

EUGEN AND HELENE COHN PAPERS, 1939-1942
1998.A.0040.2

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Descriptive summary

Title: Eugen and Helene Cohn papers

Dates: 1939-1942

Accession number: 1998.A.0040.2

Creator: Cohn, Eugen, 1884-1953

Additional creator: Cohn, Helene, 1883-1971

Extent: 0.2 linear foot (2 folders)

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Abstract: The Eugen and Helene Cohn papers include correspondence and certificates documenting the couple's health and status as refugees and internees in France following their return to Europe aboard the MS *St. Louis*, their efforts to gather the necessary documentation to emigrate to Cuba via Portugal, and their departure for Cuba aboard the SS *Nyassa*.

Languages: French, Spanish, German

Administrative Information

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Biographical note

Eugen Cohn (1884-1953) was born in Berlin, Germany. He married Helene Mashan Cohn in 1910. The couple attempted to immigrate to Cuba aboard the MS *St. Louis* in 1940, but the ship was returned to Europe. They disembarked in France, and Eugen was interned at St. Cyprien and Gurs. The couple continued to pursue immigration to Cuba and finally sailed there via Portugal aboard the SS *Nyassa* in early 1942.

Helene Mashan Cohn (1883-1971) was born in Königs-Wusterhausen Germany. She married Eugen Cohn in Berlin in 1910. The couple attempted to immigrate to Cuba aboard the MS *St. Louis* in 1940, but the ship was returned to Europe. They disembarked in France, but continued to pursue immigration to Cuba, and finally sailed there via Portugal aboard the SS *Nyassa* in early 1942. Helene died in Florida in 1971.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The Eugen and Helene Cohn papers are arranged as a single series.

Indexing terms

Cohn, Eugen, 1884-1953.

Cohn, Helene, 1883-1971.

St. Louis (Ship)

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)

Jewish refugees--France.

Germany--Emigration and immigration--History--1933-1945.

Cuba--Emigration and immigration--History--20th century.