

**IRENA PERITZ PAPERS, 1940-approximately 2004
1995.A.1064**

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Descriptive summary

Title: Irena Peritz papers

Dates: 1940-approximately 2004

Accession number: 1995.A.1064

Creator: Peritz, Irena, 1928-

Additional creator: Teicher, Janka

Additional creator: Teicher, Niuta

Extent: 0.5 linear foot (7 folders)

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Abstract: The Irena Peritz papers include Peritz's autograph book, diary, and memoir documenting her friendships in Lvov and Borysław and her family's experiences in the Borysław ghetto and labor camp and in hiding. The papers also include letters from Janka and Niuta Teicher documenting their experiences in the Dachówczarnia labor camp in Drohobycz.

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

Processing history: Julie Schweitzer, December 2014

Biographical note

Irena Peritz was born in 1928 in Borysław (now Ukraine) to Jozef (1896-1991) and Rozalia Koretz (1897-1984). She lived in Warsaw with her parents and sister Olga and moved to Lvov and then Borysław following the German invasion of Poland. When Germany invaded the Soviet Union, the family was forced into the Borysław ghetto and then the Borysław labor camp. They survived the last months of the war in hiding. Irena moved to Canada in 1949.

Janka and Niuta Teicher lived in Borysław with their parents. They were forced to vacate their house in 1941 and went into hiding. In 1943, after being denounced, they were taken to the Dachówczarnia labor camp in Drohobycz. When the family was selected for further deportation, Janka, Niuta, and their parents committed suicide.

Scope and content of collection

The Irena Peritz papers include her autograph book, diary, and memoir documenting her friendships in Lvov and Borysław and her family's experiences in the Borysław ghetto and labor camp and in hiding. The papers also include letters from Janka and Niuta Teicher documenting their experiences in the Drohobycz labor camp and Dachówczarnia brick factory.

The autograph book includes signatures, poems, and drawings by Irena Peritz's friends in Lvov and Borysław.

Correspondence consists of letters written by Janka and Niuta Teicher in the Dachówczarnia labor camp in Drohobycz to Irena Peritz in Borysław. The letters describe the selection process that brought them from Borysław to Drohobycz, life in the camp, and work at the brick factory.

Peritz's diary describes her experiences in the Borysław labor camp and in hiding following the camp's liquidation and her liberation. The book *Irena's Diary: My Wartime Memories* includes Peritz's account of her experiences during the Holocaust, translations of some of Irena Peritz's diary entries, and reproductions of photographs of Peritz and her family and friends.

The photographic materials series comprises photocopies of two photographs of Janka and Niuta Teicher, one with Irena Peritz and one with family friend Nela Egert.

System of arrangement

The Irena Peritz papers are arranged as four series:

- Series 1: Autograph book, 1940-1946
- Series 2: Correspondence, 1943
- Series 3: Personal narratives, 1943-1944, approximately 2004
- Series 4: Photographic materials, [1937, 1941], 1995

Indexing terms

Jews--Poland--Warsaw.

Jews--Ukraine--Boryslav.

Jewish ghettos--Ukraine--Boryslav.

Hiding places--Ukraine--Boryslav.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Conscript labor--Ukraine--Drohobycz.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Personal narratives.

Boryslav (Ukraine)

Drohobych (Ukraine)

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Autograph book, 1940-1946

Folder	Title
1	Autograph book, 1940-1946

Series 2: Correspondence, 1943

Folder	Title
2-4	Teicher, Janka and Niuta, 1943 (3 folders)

Series 3: Personal narratives, 1943-1944, approximately 2004

Folder	Title
5	Diary, 1943-1944
6	<i>Irena's diary: My wartime memories</i> , approximately 2004

Series 4: Photographic materials, [1937, 1941], 1995

Folder	Title
7	Teicher, Janka and Niuta, [1937, 1941], 1995 [photocopies]