

MARGARETHA ROSENFELD PAPERS, 1869-1945
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Descriptive summary

Title: Margaretha Rosenfeld papers

Dates: 1869-1945

Accession number: 1997.119.11

Creator: Rosenfeld, Margaretha, 1871-1944.

Extent: 0.6 linear foot (19 folders, 1 oversize folder)

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Abstract: The Margaretha Rosenfeld papers consist of biographical materials, correspondence, financial records, and subject files documenting Margaretha's non-Jewish heritage, her husband's Jewish heritage, family estates, and the financial and social discrimination they suffered in Kleinmachnow under the Nazi regime.

Languages: German

Administrative Information

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Acquisition information: Andre Saupe sold the Margaretha Rosenfeld papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1997.

Custodial history: This collection was found by an acquaintance of Mr. Saupe in the attic of the house in which Margaretha, Bernhard, and Gertrud Rosenfeld lived in Kleinmachnow.

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, June 2014

Biographical note

Margaretha Rosenfeld (1871-1944) was born Emma Maria Margaretha Diesel in Chemnitz to Adolf and Friederike Diesel. She lived in Kleinmachnow with her husband, Bernhard Rosenfeld (1867-1942), who was born in Leipzig to Juda and Sara Pepie Rosenfeld. Although Margaretha was not Jewish, Bernhard was forced to wear the yellow star, was subject to the punitive *Judenvermögensabgabe* tax levied against German Jews following *Kristallnacht*, was forced to sell the family's house, and saw his Dresdner Bank account placed under the supervision of the Foreign Exchange Office (*Devisenstelle*). Their daughter, Gertrud Rosenfeld (1895-?), was also considered Jewish under the Nuremberg laws even though she was raised Christian.

Scope and content of collection

The Margaretha Rosenfeld papers consist of biographical materials, correspondence, financial records, and subject files documenting Margaretha's non-Jewish heritage, her husband's Jewish heritage, and the financial and social discrimination they suffered under the Nazi regime.

Biographical materials include birth and marriage certificates, proof of "Aryan" descent, wills, and quitclaims documenting Jewish and non-Jewish heritage, estates, and the inheritance of family legacies. Correspondence files primarily document Bernhard Rosenfeld's Jewish status, his being forced to take the name "Israel" and wear the yellow star, his death, and questions regarding his estate and the payment of funeral costs. Dresdner Bank records document Margaretha and Bernhard Rosenfeld's holdings with the Bank. Subject files document punitive *Judenvermögensabgabe* tax levied against the Rosenfelds, the placement of the Rosenfelds' bank accounts under the supervision of the Foreign Exchange Office (*Devisenstelle*), and the forced sale of Bernhard Rosenfeld's house. These files also document the termination of the Rosenfelds' telephone service because Jewish residents lived in the house.

System of arrangement

The Margaretha Rosenfeld papers are arranged as four series:

- Series 1: Biographical materials, 1869-1942
- Series 2: Correspondence, 1935-1942
- Series 3: Dresdner Bank records, 1939-1945
- Series 4: Subject files, 1932-1943

Indexing terms

Jews--Germany--Kleinmachnow.

Jews--Persecutions--Germany--Kleinmachnow.

Jewish property--Germany--Kleinmachnow.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)--Economic aspects--Germany--Kleinmachnow.
World War, 1939-1945--Confiscations and contributions--Germany--Kleinmachnow.
Aryanization--Germany--Kleinmachnow.
Interfaith marriage--Germany--Kleinmachnow.

Kleinmachnow (Germany)

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Biographical materials, 1869-1942

Folder	Title
1	Diesel, Adolf, 1924
2	Diesel, Kurt, 1895, 1902
3	Jakob, Charlotte, approximately 1881-1926
4	Jakob, Hermann, 1870, 1878-1881, 1917, 1922-1923
5	Rosenfeld, Bernhard, 1879-1880, 1885-1895, 1939-1942
6	Rosenfeld, Josef, 1869, 1890
7	Rosenfeld, Juda, 1870, 1879, 1890
8	Rosenfeld, Margaretha, 1885, 1939, 1943
9	Rosenfeld, Sara Pepie, 1879, 1890-1892

Series 2: Correspondence, 1935-1942

Folder	Title
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Series 3: Dresdner Bank records, 1939-1945

Folder	Title
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Series 4: Subject files, 1932-1943

Folder	Title
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18	Judenvermögensabgabe, 1937-1941
19	Property at Kuckuckswald 23, Kleinmachnow, 1932-1933, 1938-1942 (see also oversize folder)

Oversize material

Folder	Title
1	Property at Kuckuckswald 23, Kleinmachnow, 1932-1933, 1938-1942