

## **ROSENWALD, BLOCK, AND KUPFERSCHLAG FAMILIES PAPERS, 1755-1959 1999.A.0278**

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### **Descriptive summary**

Title: Rosenwald, Block, and Kupferschlag families papers

Dates: 1755-1959

Accession number: 1999.A.0278

Creator: Rosenwald, Block, and Kupferschlag families

Extent: 1.3 linear feet (2 document boxes and 1 oversize box)

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Abstract: The Rosenwald, Block, and Kupferschlag families papers date from 1755-1959 and contain biographical materials, immigration records, and ancestral records. The collection documents the lives of Fritz Rosenwald, his wife Gertrude Block Rosenwald, their Rosenwald, Block, and Kupferschlag relatives, the families' efforts to immigrate to the United States during the 1930s and 1940s, and the Kupferschlag ancestors.

Languages: German, Hebrew, English

### **Administrative Information**

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Acquisition information: The Rosenwald, Block, and Kupferschlag families papers were donated in 1999 by Robert and Jeanne Rosenwald, son and daughter-in-law of Fritz and Gertrude Rosenwald.

Related archival materials: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum also holds five prayer books received from Robert and Jeanne Rosenwald in 1999.

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, May 2012

### **Biographical note**

Fritz (Fred) Rosenwald (1907-1977) was born in Bünde, Germany to cigar factory owner Bendix Rosenwald (1862-1919) and Emma Weinberg Rosenwald (1869-1953) who lost their business under the National Socialist government. He immigrated to the United States in 1935 with the help of his father's cousins, William Rosenwald and Sophie Rosenwald Adler, son and sister respectively of Sears, Roebuck, and Co. part-owner, Julius Rosenwald. His mother immigrated in 1936, and his siblings Bertha, Hilde, and Käthe immigrated around the same time. Physician Gertrude Rosenwald (nee Gertrud Block) (1910-1960) immigrated from Westerkappeln in 1937 and married Fritz in Chicago shortly after. Fritz became an American citizen in December 1941 and Gertude in 1943. During the war, the couple worked to aid the immigrations of Fritz's aunt and uncle, Anna and Sally Kupferschlag via England, Gertrude's parents, Feodor and Bernhardine Block, and Gertrude's sister and her family, Hilde, Ewald, and Dan Rosenthal via Holland. Bernhardine Block died at Auschwitz in 1944. Gertrude's relatives from Cologne, Joseph and Adele Harth and Ida Block, died in Łódź in 1942-1943.

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

The Rosenwald, Block, and Kupferschlag families papers measure 1.3 linear feet and date from 1755 to 1959. They are comprised of biographical materials, immigration records, and ancestral records. The collection documents the lives of Fritz and Gertrude Rosenwald, their Rosenwald, Block, and Kupferschlag relatives, the families' efforts to immigrate to the United States during the 1930s and 1940s, and the Kupferschlag ancestors.

Biographical materials date from 1876-1959 and primarily document the pre-war lives of Fritz and Gertrude Rosenwald and the early lives of Fritz's parents, Bendix and Emma Rosenwald, but additional records relate to Hilde Rosenwald, Isaak and Simon Weinberg, and other Weinberg relatives. Documents include birth announcements and certificates, student records, engagement announcements, marriage certificates, military records, passports, professional licenses, death announcements, and funeral speeches.

Immigration records date from 1933-1944 and document Fritz and Gertrude Rosenwalds' immigrations to the United States in 1935 and 1937 and their efforts on behalf of Anna and Sally Kupferschlag, Feodor and Bernhardine Block, Hilde, Ewald, and Dan Rosenthal, Joseph and Adele Harth, and Ida Block. Records include correspondence, affidavits, naturalization certificates, and records regarding the confiscation of the Rosenwalds' radio and camera.

Kupferschlag ancestral records are primarily comprised of handwritten manuscripts in German and Hebrew dating from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Documents include correspondence, military, travel, and financial records, genealogical information from circa 1910, and a family tree. Names featured in the documents include Hesse Salomon and Hesse Leiser Kupferschlag. The family tree includes the families of Joseph Goldschmied, Abraham Goldschmied, Hesse Leiser Kupferschlag (b. 1750), Hesse Leiser Kupferschlag (b. 1795), and Josef Kupferschlag. The families lived in Malsburg, Bühne, Herlinghausen, Hörde, Warburg, and Kassel.

