

RACHELA ROTTENBERG PAPERS, 1943-1949
1999.25

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Descriptive summary

Title: Rachela Rottenberg papers

Dates: 1943-1949

Accession number: 1999.25

Creator: Rottenberg, Rachela

Extent: 0.4 linear foot (4 folders)

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Abstract: The Rachela Rottenberg papers consist of identification papers and certificates documenting the life of a Polish woman living under a false identity in Warsaw during the war, anti-Semitism in Radom at the end of the war, and her stay at the displaced persons camp in Stuttgart, work for UNRRA, and immigration to the United States after the war.

Languages: English, Polish, German

Administrative Information

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Acquisition information: Manya Friedman, wife of Rachela Rottenberg's cousin) donated the Rachela Rottenberg papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1999 and 2000. The

collections previously cataloged as accession 1999.76 and 2000.483.1 have been incorporated into this collection.

Related archival materials: Manya Friedman's own oral history interview conducted on March 17, 1998, which forms part of the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive, can be viewed onsite at the Museum. A number of photographs of Manya Friedman can also be viewed through the Museum's online catalog.

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, March 2013

Biographical note

Rachela Rottenberg (1920-1995) was born in Sandomierz, Poland and was raised in Radom. Her family fled to Warsaw when Germany invaded Poland. She and her mother returned to German-occupied Radom after Poland surrendered. Her father and brother ended up in Soviet-occupied eastern Poland. Rachela and her mother were forced into the ghetto at Radom, were selected for slave labor, and escaped. They lived in Warsaw under false identities, Rachela using first "Halina Latoszevska" and later "Marianna Brus" or "Maria Bruśnicka." She was separated from her mother in the streets during the Polish uprising in 1944 and never saw her again. After the war, she was reunited with her father and brother who had survived in Soviet Asia. She immigrated to the United States in 1947 and married Othmar Gabriel.

Scope and content of collection

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System of arrangement

The Rachela Rottenberg papers are arranged as a single series:

- Series 1: Rachela Rottenberg papers, 1943-1949

Indexing terms

Stuttgart (Displaced persons camp)

United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

Holocaust survivors.

Jewish refugees – Poland – Radom (Województwo Mazowieckie).

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Jewish refugees – Germany – Stuttgart.

Hiding places

Antisemitism – Poland – Radom (Województwo Mazowieckie).

Stuttgart (Germany)
Warsaw (Poland)
Radom (Województwo Mazowieckie, Poland)

CONTAINER LIST

Series 1: Rachela Rottenberg papers, 1943-1949

Box	Folder	
1	1	Displaced persons identification papers and travel documents, approximately 1946-1949
1	2	Identification papers for false identity, 1943-1945
1	3	Notice warning Jews to leave Radom by August 15, 1945, 1945
1	4	UNRRA employment as a secretary and interpreter, 1945-1946