

## **WILLIAM A. GRAB JR. COLLECTION, 1922-1949 AND UNDATED 1995.A.0783**

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### **Descriptive summary**

Title: William A. Grab Jr. collection

Dates: 1922-1949 and undated

Accession number: 1995.A.0783

Creators: Paul Flohr (1891-) and Thaddaus Zalewski (1912-)

Extent: 7 folders

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Abstract: The William A. Grab Jr. collection is comprised of papers pertaining to Thaddaus Zalewski and Paul Flohr, both prisoners held by the Nazis during the Holocaust and collected by William A. Grab, a veteran of the United States Army. The Thaddaus Zalewski papers include four letters written by Thaddaus during his incarceration in Dachau between 1943 and 1944 to a family member living in East Prussia. The material pertaining to Paul Flohr includes various identification papers and membership cards. Among them are membership cards for the Social Democratic Party and Association of Victims of the Nazis, a passport, employee card and proof of employment for Leitz GmbH & Co., and a special pass issued to former Nazi prisoners.

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.

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

Preferred citation: (Identification if item), William A. Grab Jr. collection (1995.A.0783) United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, Washington, DC.

Acquisition information: The William A. Grab Jr. collection was donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1995 by William A. Grab Jr., a United States Army veteran who acquired these papers through veteran's organizations.

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: Colleen Benoit, December 2015

### **Biographical note**

Thaddaus Zalewski was born in September 1912 in Nasielsk, Poland. Sometime after the Nazi rise to power, Thaddaus was arrested and sent to Mauthausen as a political prisoner. In April 1940 he was transferred to Dachau and given the identification number 25499. He remained there until he was liberated in 1945.

Paul Flohr was born in June 1881 near what is present day Riga, Latvia. As an adult, Paul lived in Wetzlar, Germany where he worked as an engineer and department head for Leitz GmbH & Co., a technology manufacturer of machine-driven precision tools. A member of the Social Democratic party, Paul was eventually arrested by the Gestapo and held by the Nazis as a political prisoner for 6 months in Frankfurt, Bamberg, and Straubing. He survived his ordeal and later joined the Association of Victims of the Nazis.

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

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### **System of arrangement**

The William A. Grab Jr. collection is arranged as two series:

- Series I: Thaddaus Zalewski papers, 1943-1944
- Series II: Paul Flohr papers, 1922-1949 and undated

### **Indexing terms**

Flohr, Paul (1881-).

Zalewski, Thaddaus (1912-).

Dachau (Concentration camp).

Mauthausen (Concentration camp).

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Germany.

Holocaust victims-- Germany.

Prisoners--Germany--Dachau.

Political prisoners—Germany.  
Engineers--Germany.

Bamberg (Germany).  
Straubing (Germany).  
Nasielsk (Poland).  
Riga (Latvia).

## CONTAINER LIST

### Series 1: Thaddaus Zalewski papers, 1943-1944

Folder	Title
1	<a href="#">Correspondence, 1943</a>
2	<a href="#">Correspondence, 1944</a>

### Series 2: Paul Flohr papers, 1922-1949 and undated

Folder	Title
3	<a href="#">Association of victims of the Nazis membership cards, 1947-1949</a>
4	<a href="#">Passport, 1922</a>
5	<a href="#">Proof of employment and employee identification card, 1945-1946</a>
6	<a href="#">Social Democratic Party of Germany membership card, undated</a>
7	<a href="#">Special pass for former Nazi prisoners, 1946</a>