

OTTO AND SUSANNE PERL PAPERS, 1935-1958
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Descriptive summary

Title: Otto and Susanne Perl papers

Dates: 1935-1958

Accession number: 1997.A.0030

Creator: Perl, Otto

Additional creator: Perl, Susanne

Extent: 0.5 linear foot (5 folders)

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Abstract: The Otto and Susanne Perl papers consist of identification papers and emigration and immigration paperwork for Otto and Susanne Perl, military papers for Otto Perl, and a death certificate and burial records for Martha Perl.

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: Otto and Susanne Perl donated the Otto and Susanne Perl papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1997 and 2005. The collection previously cataloged as accession 2005.250.1 has been incorporate into this collection.

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, April 2013

Biographical note

Otto Perl (1915-2014) was born in Vienna to Leopold and Martha Perl. He served in the Austrian army, but upon his military discharge he was arrested by the Gestapo. He spent four months in Dachau and then six months in Buchenwald. He returned to Vienna upon his release in March 1939, spent a year in the Ramsgate refugee camp in England, and immigrated to the United States in March 1940. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1945 and taught German in the Counter Intelligence Corps. Susanne Perl (1922-) was born Susanne Spritzer in Vienna to Max and Elsa Spritzer. She traveled to Scotland in 1939 on a Kindertransport and immigrated to the United States via Canada in 1941. She married Otto Perl in 1943. Otto's father was arrested in Vienna in 1942 and died from a heart attack shortly after, and his mother committed suicide in 1941.

Scope and content of collection

The Otto and Susanne Perl papers consist of identification papers and emigration and immigration paperwork for Otto and Susanne Perl, military papers for Otto Perl, and a death certificate and burial records for Martha Perl.

System of arrangement

The Otto and Susanne Perl papers are arranged as a single series:

- Series 1: Otto and Susanne Perl papers, 1935-1958

Indexing terms

Buchenwald (Concentration camp)

Jews – Austria – Vienna.

Jewish refugees – Great Britain.

Jewish refugees – United States.

Kindertransports (Rescue operations).

Jewish soldiers – Austria.

Jewish soldiers – United States.

Holocaust victims – Suicidal behavior.

Holocaust victims – Tombs.

Photographs

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Otto and Susanne Perl papers, 1935-1958

Folder	
1	Perl, Martha, Death certificate and burial records, 1948, 1958
2	Perl, Otto, Identification papers, 1935-1940
3	Perl, Otto, Military papers, 1936-1938, 1946
4	Perl, Otto and Susanne, Emigration and immigration papers, 1939
5	Perl, Susanne, Identification papers, 1939-1940