenkasse Reichsbank dated May 5, 1939, and numerous Nazi cancellations and stamps. Berlin, Germany. October 12, 1936. In German and English.
11. Petition for alimony support requested by Erna Löwin for her daughters Ursula Steffi and Gerda Irene, against Manfred Löwin (Lovin), issued by the District Court of Berlin. May 10, 1938. In German.
12. Gestapo arrest warrant, issued under authority of Reinhard Heydrich, for the arrest of Manfred Löwin (Lovin) for defilement of a German woman. September 24, 1938. In German.
13. Prison processing sheet, issued at the Brandenburg Prison, detailing associated fees. October 3, 1938. In German.
14. Photocopy of Manfred Löwin's (Lovin's) immigration identification card, issued jointly by the United States Departments of State and Labor. Issued at the American consulate in Berlin. August 15, 1938. In German.
15. Discharge certificate issued to "the Jew Manfred Löwin" by the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp. Signed by SS Camp Commandant Herman Baranowski. April 5, 1939. In German.
16. Formal decree of divorce issued under rabbinical authority of the Rabbiner der Judischen Gemeinde, terminating the marriage of Manfred and Erna Löwin. April 19, 1939. In German.
17. Kennkarte issued to Manfred Löwin (Lovin) by the German police. April 14, 1944. In German.
18. Receipt for \$2.50 for a U.S. Department of Labor Immigration and Naturalization Service immigration fee. Sent to Manfred Lowin [*sic*] care of Jacob S. Ruskin, 85 Colonial Place, New Rochelle, New York. June 22, 1939. In German.
19. United States Immigration and Naturalization Service Alien Registration form filled out by Manfred Löwin (Lovin) in pencil. Details his stay in a German prison and concentration camp for race defilement, the ship he traveled aboard for his immigration, and other circumstances of his immigration. June 22, 1939. In English.
20. Three page, typewritten letter to Manfred Lovin from his sister, Hertha Neumann of Prägerstrasse 29, Berlin, W. 50. Implores Lovin for assistance in obtaining

affidavits from various friends and acquaintances of the Neumann's living in America. July, 1941. In German.

21. German Red Cross message to Manfred Löewin (Lovin) of 3749 McKinley Street, Washington, D.C. from Gerda and Ursula Löewin of Apartment 9, Berlin, Charlottenburg, Stulpnagelstrasse, 3. Reads "Ursula [and] Mother [are] workers. Gerda [is] kitchen help. Ursula as always [is] weak. [We] count on your news. [It] makes [us] happy. We ask for [an] answer, kisses Ursula [and] Gerda." September 25, 1942.
22. Postcard addressed to Else Neumann from Ursula Löwin during her imprisonment in Birkenau. The note on verso reads "Dear Aunt Else, I thank you many times for your lovely cards with which I always have great pleasure. I hope you are well, sent Easter wishes, your Uschi". July 15, 1944. In German.
23. Handwritten list in pencil detailing Manfred Lovin's family members in Germany and their vital statistics. Notes that last family contact was via Red Cross message in September 1942. n.d. In English.
24. Typescript of above on Lovin's Berlin business stationery with his Washington, D.C. address typed below masthead. Arabic notes in pencil on verso. n.d. In English and Arabic.
25. Typescript of above on unmarked typing paper. In English.
26. Certificate of marriage issued to Manfred Lovin and Jenice Jaffa, in Washington, D.C. July 30, 1943. In English.
27. Validation of certificate of marriage for Manfred Lovin and Jenice Jaffa. July 30, 1943. In English.
28. United States Department of Justice certificate of citizenship of the United States of America issued to Manfred Lovin of 129 Webster Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. July 5, 1944. In English.
29. Letter addressed to Werner Jacobi c/o Hans Gfroerer, Berlin-Dahlem, Fontanestrasse 17, from the American Joint Distribution Committee Tracing Office. The letter states that Arnold and Hertha Neumann were deported on October 26, 1942, Edward Neumann deported on September 5, 1943, and Ursula Steffi Löewin deported on March 2, 1943. The birth dates of Ursula and Steffi Löewin are written on the back of the letter in blue ink. Upper right quarter of letter is torn away. ca. 1946. In German and English.
30. Three letters, totaling four pages, of correspondence between Manfred Lovin and Floyd Masten of the U.S. Army's map office. The letters concern Lovin's donation of 11 maps of cities in Germany, which he believes might be of use to the war effort. Masten accepts. February 9, 1944-March 6, 1944. In English.

