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

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**Title:** Abraham M. Neumann family collection, 1860-1953.

**Extent:** 3.5 linear inches (7 folders)

**Provenance:** Abraham M. Neumann, father of Helen Neuman Berger (donor), collected the materials over the span of his life. The collection became the possession of Gertrude Neumann, wife of Abraham Neumann, at the time of his death in Jan. 1989. One year later, Gertrude Neumann gave the collection to her daughter, Helen Neuman Berger. Helen Neuman Berger and her husband, Paul Berger, donated the materials to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives on Aug. 15, 1997. Helen N. Berger provided the inventory and preliminary description for the collection at the time of donation.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Abraham Mordecai Neumann was a native of Warsaw, Poland, where he learned the trade of shoemaking. He emigrated to the United States in 1939.

**Restrictions on Access:** No restrictions on access.

**Restrictions on Use:** No restrictions on use.

**Organization and Arrangement:** Organized into the following series: RG-10.153\*01, Papers, 1907-1941 (5 folders) and RG-10.153\*02, Photographs, 1860-1953 (2 folders)  
Arrangement within each series is generally chronological

**Language:** German, Polish, and Russian.

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

**Scope and Content:** Contains certificates, legal documents, identification documents, travel documents, menus, postcards, Reisepasse, school report cards, letters, booklets, and photographs relating to the life of Abraham M. Neumann and Neumann and Kuerschner families of Warsaw, Poland, and Vienna, Austria, and the emigration of several family members to the United States.

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**Memorial Statement:** "In Memory of: My grandparents, Bela and Hermine Klinger Kuerschner; My grandparents, Sigmund and Anna Kohn Neumann; My parents, Abraham and Gertrude Kuerschner Neumann. Through the preservation of the pictures and papers they carried with them as they fled from Vienna, Austria, to escape from religious persecution, they will always be remembered." --Helen Neuman Berger."

**Inventory:**

**RG-10.153\*01**      Papers, 1907-1941.

Folder 1

1.      3 documents, descriptions of Chana Rivka and Schulim Maier Neumann, 1907 and 1909.
2.      2 travel documents in Russian(?) for Chana and Schulim Najman, 1907 and 1909.
3.      2 documents, one Katuba in Hebrew (Polish on reverse) with English translation attached for marriage of Schulim Najman and Chana Rivka Kohn, 1909 June 25.
4.      1 document passport to leave Warsaw, Poland, to go to Vienna, Austria, for Schulim Maier Neuman[n] and Hana Rivka Kohn, dated 1909 Oct. (They actually left Warsaw in 1912).
5.      1 telegram, sent from Poland by Anna Neumann to her husband, Sigmund Neumann, announcing the birth of their son with a calendar page of his birth date with Russian and Polish writing and a note in Hebrew (or Yiddish), 1911.
6.      2 documents in German. Work papers from Austria certifying that Sigmund Neumann is a registered shoemaker, 1924.
7.      3 shoemaker work books which belonged to Sigmund Neumann, 1924-1937.

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8.      4 documents, school report cards for Abraham Neumann for regular and shoemakers trade school, 1925-1928.
9.      3 documents, shoemaker trade school report cards and trade certificate, 1926-1931 (Abraham Neumann attended regular school at the same time he attended trade school to become a shoemaker.)
10.     1 document, birth certificate for Chana Rivka Kohn (Anna Neumann), dated 1927 June 3.

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11. 4 documents, legal documents in Polish, 1927-1928.
12. 2 documents, naming Schulim Maier Najman and Chana Rivka Najman, to the Polish Consulate in Austria, 1927-1928.
13. 2 documents, birth certificates for Chana Rivka Kohn and Schulim Maier Neuman, 1928 July 27.
14. 1 document, birth certificate for Schulim Maier Najman (Sigmund Neumann), dated 1929 Oct. 26.
15. 1 document, legal change of name for Szulin Najman to Sigmund Neumann, from Austria, 1929 Aug. 29.
16. 1 document, "Amt der Wiener Landesregierung," 1929 Dec. 19.

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17. 1 document, Austrian homeland verification certificate for Abraham Neumann, 1930.
18. 1 document, Gertrude Kürschner Neumann's dressmakers school report card for school year 1930-1931, dated 1934 Jan. 18.
19. 2 documents, Austrian working papers (one with a photograph) for Abraham Neumann, 1930 and 1933.
20. 1 document in German naming Sigmund Neumann as a master shoemaker, and listing family members, 1930 Jan. 30.
21. 3 documents, official Austrian papers ("Heimatschein") for Sigmund and Anna Neumann, 1930 and 1938.

