

**CHARLES BURNS COLLECTION, 1947-1971 (bulk 1947)
1997.A.0348**

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Descriptive summary

Title: Charles Burns collection

Dates: 1947-1971 (bulk 1947)

Accession number: 1997.A.0348

Creator: Charles Burns, Douglas Kelley

Extent: 10 folders, .4 linear feet

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Abstract: The Charles Burns collections contains two drafts of Douglas Kelley's book, *22 Cells in Nuremberg*. The book describes the psychological profiles of high ranking members of the Nazi party, who eventually stood trial at the Nuremberg War Trials. Douglas Kelley who was in charge of evaluating the defendants, writes of his experiences with the individuals. The drafts are heavily edited by Kelley's editor, Charles Burns. Also included in this collection are some notes made by Charles Burns, a letter to other editors about the book, and some news clippings concerning notorious Nazi members.

Languages: 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.

Reproduction and use: Collection is available for use. Material may be protected by copyright. Please contact reference staff for further information.

Preferred citation: Charles Burns collection, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives, Washington, DC

Acquisition information: The Charles Burns collection was donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by Charles Burns' daughter, Persis Suddeth in November, 1997.

Related archival materials: *22 Cells in Nuremberg: a psychiatrist examines the Nazi criminals* by Douglas M. Kelley is located in the USHMM library under call number DD243.K455 1947. The Douglas McGlashan Kelley papers can be found at the University of California, Santa Cruz university archives. The collection's finding aid can be found at <http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt5d5nc7tj/>.

Accruals: Accruals may have been received since this collection was first processed, see archives catalog at collections.ushmm.org for further information.

Processing history: Michael Folkerts, March 2015

Biographical note

Charles Burns, a professional editor, served as the first and primary editor of Douglas Kelly's book, "22 Cells in Nuremberg."

Douglas Kelley (1912-1958) graduated from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons as a Doctor of Medical Science in 1941. Afterwards, he served as an officer with the United States Army Military Intelligence Corps, and was chief psychiatrist at Nuremberg Prison at the time of the Nuremberg War Trials. Kelley was charged with completing competency evaluations for the defendants before the trials. After administering tests to Nazi leadership, Kelley was honorably discharged in 1946, and wrote the book *22 Cells in Nuremberg* soon after, detailing his psychiatric profiles of high ranking members of the Nazi party.

Scope and content of collection

The Charles Burns collection contains primarily two transcripts of Douglas Kelley's book, *22 Cells in Nuremberg*. Both contain a vast number of edits and notes made by Kelley's editor Charles Burns. The drafts are typewritten, with penciled edits made by Burns. Also included in the collection are two pages of notes by Burns, a letter to other editors about the book, and some newspaper clippings about Douglas Kelley and some of well-known Nazi party members.

System of arrangement

The Charles Burns collections is arranged into four series:

- Series 1: *22 Cells in Nuremberg*, approximately 1947
- Series 2: Correspondence, approximately 1947
- Series 3: Notes, approximately 1947
- Series 4: News clippings, 1968-1971

Indexing terms

Kelley, Douglas M. (Douglas McGlashan), 1912-1958.

Nazis--Psychology

War criminals--Germany--Psychology

Nuremberg Trial of Major German War Criminals, Nuremberg, Germany, 1945-1946

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: *22 Cells in Nuremberg*, approximately 1947

Folder	Title
1-3	First draft, approximately 1947 (3 folders)
4-6	Second draft, approximately 1947 (3 folders)

Series 2: *Correspondence*, approximately 1947

Folder	Title
7	Letters to editors, approximately 1947

Series 3: *Notes*, approximately 1947

Folder	Title
8	Notes, approximately 1947

Series 4: *News clippings*, 1968-1971

Folder	Title
9	News clippings, 1968-1971
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