

**DINGFELDER FAMILY PAPERS, CIRCA 1884-1966**  
**1994.A.0024**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Dingfelder family papers

Dates: Circa 1884-1966 (bulk circa 1914-1966)

Accession number: 1994.A.0024

Creator: Dingfelder family (Nürnberg :Germany)  
Neu family (Nürnberg :Germany)

Extent: .5 linear feet (2 boxes, 1 oversize folder)

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Abstract: The Dingfelder family papers contain identification papers, photographs, clippings, and a prayer book relating to the experiences of the family in pre-war Germany and in Theresienstadt concentration camp. Included are birth, bris, and marriage certificates; clippings of articles about their experiences in Nazi Germany and their new lives in the United States; and Siegfried Neu's prayer book which he used while interned at Theresienstadt. The photographs include loose photographs of Sigbert and Elizabeth Dingfelder; the ship which carried the Sigbert, Elizabeth, and their son Justin to the United States in 1939; and a street scene of an unidentified town in Nazi Germany. The photograph albums contain two albums of Sigbert Dingfelder's World War I photographs, and two albums of pre-war photographs of family and friends in various cities in Germany.

Languages: German, English, Hebrew

**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.

Reproduction and use: Collection is available for use. Material may be protected by copyright. Please contact reference staff for further information.

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Acquisition information: The Dingfelder family papers were donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by Justin Dingfelder in 1993 with two accretions in 2015. Justin Dingfelder is the son of Sigbert and Elizabeth Dingfelder.

Related archival materials: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum also has two dictionaries used by Siegfried Dingfelder while he was interned at Theresienstadt (2002.142.1; 2002.142.2).

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

Processing history: Adam Fielding, February 2016

### **Biographical note**

Sigbert Dingfelder (1891-1978) was born Neustadt an der Aisch in Bavaria, Germany to Emma (née Gunderheimer, b. 1865) and August Dingfelder (b. 1862). He had one brother, Herman (1897-1977), and two sisters, Hermine (b. 1895) and Rosa. Sigbert was in the German Army during World War I, and later became a textile engineer. He married Elizabeth Neu, and they lived in Nürnberg, Germany where they had one son, Justin (b. 1936). Sigbert was briefly imprisoned in Dachau concentration camp in 1938, and in 1939 he, Elizabeth, and Justin immigrated to the United States, settling in Minneapolis, Minnesota. His brother, Herman, and his sister, Rosa, also immigrated to the United States. His mother, Emma, his father, August, and his sister, Hermine were all interned at Theresienstadt concentration camp. August died in the camp, but everyone else survived and immigrated to the United States.

Elizabeth Dingfelder (née Neu, b. 1905) was born in Fürth, Germany to Florentine (née Nathan, b. 1875) and Siegfried Neu (1864-1959). Her parents were both living in Nürnberg when they were sent to Theresienstadt around 1941. Her mother was killed in an unidentified concentration camp, but her father survived and immigrated to the United States.

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

The Dingfelder family papers contain identification papers, photographs, clippings, and a prayer book and Hagadah relating to the experiences of the family in pre-war Germany and in Theresienstadt concentration camp. Included are birth, bris, and marriage certificates; clippings of articles about their experiences in Nazi Germany and their new lives in the United States; and Siegfried Neu's prayer book that he used while interned at Theresienstadt. The photographs include loose photographs of Sigbert and Elizabeth Dingfelder; the ship which carried the Sigbert, Elizabeth, and their son Justin to the United States in 1939; and a street scene of an unidentified town in Nazi Germany. The photograph albums contain two albums of Sigbert Dingfelder's World War I photographs, and two albums of pre-war photographs of family and friends in various cities in Germany.

### **System of arrangement**

The Dingfelder family papers are arranged alphabetically as one series. The photograph albums are arranged chronologically.

## Indexing terms

### Person:

Dingfelder, Elizabeth.

Dingfelder, Sigbert.

Neu, Siegfried.

Neu, Florentine.

### Corporate:

Theresienstadt (Concentration camp)

### Topical Subject:

Legal documents.

Jews--Cultural assimilation.

Jews--Germany.

Emigration & immigration--United States.

Jewish soldiers--Germany--20th century.

### Geography:

Furth (Bavaria, Germany)

Nuremberg (Germany)

### Genre/Form:

Photographs.

Photograph albums.

Prayer-books.

## CONTAINER LIST

Box	Folder/Item	Title
1	1	Clippings, 1945-1966
OS	1	
1	4	<i>Hagada, Israels Auszug aus Egypten für die beiden ersten Abende des Pesach-Festes</i>
1	2	Identification papers of Siegfried and Florentine Neu, 1941-1954
1	3	Photographs, circa 1938-1939
		Photograph albums:
2	1	Green World War I album, circa 1914-circa 1918
2	2	Grey Iron Cross World War I album, circa 1914-circa 1918
2	3	Light brown small family album, 1920
2	4	Brown Travel album, 1933-1934
2	5	Prayer book, circa 1884