

EVA MÄNDLOVÁ RUBÍČKOVÁ PAPERS, 1938-1944 **1996.A.0383**

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Descriptive summary

Title: Eva Mändlová Roubíčková papers

Dates: 1938-1944

Accession number: 1996.A.0383

Creator: Mändlová Roubíčková, Eva, 1921- 2013

Extent: 0.2 linear feet (3 folders and 1 book enclosure)

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Abstract: The Eva Mändlová Roubíčková papers include a diary, documents, and photographs relating to the wartime experiences of Eva Mändlová while imprisoned in Theresienstadt. The diary was written by Eva in Gabelsberger shorthand from 1943-1944 while in Theresienstadt. In her diary Eva writes about her family's deportation, life in the ghetto, the fear of being transported, and her relationships and interactions with other people. The collection also includes a Red Cross telegram between Eva's husband, Richard, and his mother, pamphlets notifying Eva's family that they have to leave their home and what they could bring, and a letter from the Relief Committee of Jews stating that Eva received a food parcel. The collection also includes originals and photocopies of pre-war photographs of Eva, her friends, her parents, and a railroad worker, Karel Kosvanec, who supplied food to Eva while she was in Theresienstadt.

Languages: German, 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: Eva Mändlová Roubíčková donated the Eva Mändlová Roubíčková papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1996.

Separate material: Two watercolor paintings and a sketch drawn by Fred Kantor while imprisoned in Theresienstadt have been cataloged individually as objects.

Related material: The Museum's Library holds a copy of *We're Alive and Life Goes On*, by Eva Mändlová Roubíčková.

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

Processing history: Morgan Voth, January 2019.

Biographical note

Eva Mändlová (later Roubíčková, 1921-2013) was born in Sudetenland (now Žatec, Czech Republic) to Arnost (1888-1944) and Antonia (1899-1944) Mändl. Arnost, a veteran of World War I, was a professor of Latin and Greek and Antonia took care of Eva and was a volunteer organist at their synagogue. In the mid-1930s Arnost became increasingly concerned for his family's safety because Eva was experiencing anti-Semitic attacks at school. As a result, Eva, Arnost, Antonia, and Eva's grandmother left for Prague in 1938. While in Prague, Eva met her future husband, Richard Roubíček (c.1910-1993). Richard attempted to obtain visas for both of their families, but he was only able to secure paperwork for himself. He left for England in 1939 and planned to arrange for his family and Eva's family to follow. He soon secured a job for Eva in England, but because she was only 17 she could not obtain a work permit. In 1941 Eva and her mother were sent to Theresienstadt and her father was sent in 1942. In the ghetto Eva worked on a farm and would often smuggle food back for her family. In October 1942, she was caught and interrogated, but narrowly missed being transported. Slowly members of her family were transported, but Eva remained at Theresienstadt until liberation. After the war, Eva returned to Prague and learned that she was the only surviving member of her family. Richard survived the war in England and they were soon reunited. Eva married Richard in 1945 and they had a son and a daughter, Vera Wisner.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The Eva Mändlová Roubíčková papers are arranged as single series.

Indexing terms

Mändlová Roubíčková, Eva.

Theresienstadt (Concentration camp)

Concentration camp inmates' writings.

World War, 1939-1945--Personal narratives.

Prague (Czech Republic)

Terezín (Ústecký kraj, Czech Republic)

Diaries.

Photographs.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Eva Mändlová Roubíčková papers, 1938-1944

Folder	Title
1 of 3	Documents, 1942-1944
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3 of 3	Photographs, 1938