31. Letter to Manfred Lovin from the United Restitution Organization New York office. States that the attached is a copy of Lovin's birth certificate (an electrostatic copy is attached). April 24, 1957. In German.
32. Typewritten letter stating that Manfred Lovin retired from the Hecht Company on December 28, 1958. Signed by Milton S. Chamvris, employment manager. December 29, 1958. In English.
33. Letter from Yad Vashem confirming registration of Hertha, Eduard, and Arnold Neumann, and Erma, Ursula, and Gerda Löewin in the Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Pages of Testimony. May 16, 1977.
34. American passport issued to Manfred Lovin. April 6, 1969. In English.
35. American passport issued to Manfred Lovin. March 21, 1974. In English.
36. American passport issued to Manfred Lovin. February 8, 1979. In English.

RG-10.246*01*02: Photographs.

1. Manfred Lovin's first wife, Erna K. Lovin and their daughters, Ursula and Gerda, in a swimming pool. ca. 1930's. All perished at Birkenau.
2. Manfred Lovin's father, Leopold Lovin. n.d.
3. Manfred Lovin's father, Leopold Lovin, seated in wicker chair on a balcony. n.d.
4. Duplicate of above on cardboard.
5. Manfred Lovin, age 6, and his sister Hertha Löewin Neumann. 1898.
6. Hertha Löewin Neumann in a nautical dress, standing next to a settee, holding a doll. ca. 1890's.
7. Manfred Lovin in schoolboy's uniform. ca. 1890's.
8. Manfred Lovin portrait in business suit with signature at bottom. n.d.
9. Erna Löewin portrait, side lit. ca. 1930's
10. Manfred Lovin seated in chair of Danish-modern design, cigarette in right hand. ca. 1930's.
11. Edward Neumann, son of Hertha (Manfred's sister). Portrait with German inscription on verso reading "Forget me not. With love, your nephew Edward." n.d. In German.
12. Manfred and Erna Löwin (Lovin) standing on a lake pier in Bavarian dress with two unidentified individuals. n.d.

13. Postcard photo of Manfred Löwin (Lovin) with members of his cavalry regiment. Lovin is the third from the left in the first row, seated, wearing a dark tunic and hobnailed boots. The card is addressed to the Löwin family in Berlin and is written from Strasbourg. The script details Manfred's trip. December 3, 1916. In German.
14. Same as above with no script.
15. Postcard portrait of Manfred Löwin (Lovin), autographed. ca. 1930's
16. Manfred Löwin (Lovin) in German cavalry NCO uniform with Imperial helmet, brandishing a Mauser rifle and wearing a bayonet on his gun belt. ca.1916.
17. Postcard photo of Manfred Lovin's elder daughter, Ursula, as an infant, naked, lying on stomach. October 24, 1926.
18. Postcard photo of Manfred Lovin's younger daughter, Gerda, as an infant, naked, lying on stomach. December 5, 1927.
19. Same as above, different angle.
20. Postcard photo of Erna, Gerda, and Ursula Löwin. Gerda and Ursula are holding European candy cones. A flower shop and beer hall are in the background. n.d.
21. Portrait of Gerda (r.) and Ursula (l.) Löwin. March 1938.
22. Gerda (r.) and Ursula (l.) Löwin in swimming attire, standing on a rural road with neat piles of either railroad ties or fence posts in the background. ca. late 1930's.
23. Gerda Löwin standing in a large public swimming pool. ca. late 1930's.
24. Ursula (l.) and Gerda (r.) Löwin standing on a wood bridge with a stone fence in the background. ca. 1930's.
25. Gerda (l.) and Ursula (r.) standing in front of a hedge and guard rail with two houses in back ground. ca. 1930's.
26. Same as above with Gerda (r.) and Ursula (l.).
27. Ursula Löwin holding a doll. ca. 1930's
28. Same as above, facing the doll.
29. Gerda (l.) and Ursula (r.) Löwin sitting on parallel bars in a public park, with a brick wall in the background. ca. 1930's.
30. Manfred, Ursula, Gerda, and Erna Löwin standing in front of a house, hands joined. 1929.

