

HANS MAIER AUTOBIOGRAPHY, approximately 1992 1998.A.0065

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Descriptive summary

Title: Hans Maier autobiography

Dates: approximately 1992

Accession number: 1998.A.0065

Creator: Maier, Hans

Extent: 0.3 linear foot (3 folders)

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Abstract: The Hans Maier autobiography is a photocopy of a typed and annotated translation of Maier's original autobiography, which he wrote in German and mailed to his children just before his suicide in December 1937. Maier describes growing up in Frankfurt, his university education in law and economics, his marriage, the beginnings of his career in social work, his membership in the German Democratic Party and the German Social Democratic Party, the political turmoil in Germany following World War I, his work leading welfare services in Saxony, the economic depression, the rise of the Nazi party, Hitler's appointment as chancellor, his own dismissal from office, and his wife's illness and death.

Languages: English

Administrative Information

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Acquisition information: Margaret West, Hans Maier's granddaughter, donated the Hans Maier autobiography to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1998.

Related archival materials: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum also holds the Max and Mathilde Maier family papers, which include a photocopy of the original autobiography in German and additional biographical sketches of Hans Maier.

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, November 2012

Biographical note

Hans Maier (1889-1937) was born in Frankfurt and became a prominent figure in social reform and welfare in Weimar Germany. He married Anna Margarete Grätz in 1914, and the couple had three children: Hanna (1915-2003), Heinrich (Henry, 1918-2005), and Margarete (1921-1997). Maier served as assistant secretary for welfare services within the Department of the Interior and later Department of Labor and Welfare in Saxony from 1923 to 1933. He committed suicide a few months after his wife's death in 1937, and his brother, Max Maier, became his children's legal guardian.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The Hans Maier autobiography is arranged as a single series:

- Series 1: Hans Maier autobiography, approximately 1992

Indexing terms

Public welfare--Germany.

Jews--Germany--History--1933-1945.

World War (1914-1918)

Suicide victims--Germany.

Germany--History--1918-1933--Personal narratives.

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Frankfurt am Main (Germany)

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