

**United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives**  
**Finding Aid**  
**RG-10**  
**Small Collections**

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**Title:** Walter Stras collection, 1938-1995.

**Extent:** 1 folder.

**Provenance:** Walter Stras collected the materials during his time in Germany. Stras' son, Stephen Stras, acquired the collection after his father's death in 1995 and added the photocopies of newspaper clippings from 1994 and 1995. Stephen Stras donated the materials to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives in October 1996.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Walter Stras (b. Walter Straass, 1924, Steinbach am Glan, Germany - 1995, Kansas City, Missouri) survived Auschwitz and Buchenwald concentration camps. He married a fellow survivor, Malvina, in Germany after their liberation. The couple immigrated to the United States in 1948.

**Restrictions on access:** No restrictions on access

**Restrictions on use:** No restrictions on use

**Organization and arrangement:** Arrangement is chronological.

**Language:** English and German.

**Preferred citation:** Standard citation for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Collections Division, Archives Branch

**Scope and Content:** Consists of a report from the Burgermeister in Brucken (Pfalz), Germany, concerning the Jews in the town in 1938; letters from Hilda and Simon Straass, Walter Stras' parents, in Gurs concentration camp; a propaganda leaflet entitled "Kraft durch Freude!"; a letter of identification for Walter Stras written by H. E. Wortsmith of the 6th U.S. Armored Division; copyprints of photographs depicting scenes of Brucken and Steinbach am Glan, Germany; Walter Stras' Ausweis (identification card) from Buchenwald concentration camp; a letter from Lotie Marcus of United Jewish Social Services concerning Walter Stras' sister, Mildred Straass; a letter of congratulation to Walter Stras from Dan Glickman, member of Congress; and photocopies of newspaper clippings relating to Walter Stras' life in Kansas City, Missouri, and his death in 1995.

## Inventory

1. Report from the Bürgermeister in Brücken (Pfalz), Germany, 1938 Nov. 30. (translation provided)
2. Hilda and Simon Stras letter from Gurs concentration camp to a Mrs. Staab in Brücken (Pfalz), Germany, 1940 Dec. 6 (translation and annotations provided)
3. Hilda and Simon Stras letter from Gurs concentration camp to a Mrs. Staab in Brücken, 1940 Dec. 6 (transcription provided)
4. Hilda Stras letter to Familie Staab, 1941 May 22.
5. Hilda Stras letter to Frau Staab, 1941 Sept. 11.
6. Propaganda leaflet "Kraft durch Freude!", 1942?
7. Letter of identification for Walter "Strass" from H. E. Wortsmith of the 6th Armored Division, 1945 Apr. 25.
8. Copyprint of a photograph of scenes of Steinbach am Glan, Germany, among them the synagogue in Steinbach am Glan, n.d.
9. Copyprint of a photograph of Walter Stras standing in front of the burned out synagogue in Steinbach am Glan, Germany, 1945.
10. Copyprint of a photograph of Walter Stras and Eric Roos in front of the former Roos residence in Brücken (Pfalz), Germany, 1945 July.
11. Copyprint of a photograph of Walter Stras, Eric Roos, and other unidentified persons around a jeep in Brücken (Pfalz), Germany, 1945 July.
12. Copyprint of a photograph of survivors of Buchenwald concentration camp, 1945 May 1.
13. Ausweis - Certification ("Provisional identification card for civilian internee of Buchenwald") for Walter Straaß, 1945 May 15.
14. Lotie Marcus (United Jewish Social Services) letter to Eric Roos concerning Mildred [Straaß], Walter Stras' sister, 1945 Aug. 21.
15. Dan Glickman (Congressman) letter to Walter Stras, 1994 Sept. 19.
16. Photocopies of newspaper clippings relating to Walter Stras, 1994-1995.