31. Ursula Löwin as an infant in a bassinette. 1926.
32. Photo postcard of a woman in mourning attire, addressed to Erna Löwin and written from Wiesbaden. August 12, 1929. In German.
33. Clothilde Löwin, Manfred Lovin's mother, in black dress with mink stole. n.d.
34. Portrait of Leopold Löwin, Manfred Lovin's father, wearing a waist coated suit, pince-nez, and a diamond cravat brooch in the semblance of a horseshoe. n.d.
35. Portrait of Clothilde Löwin around the time of Manfred Lovin's infancy. 1898.
36. Postcard portrait of Leopold Löwin wearing a bowler, pince-nez, and a mink, addressed to Manfred Löwin (Lovin) with accompanying text. February 5, 1913. In German.
37. Postcard photograph of Clothilde Löwin and Hertha Löwin Neumann at a beach with Clothilde seated in a shade-box and Hertha recumbent in the sand, with accompanying text. September 3, 1911. In German.
38. Portrait of Hertha Löwin Neumann and her husband, Arnold Neumann. Hertha is wearing a white linen dress and holding a small assortment of flowers, Arnold is wearing a waist coated suit and silk cravat with wing-collared shirt. n.d.
39. Hertha and Arnold Neumann standing on a train quay. June 1, 1939.
40. Arnold Neumann, seated and wearing a German infantryman's uniform, regimental markings (42) on epaulets. ca. World War I.
41. Judge Lawrence and Dr. Irene Koenigsberger seated before a fireplace with a dog. A bust is on the mantle. Judge Koenigsberger was a childhood friend of Manfred Lovin and helped him in his immigration to the United States. n.d.
42. Ursula (l.) and Gerda (r.) Löwin in profile, wearing identical dresses. ca. 1930's.
43. Postcard photo of Manfred and Hertha Löwin in front of a painted backdrop, Manfred is holding a torpedo cigar in his left hand. ca. 1930's
44. Leopold, Clothilde, Manfred, and Hertha Löwin in formal attire. ca. early 1930's.
45. Manfred, Erna, Gerda, and Ursula Löwin standing on a country road, all dressed in white linen. ca. early 1930's.
46. Erna, Ursula, and Gerda Löwin standing on a balcony. The girls are holding small purses. 1931 or 1932.

47. Jenice Jaffa Lovin in white evening dress. Inscription on back reads, "I seem to recall that you liked this one best, darling. With love from your Jenice." September 11, 1942. In English.
48. Manfred and Jenice Lovin standing in front of their Washington, D.C. home. March 29, 1946.
49. Leopold, Hertha, Manfred, Clothilde, and unidentified male seated at a beach in and around a shade box. ca. 1900.
50. Manfred Lovin standing in front of his English class and pointing to a map of the world. Taken in New York City. ca. 1940.
51. Manfred Lovin, Lovin's female English teacher, and an unidentified male standing in front of a chalkboard in a classroom in New York City. ca. 1940.
52. Portrait of Clothilde Löwin standing on a balcony. ca late 1800's.
53. Portrait of Manfred Lovin. ca. 1941-1945.
54. Hertha and Arnold Neumann standing before a fountain in a public park. ca. 1930's.
55. Manfred Lovin at age 85. 1977.
56. Photo postcard of a woman dressed in black and walking in a park, resembling Erna Löwin. Addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Löwin. Post card written from Wiesbaden. August 17, 1926. In German. *NOTE: The post card was in a frame and the photo has adhered to the glass fronting of the frame.

RG-10.246*01*03: Academic notebooks.

1. Lined notebook dated 1904, containing French vocabulary exercises. 6.5"X4". 64 pages. In French and German.
2. Lined notebook dated 1906, containing Latin vocabulary exercises based on the works of Publius Ovidius Naso. 6.5"X4". 38 pages. In Latin and German.
3. Lined notebook dated 1907 containing notes on *History of Rome*, by Titus Livius. 6.5"X4". 32 pages. In Latin and German.
4. Lined notebook, undated, containing notes on conversational French. 6.5"X4". 56 pages, 18 pages with script. In French and German.
5. Lined notebook, undated, containing notes on what appears to be classical (vice demotic or conversational) Greek with brief notes on the pronunciation of Arabic towards the back. 6.5"X4". 42 pages. 21 pages of script. In classical Greek and German with some Arabic.

6. Lined notebook, undated, containing notes on the conjugation of Greek verbs. 6.5”X4”. 40 pages. In Greek and German.
7. Lined notebook dated 1904-1905 containing notes on what appears to be a history of Epaminondas of Thebes and the war with the Spartan League, Hannibal Barca and the Punic Wars, and Plutarch’s *Pelopidas*. 6.5”X4”. 48 pages. In Latin and German.
8. Lined notebook, undated, containing notes on Arabic vocabulary. 8”X6.75”. 68 pages. In Arabic and German.
9. Lined notebook, undated, containing notes on Arabic vocabulary. 8”X6.75”. 68 pages. In Arabic and German.
10. Lined notebook, undated, containing notes on the Arabic language, which appears to have been culled from the textbook *Arabischer sprachführer für reisende*, by Martin Martmann, published by Verlag des Bibliographischen Institutes, Leipzig in 1881. 6.5”X4”. 154 pages. In Arabic and German.
11. Lined notebook dated 1907, containing notes on Latin from the works of Cicero. 6.5”X4”. 44 pages. In Latin and German.
12. Lined notebook dated 1906, containing notes on Greek vocabulary. 6.5”X4”. 60 pages. In Greek and German.
13. Lined notebook dated 1907, containing notes on Latin vocabulary drawn from Cicero, possibly his reflections on the Platonic Dialogs. 6.5”X4”. 68 pages. In Latin and German.