

LÁSZLÓ ERŐS PAPERS, 1991-1994
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Descriptive summary

Title: László Erős papers

Dates: 1991-1994

Accession number: 1995.A.0143.1

Creator: Erős, László, 1913-?

Extent: 0.5 linear foot (5 folders)

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Abstract: The László Erős papers include an English translation of his joint memoir with his wife, *I Will Never Let Go of Your Hand!*, Hungarian and Romanian clippings from the early 1990s expressing anti-Semitism while reflecting on the Holocaust era, and a photocopied list of members of labor battalion 108/24.

Languages: English, Hungarian, Romanian

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: László Erős donated his papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1994 and 1995. The accessions formerly cataloged as 1995.A.525 has been incorporated into this collection.

Related archival material: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's library holds copy of Eros' books *Soha nem engedem el a kezed!*, *Öt Quisling népünk ítélőszéke előtt*, and *Cinci Quislingi judecați de popoarele lor*.

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Biographical note

László Erős was born in 1913 in Kolozsvár, Hungary (now Cluj-Napoca, Romania). In December 1942, he was conscripted into forced labor battalion 110/13 and survived several labor details before escaping in March 1945. While stationed in Gyergyószentmiklós (now Gheorgheni, Romania) in early 1944, he met Blanka Herskó (1927-?) from Gyergyószentmiklós. Blanka was deported in May 1944 to the Szászrégen ghetto, Auschwitz, Plaszów, Auschwitz again, Wiesau, and Langenbielau. She and László were married after the war. Her parents are presumed to have been murdered at Auschwitz, and his father is also presumed to have been murdered in a concentration camp.

Scope and content of collection

The László Erős papers include an English translation of his joint memoir with his wife, *I Will Never Let Go of Your Hand!* The memoir covers the period from 1940-1946 and consists of three parts: Blanka's experiences with deportation and concentration camps, a diary account of László's escape from his labor battalion and his eventual reunion with Blanka, and an account of how the survivors from Gyergyószentmiklós were memorialized at the local synagogue. The manuscript is accompanied by the original photographs published in the Hungarian version of the memoir and a list of 986 Jews transported from Gyergyószentmiklós to the ghetto of Szászrégen (Reghin, Romania) and Auschwitz. The collection also includes Hungarian and Romanian clippings from the early 1990s expressing anti-Semitism while reflecting on the Holocaust era and Erős' published responses as well as a photocopied list of members of labor battalion 108/24.

System of arrangement

The László Erős papers are arranged as a single series.

Indexing terms

Auschwitz (Concentration camp)

Plaszów (Concentration camp)

Wiesau (Concentration camp : Poland)

Langenbielau (Concentration camp)

Jews--Romania--Cluj-Napoca.

Jews--Romania--Gheorgheni (Harghita)
Jewish ghettos--Romania--Reghin.
Forced labor--Hungary.

Cluj-Napoca (Romania)
Gheorgheni (Harghita, Romania)

Photographs.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: László Erős papers, 1991-1994

| Box | Title |
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| 1-3 | Memoir, <i>I Will Never Let Go of Your Hand!</i> , by Blanka Erős and László Erős, approximately 1994 (3 folders) |
| 4 | Clippings, 1991-1993 |
| 5 | Photocopied list of 108/24 labor battalion members, approximately 1994 |