

**United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives**  
**Finding Aid**  
**RG-10**  
**Small Collections**

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**Title:** William Ornstein papers, 1944-1970.

**Extent:** 23 folders  
4 microfiche

**Provenance:** Most of the materials were found on and taken by William Ornstein from the premises of the Nazi concentration camp of Mauthausen after that camp's liberation. These materials were used by Ornstein as evidence in Nazi war crimes trials. After his death, his housekeeper, Felicja Olszewska, retained his papers for safekeeping. After Fay Brooks and other remaining members of Ornstein's family consulted, the papers were donated to the USHRI Archives in Sep 1993.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** William Ornstein was born in Drohobycz, Poland (now Ukraine) on February 16, 1915. During the Holocaust, he was a prisoner in Dachau and Mauthausen concentration camps. Following World War II, Ornstein appeared as a witness in various German courts and testified against several war criminals. He later immigrated to the United States where he died.

**Restrictions on access:** No restrictions on access.

**Restrictions on use:** No restrictions on use.

**Organization and arrangement:** Arrangement is thematic.

**Language:** German, English, and Polish.

**Preferred citation:** Standard citation for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Collections Division, Archives.

**Scope and Content:** Contains information about war crimes trials; war criminals; prisoners of Mauthausen concentration camp; and William Ornstein's participation in several war crimes trials.

**Inventory:**

Folder 1

William Ornstein prisoner profile card, n.d.

Folder 2

Correspondence with German courts concerning Ornstein's involvement in war crimes trials, 1953-1970.

Folder 3

William Ornstein testimony, 15 Apr 1946.

Folder 4

William Ornstein testimony, 22 Jan 1947.

Folder 5

William Ornstein testimony, 1960-1961.

Folder 6

Leon Kro\_ak testimony, 24 May 1945.

Folder 7

David Zimet testimony, 19 Aug 1945.

Folder 8

Death notices for Mauthausen prisoners, 1944-1945.

Folder 9

Notices concerning prisoners Pieck, Kroner, and Biagioni.

Folder 10

List of prisoners transported from Mauthausen to Auschwitz, 19 Aug 1944.

Folder 11

List of executions at Mauthausen, 16 Oct 1944.

Folder 12

List of persons entering Mauthausen, 14 Apr 1945.

Folder 13

Three lists of prisoners listing date of birth and date of death, ca. 1945.

Folder 14

Fragmented list of prisoner names, n.d.

Folder 15

List of Mauthausen camp personnel, n.d.

Folder 16

Confession of Franz Ziereis, commandant of Mauthausen, 1945.

Folder 17

"Das War Mauthausen ..." n.d.

Folder 18

Pencil drawings of the Mauthausen crematorium, 16-21 May 1945.

Folder 19

Military government court charge sheet, Dachau, Germany, 7 Mar 1946.

Folder 20

Martin Roth poster, ca. 1945.

Folder 21

Photo album of a war crimes trial in Salzburg, Austria, with photos of William Ornstein's participation, 1946.

Folder 22

Clippings and articles relating to war crimes trials, ca. 1945-1967.

Folder 23

Miscellaneous and undated documents.