

**DREIER AND TARNOWSKI FAMILIES PAPERS, approximately 1939-1944  
1998.A.0205**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Dreier and Tarnowski families papers

Dates: approximately 1939-1944

Accession number: 1998.A.0205

Creator: Dreier and Tarnowski families

Extent: 0.5 linear foot (14 folders)

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Abstract: The Dreier and Tarnowski families papers measure 0.5 linear foot and date from approximately 1939-1944. The collection includes correspondence and photographs documenting the Dreier and Tarnowski families, their hardships in East and West Prussia and Pomerania under Nazi rule, and their efforts to emigrate.

Languages: German

**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.

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

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### **Biographical note**

The Dreier and Tarnowski families came from East and West Prussia and Pomerania. Martin Dreier was born in 1911 in Schokken (now Skoki, Poland) to Max Dreier (1879-?) and Netty Fuchs Dreier (1889-1944). Netty Dreier's brother and sister, Julius Fuchs and Sophie Fuchs Lowenthal, both moved to Chile. Martin Dreier moved to England in 1939 and immigrated to the United States in 1944 or 1946. Max and Netty Dreier were both deported to the Warsaw Ghetto in April 1942 and to Theresienstadt that August. In October 1944 Netty Dreier was deported to Auschwitz, where she died. Martin's sister, Edith Dreier Marcus, moved to Sweden with her husband and their brother, Ludwig Dreier, moved to South Africa with his wife. Martin Dreier's mother-in-law, Taübchen Tützer, was born in 1878 in Czarnikau (now Czarnków, Poland). Her daughter, Edith Tützer, married Siegfried Tarnowski, and they lived in Piaski, Poland with their daughter Ruth. All four are believed to have perished in the Lublin Ghetto. Siegfried's sister, Elli Tarnowski Burchardy, moved to Shanghai with her husband, Alfred Burchardy. Siegfried and Elli Tarnowski's parents, Flora and Wolff Tarnowski, lived in Stargard in Pomerania (now Stargard Szczeciński, Poland) and died in early 1940.

### **Scope and content of collection**

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Correspondence primarily consists of letters to Elli and Alfred Burchardy in Shanghai from Flora and Wolff Tarnowski in Stargard, from Edith and Siegfried Tarnowski and Taübchen Tützer in Piaski, and from other family members and friends in Stargard, Piaski, and various cities in Germany. These letters document emigration efforts, family health concerns, and the difficulties of Jewish life under Nazi rule. The collection also contains correspondence between Max and Netty Dreier and their children, including two postcards from Theresienstadt, and official correspondence with Siegfried and Flora Tarnowski about ensuring that the Burchardys received their household goods and transferred money in Shanghai. Photographs depict Netty Dreier, Edith, Siegfried, Ruth, and Taübchen Tützer.

### **System of arrangement**

The Dreier and Tarnowski families papers are arranged in two series:

- Series 1: Correspondence, approximately 1939-1944
- Series 2: Photographs, approximately 1939

### **Indexing terms**

Theresienstadt (Concentration camp)

Holocaust victims.  
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)  
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945) – Children.  
Jewish refugees – Poland.  
Jewish refugees – Germany.  
Jewish refugees – China – Shanghai.  
Jews – Poland – History – 20<sup>th</sup> century.  
Jews – Germany – History – 1933-1945.  
Jews – Legal status, laws, etc. – Poland.  
Jews – Legal status, laws, etc. – Germany.

Germany – Emigration and immigration – Government policy – 20th century.  
Poland – Emigration and immigration – Government policy – 20th century.  
Cottbus (Germany)  
Stargard Szczeciński (Poland)  
Piaski (Lublin, Poland)  
Shanghai (China)

Photographs.

## CONTAINER LIST

### Series 1: Correspondence, approximately 1939-1944

Box	Folder	
1	1-4	<a href="#">To Elli and Alfred Burchardy from Flora and Wolff Tarnowski, 1939-1940</a>
1	5-6	<a href="#">To Elli and Alfred Burchardy from Edith and Siegfried Tarnowski and Taübchen Tützer, 1940-1941</a>
1	7	<a href="#">To Elli and Alfred Burchardy from Other Family and Friends, 1939-1940</a>
1	8	<a href="#">Max and Netty Dreier, 1941-1944</a>
1	9	<a href="#">Siegfried Tarnowski, approximately 1939</a>
1	10	<a href="#">Flora Tarnowski, approximately 1939</a>
1	11	<a href="#">Miscellaneous, approximately 1941</a>

### Series 2: Photographs, approximately 1939

Box	Folder	
1	12	<a href="#">Netty Dreier, approximately 1939</a>
1	13	<a href="#">Edith, Siegfried, and Ruth Tützer, approximately 1939</a>
1	14	<a href="#">Taübchen Tützer, approximately 1939</a>