

CHARLES TALMAZAN PAPERS, 1959-2004
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Descriptive summary

Title: Charles Talmazan papers

Dates: 1959-2004

Accession number: 1997.A.0049

Creator: Talmazan, Charles, 1933-?

Extent: 0.5 linear foot (6 folders)

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Abstract: The Charles Talmazan papers consist of correspondence, photographic materials, clippings, and a family tree documenting Talmazan's experiences as a hidden child in Belgium during the Holocaust, his father and sister's deportation to Auschwitz, his efforts to receive reparations from the German and Belgian governments, and his participation in the erection of a monument in Cornemont, Belgium.

Languages: French, English, German

Administrative Information

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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, May 2013

Biographical note

Charles Talmazan (1933-) was born in Belgium to Haschel and Tauba (Tania) Talmazan, three years after the Haschel Talmazan had arrived in Belgium from Cetatea-Albă, Romania (now Bilhorod-Dnistrovskiy, Ukraine). In 1942 he was sent to live under a non-Jewish identity first in a children's holiday camp in a castle and later in the small village of Hotchamps. His father and sister, Perla, were both sent to the Malines (Mechelen) transit camp, deported to Auschwitz, and killed. His mother suffered a mental breakdown and was institutionalized. He was liberated in October 1944 and reunited with his remaining sisters and brother after the war. In 1985 he helped erect a monument in Cornemont, near Hotchamps, in honor of those who rescued Jews during the Holocaust.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The Charles Talmazan papers are arranged as a single series:

- Series 1: Charles Talmazan papers, 1959-2004

Indexing terms

Hidden children (Holocaust) – Belgium.

Holocaust survivors.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945) – Monuments – Belgium.

Jews – Belgium.

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Charles Talmazan papers, 1959-2004

Folder	
1	Clippings about Cornemont, 1985
2	Family tree, approximately 1997
3	International Tracing Service, 1969

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4	Letters to relatives, 1993, 1997
5	Photographic materials depicting Charles, Haschel, and Perla Talmazan, and the Cornemont monument, 1985, approximately 1997
6	Reparations, 1959, 2002-2004