

**JOSEPH MAIER COLLECTION, 1939-1976 (bulk 1945-1946)**  
**1992.A.0031**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Joseph Maier collection

Dates: 1939-1976 (bulk 1945-1946)

Accession number: 1992.A.0031

Creator: Maier, Joseph, 1911-2002

Extent: 1.0 linear foot (2 boxes)

Repository: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW, Washington, DC 20024-2126.

Abstract: This collection contains sworn testimonies of war criminals tried at Nuremberg, 1945-1946, and various correspondence, memoranda, notes, articles, and clippings relating to the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg, Germany, from ca. 1945 to 1946. Also contains the work of Joseph Maier as an interrogator during the trials and a photocopy of the handwritten confession of Rudolf Hoess concerning the number of Jews killed in Auschwitz concentration camp.

Language: 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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Preferred citation: (Identification of item), Joseph Maier collection (1992.A.0031) United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, Washington, DC.

Acquisition information: Joseph Maier donated his collection to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1992.

Related material: The original handwritten confession of Rudolf Hoess concerning the number of Jews killed in Auschwitz concentration camp is cataloged separately as 1992.18.

Custodial history: Joseph Maier collected the documents during his service with the office of the U. S. Chief of Counsel for the Prosecution of Axis Criminality at the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany, in 1946. Maier donated the collection to the Research Institute Archives in February 1992. At the time of donation, the USHMM Collections Department removed the original confession of Rudolf Hoess for use in the Museum's permanent exhibition. The USHMM Library removed a collection of anti-Semitic books at the same time.

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

Processing history: Revised by Julie Schweitzer, July 2018

### **Biographical note**

Joseph Maier (1911-2002) was born in Leipzig, Germany. After finishing university in Leipzig he immigrated to the United States in September 1933. His parents and brother had already immigrated to America. Joseph received his M.A. (1934) and his Ph.D. (1939) from Columbia University. From 1940 to 1943 he was assistant editor for a New York German-Jewish newspaper, and in 1944, he worked in the American embassy in Britain as a propaganda analyst. In 1946, he volunteered for service in Germany after World War II and participated in the Nuremberg Trials, becoming chief of the analysis section of the Interrogation Division. In 1947 he was appointed professor of sociology at Rutgers University and became chairman of the department until his retirement in 1980. Maier was a specialist in the sociology of religion and became widely known as the author of a weekly column in the New York German-language Jewish newspaper *Aufbau* dealing with the application of halakhic wisdom to contemporary social problems. With Werner Cahnman, Maier established the organization for the Preservation of Jewish Cultural Monuments in Europe, later called the Rashi Association (1978). From 1980 on, he served as its president, helping to establish such projects as the Institute of Judaic Studies at the University of Munich.

### **Scope and content of collection**

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### **System of arrangement**

The Joseph Maier papers are arranged as two series:

Series 1: Sworn testimonies of war criminals, 1945-1946

Series 2: Documents relating to the war crime trials at Nuremberg, 1939-1976

### **Indexing terms**

War crime trials.

Nuremberg Trial of Major German War Criminals, Nuremberg, Germany, 1945-1946.

Nuremberg War Crime Trials, Nuremberg, Germany, 1946-1949.

World War, 1939-1945--War Criminals.

War crime trials--Germany--Nuremberg.

Nuremberg (Germany)

### **CONTAINER LIST**

#### **Series 1: Sworn testimonies of war criminals, 1945-1946**

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