

**DAVID TENNENBAUM PAPERS, approximately 1905-1949 (bulk 1932-1949)
1997.A.0003**

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Descriptive summary

Title: David Tennenbaum papers

Dates: approximately 1905-1949 (bulk 1932-1949)

Accession number: 1997.A.0003

Creator: Tennenbaum, David

Extent: 0.2 linear foot (2 folders)

Repository: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW,
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Abstract: The David Tennenbaum papers consist of false identification papers for David and Fanny Tennenbaum and photographs of David and Fanny Tennenbaum and Fanny Tennenbaum's father, Nachman Gruber. The false identification papers include two forged birth and baptismal certificates under the names Teresa and Franciszka Wieczorkowska, and an authentic identification card and change of address registration form using the same false names. Photographs include a tintype of Fanny Tennenbaum with her father and twelve prints of Fanny and David Tennenbaum documenting prewar family vacations in Poland and Czechoslovakia, the Tennenbaums' time in hiding in Zimna Woda, and their postwar years in Krakow and Paris. One 1944 photograph shows David Tennenbaum in long braids and girl's clothes while hiding in Zimna Woda.

Languages: German, Polish, Latin

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: David Tennenbaum donated David Tennenbaum papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1997 and 2004. The collection previously cataloged as accession number 2004.195 is now included in this collection.

Related materials: All four textual records and two of the photographs have been digitized and can be viewed on the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's website as images 45977-45981 and 60282. The Museum also holds an oral history interview with David Tennenbaum dated April 12, 1983 and cataloged as 1995.A.1271.142, that forms part of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors oral history collection. An oral history interview with David Tennenbaum dated November 5, 1996 that forms part of the Shoah Foundation Visual History can also be accessed on site at the Museum.

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, February 2013

Biographical note

David Tennenbaum was born Dawid Tennenbaum in Lvov, Poland (now L'viv, Ukraine) in 1931 to fruit import/export business owner Jozef Tennenbaum and Fanny (Fradel Feige) Tennenbaum (née Gruber). In August 1942 the family was sent to the Kleparow ghetto outside Lvov. David and his mother escaped and found a temporary hiding place with the help of a Ukrainian professor and family friend. The professor secured false papers for them under the names Franciszka and Teresa Wieczorkowska, and in December 1942 they moved to a long term hiding place in Zimna Woda with an elderly, retired, schoolteacher named Jadwiga Sokolinska. David passed as a girl, having grown his hair long. Fanny was initially able to visit her husband in Kleparow, but he disappeared in the spring of 1943. After Zimna Woda was liberated in September 1944, David and Fanny moved to Krakow and then in 1946 to Paris. They immigrated to the United States in March 1951.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The David Tennenbaum papers are arranged as a single series:

- Series 1: David Tennenbaum papers, approximately 1905-1949

Indexing terms

Jews – Poland – History – 20th century.

Jewish refugees – Poland.

Jewish children in the Holocaust – Poland.

Holocaust survivors.

Hiding places.

L'viv (Ukraine)

Krakow (Poland)

Paris (France)

Tatra Mountains (Slovakia and Poland)

Velyki Mosty (Ukraine)

Czechoslovakia

Photographs

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: David Tennenbaum papers, approximately 1905-1949

Box	Folder	
1	1	Birth certificates, change of address registration form, and identification card, 1942-1944
1	2	Photographs of Fanny and David Tennenbaum and Nachman Gruber, approximately 1905, 1932-1938, 1944-1949