

**WOLF BAUMGARTEN PAPERS, approximately 1938-1969  
1999.116**

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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Wolf Baumgarten papers

Dates: approximately 1938-1969

Accession number: 1999.116

Creator: Baumgarten, Wolf, 1921-

Extent: 0.5 linear foot (14 folders)

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Abstract: The Wolf Baumgarten papers consist of biographical materials documenting Baumgarten's Polish repatriation and the lives and deaths of his family members; correspondence between Baumgarten and his family and friends regarding their experiences in Prztytk, the Łódź and Szydlowiec ghettos, and the Soviet Union; scrip from the Łódź ghetto; photographs of Izak Baumgarten in Łódź, a burning synagogue, a Bytom synagogue, and Jewish men in Poland; and a Yizkor book for Prztytk.

Languages: Polish, Russian, Yiddish, Hebrew, 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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Acquisition information: Wolf Baumgarten donated his papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in two increments in 1999. The collection previously cataloged as 1999.250.1 has been incorporated into this collection.

Related archival materials: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum also holds a set of drawings of the Gurs and Rivesaltes camps in France dated 1940-1941 which were donated by Sylvia and Manfred Wildmann along with the family letters. The drawings are cataloged as 1998.1.

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.

Processing history: Julie Schweitzer, September 2013

### **Biographical note**

Wolf Baumgarten was born Włodzimierz Baumgarten in 1921 in Przytyk, Poland to Luzer and Sura Laja Kaczała Baumgarten. In 1936 he moved to Łódź with his parents and four brothers: Izak, Mosze, Benzion, and Jakub. His fifth brother, Szlomo, moved to the Soviet Union where he was executed in 1937. After the German invasion of Poland, Baumgarten was imprisoned in the POW camp in Częstochowa, and transferred to Radomsko, Bełchatów, Pabianice, and Łódź. He fled Łódź in 1939 and was deported from Zwislodz, Bielorussia to Leninsk Kuznietzkiy in Siberia in 1940. In 1941 he was mobilized into the Soviet Army, wounded during the battle of Kharkov, and spent the rest of the war in Novosibirsk. His parents and remaining brothers spent the war in the Łódź and Szydlowiec ghettos. In 1942 his mother died of hunger in Łódź and his father and four brothers were deported to Chełmno and perished. Baumgarten returned to Łódź in 1946, married Róża Gutfinger in 1947, and settled in Bytom until 1968, when the couple moved to Denmark.

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

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### **System of arrangement**

The Wolf Baumgarten papers are arranged as five series:

- Series 1: Biographical materials, 1943-1969
- Series 2: Correspondence, 1940-1958
- Series 3: Łódź ghetto scrip, 1940
- Series 4: Photographs, approximately 1938-1940
- Series 5: Yizkor book for Przytyk, Poland, 1964

### **Indexing terms**

Jews – Poland – Przytyk.

Polish people – Soviet Union.

Jews – Persecutions – Poland.  
Jewish ghettos – Poland – Łódź.  
Jewish ghettos – Poland – Szydłowiec (Radom).

Poland – History – Occupation, 1939-1945.  
Przytyk (Poland)  
Bytom (Poland)

Photographs

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### Series 1: Biographical materials, 1943-1969

Folder	Title
1	Abridged copies of death certificates for Baumgarten, Sura Laja and Herszfeld, Frajda, 1969
2	Baumgarten, Włodzimierz, Polish repatriation certificate, 1946
3	Death announcements for survivors killed in Nowy Targ, Poland, after the war, 1946
4	Herszfeld, Jakub, Łódź ghetto identification card and death certificate, 1943, 1948
5	Notes and receipts regarding deaths of Herszfeld, Frajda and Jakub, and Baumgarten, Sura Laja, approximately 1948

### Series 2: Correspondence, 1940-1958

Folder	Title
6	Baumgarten, Izak, Sura Laja, and Luzer to Baumgarten, Wolf, 1940-1941
7	Kaufman, Yasha to Baumgarten, Wolf, regarding Baumgarten, Szlomo, 1941, 1958
8	Various to Baumgarten, Wolf, regarding Baumgarten, Szlomo, 1940, 1957-1958

### Series 3: Łódź ghetto scrip, 1940

Folder	Title
9	Łódź ghetto scrip, 1940

### Series 4: Photographs, approximately 1938-1940

Folder	Title
10	Baumgarten, Izak in Łódź, Poland, approximately 1938
11	Burning synagogue, approximately 1940
12	Bytom, Poland, synagogue and Jewish man, approximately 1938-1939
13	Jewish men in Poland under Nazi occupation, approximately 1940

**Series 5: Yizkor book for Przytyk, Poland, 1964**

Folder	Title
14	Yizkor book for Przytyk, Poland, 1964