

ALFRED BÜCHLER PAPERS, 1937-1960 (bulk 1937-1942)
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Descriptive summary

Title: Alfred Büchler papers

Dates: 1937-1960 (bulk 1937-1942)

Accession number: 1999.119

Creator: Buechler, Alfred

Extent: 0.1 linear foot (1 folder)

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Abstract: The Alfred Büchler papers consist of biographical materials, correspondence, and police and Buchenwald Kommandantur certificates documenting the Büchler family of Gleiwitz; Heinrich Büchler's incarceration in Buchenwald; Alfred Büchler's freedom to emigrate; Alfred, Steffi, and Henry Büchler's efforts in England to communicate with their parents, Jacques and Käthe Büchler, in Gleiwitz; and Jacques Büchler's death at Auschwitz.

Languages: German, English

Administrative Information

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Acquisition information: Alfred Buechler donated the Alfred Büchler papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1999.

Related archival materials: Digital images of Heinrich Büchler's Buchenwald release certificate, certificates stating that Alfred Büchler was free to emigrate, his birth certificate, Jacques Büchler's death certificate, and the children's Red Cross inquiry are available on the Museum's website, cataloged as images 61810 and 61812 through 61815.

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Processing history: Julie Schweitzer, March 2013

Biographical note

Alfred Buechler was born Alfred Büchler in 1925 in Gleiwitz, Germany (now Gliwice, Poland) to wine merchant Jacques Büchler and Käthe Büchler (née Brauer). His brother and sister were Heinrich (Henry) and Steffi Büchler. Jacques was arrested during Kristallnacht and imprisoned at Buchenwald, and Henry was sent to Buchenwald two days later. Henry joined Steffi in England after his release in December, and Alfred was reunited with his siblings via Kindertransport in June 1939. He found work in a kitchen in Ipswich and became a kosher caterer. Henry became an engineer. Jacques Büchler was imprisoned in Gleiwitz in 1941 and transferred to Auschwitz where he perished in 1942. Käthe Büchler also perished during the Holocaust.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The Alfred Büchler papers are arranged as a single series:

- Series 1: Alfred Büchler papers, 1937-1960 (bulk 1937-1942)

Indexing terms

Auschwitz (Concentration camp)
Buchenwald (Concentration camp)

Kindertransports (Rescue operations)
Jews – Germany – History – 1933-1945.
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945)

Gliwice (Poland)
Ipswich (England)

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Alfred Büchler papers, 1937-1960 (bulk 1937-1942)

Folder	Item	
1	1	Immunization certificate for Alfred Büchler, 1937
1	2	Postcard from Heinrich Büchler to Steffi Büchler, 1938
1	3	Buchenwald Release Certificate for Heinrich Büchler, 1938
1	4	Police certificate stating that Alfred Büchler did not commit any crimes which would prevent his emigration, 1939
1	5	Birth certificate for Alfred Büchler, 1939
1	6	Certificate stating that Alfred Büchler was free to emigrate, 1939
1	7	Auschwitz death certificate for Jacques Büchler, 1942
1	8	Copy of 1942 Red Cross inquiry from Henry Büchler to his parents, 1960