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22. 3 booklets, shoemaker record books for Abraham Neumann, Vienna, to 1932.

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23. 1 wedding announcement for Gertrude Kuerschner and Abraham Neumann, September 23, 1934.

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24. 3 documents, legal papers to allow Abraham and Gertrude Neumann to emigrate to Argentina within five years. Issued July 29 and August 2, 1938.
25. 1 document in Polish indicating data on Sigmund Neumann and his parents, 1938.
26. 2 documents, Polish legal documents numbered "228" and "1798" both dated, 1938 May.
27. 1 document, Austrian legal document in German re Hana Rivka Neumann and permission to travel to Argentina, 1938 July 28.
28. 2 Deutsche Reich Reisepasse (both marked with a red "J") for Anna and Sigmund Neumann, 1939 Feb.
29. 7 pages, boarding passes on Italia line Rex for Anna and Sigmund Neumann and COD freight tickets, 1940.
30. 1 document, letter requesting visas and providing support to Lina, Wilhelm, and Evelyn Bier, Neumann's daughter, 1940.
31. 1 document, Swiss legal document to leave by February 1940, dated 1939 Nov. 21.
32. 2 menus, Kosher menus from the Italia Line Rex, 1940 May 3 and 1940 May 8. The May 8 menu was for the "Farewell Dinner."
33. 1 postcard of the Italia Line Rex, 1940 May.
34. 1 menu, Kosher menu from the Italia Line REX, 1940 May 4.
35. 1 postcard, from Lina Bier to her parents Sigmund and Anna Neumann while traveling to the United States, post marked 1941 June 11.
36. 2 luggage tags from the Rex, n.d.

### **RG-10.153\*02      Photographs, 1860-1953.**

#### Folder 1

1. 1 photograph, father of Hermine Klinger Kuerschner, ca. 1860.

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2. 1 photograph, Bela Kuerschner's family (supposedly woman with child is Bela's sister), 1910.
3. 1 photograph, family members in a car: Sigmund and Anna Neumann in front seat, children Lina Bier and Abraham in the center seat, Sigmund's brother and sister-in-law are in the back seat, 1920.
4. 1 photograph, Anna Kohn Neumann with daughter, Lina Bier, and son, Abraham in Vienna, Austria, ca. 1921.
5. 1 photograph, Hermine Klinger Kuerschner with daughter Gertrude and son Paul in Austria, 1924.
6. 1 photograph, Walter and Harry Prince (Prinz), sons of Max and Rosa Klinger Prince, Vienna, Austria, ca. 1925 (They came to New York in 1939)
7. 5 photographs, Bela Kuerschner's brother, some with his wife and other unidentified family members, some undated, others dated 1926, 1928, and 1929.
8. 2 photographs, one of Bela Kuerschner, n.d., and one of Hermine Klinger Kuerschner and children, Gertrude Neumann, Paul, and Harold, 1928.
9. 1 photograph, Gertrude Kuerschner's dressmaking school, class picture, 1931.
10. 1 photograph, Gertrude Kuerschner with uncle Bela's younger brother in Austria, 1933.
11. 1 photograph, Gertrude Kuerschner, Vienna, Austria, 1933.
12. 1 photograph, wedding photo of Gertrude Kuerschner and Abraham Neumann in Vienna, Austria, on September 23, 1934.
13. 1 photograph, Gertrude Kuerschner and Abraham Neumann on their wedding day, September 2[3], 1934.
14. 1 photograph, Gertrude and Abraham Neumann's shoe repair shop in Vienna, Austria, 1935.
15. 1 photograph, Rosa Klinger, Hermine Klinger Kuerschner's sister. She married Max Prince (Prinz) in Vienna; had two sons, Harry and Walter, came to New York in 1939.

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16. 1 photograph, Gertrude Kuerschner, Vienna, Austria, 1953.
17. 2 photographs, parents of Bela Kuerschner (Kurschner), n.d.
18. 2 photographs, Ida Klinger Braun, n.d.
19. 1 photograph, brother of Hermine Klinger Kuerschner, n.d.
20. 1 photograph, Ida Klinger, Hermine Klinger Kuerschner's sister, n.d.
21. 1 photograph, Carl Klinger (brother of Hermine Klinger Kuerschner) and Mina Klinger, the parents of Alfred Klinger, n.d.
22. 7 photographs, unidentified, n.d.
23. 1 photograph, Bela Kuerschner, n.d.