

**HEINRICH STERN COLLECTION, 1909-1986 [bulk 1909-1944]
1995.A.0363**

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Descriptive summary

Title: Heinrich Stern collection

Dates: 1909-1986 [bulk 1909-1944]

Accession number: 1995.A.0363

Creator: Heinrich Stern

Extent: 25 folders, 1 oversized folder

Repository: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW,
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Abstract: The Heinrich Stern collection contains primarily immigration documents related to Heinrich and Charlotte Stern. Heinrich was a lawyer who was arrested on Kristallnacht and sent to Buchenwald. He was released after his wife obtained travel permits, and the couple immigrated to Bolivia, where they lived until they moved to the United States in 1944. Documents include visa applications, identity cards, police documents, letters of recommendation, and other documents needed to immigrate. Other various items include the certificate Heinrich obtained to be a notary and practice law, his disbarment, and handwritten manuscript.

Languages: German, Spanish, English

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: The Heinrich Stern collection was donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by Heinrich's daughter, Eva Slonitz, in 1993.

Related archival materials: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum also houses an oral history given by Eva Slonitz, daughter of Heinrich Stern.

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

Processing history: Michael Folkerts, October 2015

Biographical note

Heinrich Stern (1882-1949) was born and lived in Nordhausen, Germany. He would eventually marry Charlotte Herzog, and they had one child, Eva. Heinrich became a notary and lawyer, and practiced in Nordhausen. In 1935, after Hitler's rise to power, Heinrich was not allowed to practice law, and being forced to close his business, he later turned to work in a factory as a bookkeeper. During the Kristallnacht, Heinrich along with 50 other Jews from Nordhausen were arrested and taken to Buchenwald. Soon after, Eva was sent to England on a domestic permit. Charlotte was able to obtain visas to Peru from a travel bureau, and Heinrich was released from the concentration camp. Those visas, however, turned out to be fakes, but the travel bureau that those visas were purchased from was able to obtain visas for Bolivia. They left in 1939, and resided in Bolivia until 1944, when the couple was able to immigrate to the United States.

Scope and content of collection

The Heinrich Stern collection contains primarily documents Heinrich and his wife used to immigrate to Bolivia and ultimately the United States. These include affidavits of support, visa applications, medical clearances, police documents, testimonies, and employee documents allowing Heinrich to begin a business. The various documents not related to immigration include the handwritten manuscript by Heinrich, his certificate to become a notary and to practice law, papers issued by the government after the Nazi takeover, prohibiting him from practicing law, news clippings, and correspondence regarding book publishing.

System of arrangement

The Heinrich Stern collection is arranged as two series:

- Series 1: Immigration, 1938-1944
- Series 2: Various, 1909-1986

Indexing terms

Stern, Heinrich
Stern, Charlotte
Slonitz, Eva Stern
Rothschild, Augusta
Borchardt, Felix

Buchenwald (Concentration camp)

Holocaust survivors—Germany
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)
Concentration camps--Germany.
Kristallnacht, 1938—Germany

Nordhausen (Thuringia, Germany)

United States--Emigration and immigration--Government policy--20th century.

Germany--Emigration and immigration--Government policy--20th century.

Bolivia--Emigration and immigration--Government policy--20th century.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Immigration, 1938-1944

Folder	Title
1	Affidavits of support, 1938-1939
2	Certificate of good conduct, 1938
3	Copies of documents, 1941-1942
4	Correspondence, 1939
5	Employment documents, 1942-1944
6	Family origin certificate, 1939
7	Finances, 1939-1944
8	Identification cards, 1940-1943
9	Letter of recommendation, 1943
10	Medical clearance, 1938
11	Police documents, 1940-1944
12	Registration tickets, 1944
13	Shipments, 1939-1943
14	Sociedad de Proteccion a Los Inmigrantes Israelitas, 1942-1943
15	Testimonies, 1943
16	Translation of passport, 1941
17	Travel plans, 1944
18	Visas, 1938-1944

Series 2: Various, 1909-1986

Folder	Title
19	Certificate to practice law, 1909-1910
20	Disbarment, 1936
21	Heinrich Stern manuscript, undated
22	Landesverband Mitteldeutschland des Centralvereins Deutscher Staatsbürger Jüdischen Glaubens, 1935
23	Lecture announcement, 1918
24	Newsclippings, 1941-1986 [see also oversized folder]
25	Reichsbund Jüdischer Frontsoldaten, 1937-1938

Oversize

Folder	Title
1	News clippings, 1941-1986

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