

UNGAR FAMILY PAPERS, 1939-1998
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Descriptive summary

Title: Ungar family papers

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Creator: Ungar (Family : Vienna, Austria)

Additional creator: Ungar, Eric (1926-)

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Abstract: The Ungar family papers consist of original correspondence received by Eric Ungar's family in St. Louis from his Ungar and Schlesinger relatives in Austria and England between 1939 and 1944 as well as a copy of a family history compiled by Eric Ungar. The correspondence describes life in Austria and England, particularly the suffering of the Schlesinger grandparents in Vienna, relates emigration efforts and complications, and asks for and relays news about family members, including those sent to Theresienstadt and to Poland. The family history includes Eric Ungar's family overview and family tree, copies of the original correspondence, and Ungar's translations of that correspondence.

Languages: German, English

Administrative Information

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Biographical note

Eric (Erich) Ungar (1926-) was born in Vienna to Isadore (Isidor, 1892-1978) and Sabine (1896-1980) Ungar and had a younger brother named Fred (Fritz, 1931-). His family left Vienna in November 1939 and settled in St. Louis. Sabine's parents, Moritz (Max, 1869-1942) and Charlotte Schlesinger (1869-1942), were deported from Vienna to Theresienstadt in July 1942. Moritz died there in September 1942, and Charlotte was sent to Auschwitz in 1944 and killed. Isadore's oldest sister, Berta Bienenfeld (1877-1941), was deported with her husband Max (1877-1941) to Kovno (Kaunas) in November 1941 and killed upon arrival. Another sister, Gisela Kohn (1890-1944), was deported to Theresienstadt in August 1942, transferred to Auschwitz, and killed. Her daughter Anny (Ann Goldsmith, 1923-) escaped to England on a Kindertransport in 1939 and immigrated to the United States after the war. Isadore's youngest sister, Rosa Fleischmann (1895-1970s), escaped to England with her husband Roman and son Ernstl (Ernest) and lived in Leeds.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The Ungar family papers are arranged as two series:

- Series 1: Correspondence, 1939-1944
- Series 2: Ungar Schlesinger Bienenfeld Kohn Fleischmann Family History, 1996-1998

Original correspondence is arranged alphabetically by correspondent and then chronologically. The family history follows Eric Ungar's arrangement.

Indexing terms

Jews--Austria--Vienna--Correspondence.

Jews--Persecutions--Austria--Vienna.

Jewish refugees--England--Leeds--Correspondence.
Jewish refugees--Missouri--Saint Louis.

Vienna (Austria)
Leeds (England)
Austria--Emigration and immigration--History.
United States--Emigration and immigration--Government policy.

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Series 2: Ungar Schlesinger Bienenfeld Kohn Fleischmann Family History, 1996-1998

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