### **System of arrangement**

The Rosenwald, Block, and Kupferschlag families papers are arranged as 3 series:

- Series 1: Biographical Materials, 1876-1888, 1898, 1913-1941, circa 1953-1959
- Series 2: Immigration, 1933-1944
- Series 3: Kupferschlag Ancestral Records, 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century

### **Indexing terms**

Jews – Germany – History – 1933-1945.

Jewish refugees – Germany.

Holocaust victims' families.

Jewish women physicians.

Cigar makers – Germany.

Jewish property – Germany.

Jews – Germany – History – 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Jews – Germany – History – 19<sup>th</sup> century.

## **CONTAINER LIST**

### **Series 1: Biographical Materials, 1876-1888, 1898, 1913-1941, approximately 1953-1959**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
1	1	<a href="#">Bendix Rosenwald, Funeral Speech, Death Notice, and Grave Site, 1919 (see also Box 3, Folder 1)</a>
1	2	<a href="#">Bendix Rosenwald, Identity Papers, 1882-1884, 1898, 1916-1919</a>
1	3	<a href="#">Bendix Rosenwald, Marriage Certificate, 1936</a>
1	4	<a href="#">Bendix Rosenwald, Student Records, 1876-1879</a>
1	5	<a href="#">Emma Rosenwald, <i>Lebenslauf</i>, approximately 1953</a>
1	6	<a href="#">Emma Rosenwald, Newspapers, approximately 1907-1926 (see also Box 3, Folder 2)</a>
1	7	<a href="#">Emma Rosenwald, Relocation Certificate, 1894</a>
1	8	<a href="#">Emma Rosenwald, Student Records, 1878-1884</a>
1	9	<a href="#">Emma Rosenwald, Wedding Announcement, 1891</a>
1	10	<a href="#">Fritz Rosenwald, Birth Announcement, 1907 (see Box 3, Folder 3)</a>
1	11	<a href="#">Fritz Rosenwald, Correspondence, 1926, 1938</a>
1	12	<a href="#">Fritz Rosenwald, Medical Records, 1935</a>

1	13	<a href="#">Fritz Rosenwald, Professional Records, 1928, 1935</a>
1	14	<a href="#">Fritz Rosenwald, Student Records, 1926</a>
1	15	<a href="#">Gertrude Rosenwald, Identity Papers, 1921-1923, 1930-1937</a>
1	16	<a href="#">Gertrude Rosenwald, Professional Records, 1938-1941, 1959</a>
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1	24	<a href="#">Hilde Rosenwald, Engagement Announcement, 1922 (see Box 3, Folder 4)</a>
1	25	<a href="#">Isaak Weinberg, Death Notice, 1918 (see Box 3, Folder 5)</a>
1	26	<a href="#">Simon Weinberg, Death Notices, 1913</a>
1	27	<a href="#">Simon Weinberg, Funeral Speech, 1913</a>
1	28	<a href="#">Weinberg Family, Birth Certificates, 1888</a>

### Series 2: Immigration, 1933-1944

Box	Folder	
1	29-30	<a href="#">Feodor and Bernhardine Block and Hilde, Ewald, and Dan Rosenthal, 1940-1944 (2 folders)</a>
1	31	<a href="#">Joseph and Adele Harth and Ida Block, 1941</a>
1	32	<a href="#">Sally and Anna Kupferschlag, 1939-1940</a>
1	33-36	<a href="#">Fritz Rosenwald, 1933-1944 (4 folders)</a>
1	37	<a href="#">Gertrude Rosenwald, 1937, 1942</a>

### Series 3: Kupferschlag Ancestral Records, 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century

Box	Folder	
2	1-4	<a href="#">Kupferschlag Ancestral Records, 1755, 1783-1802, 1817-1818, 1826, 1859-1864 (4 folders)</a>
2	5-6	<a href="#">Kupferschlag Ancestral Records, 18th-20th century (2 folders)</a>

### Oversize Materials

Box	Folder	
3	1	<a href="#">Bendix Rosenwald, Death Notices, 1919 (see also Box 1, Folder 1)</a>
3	2	<a href="#">Emma Rosenwald, Newspapers, 1907, 1926 (see also Box 1, Folder 6)</a>
3	3	<a href="#">Fritz Rosenwald, Birth Announcement, 1907</a>
3	4	<a href="#">Hilde Rosenwald, Engagement Announcement, 1922</a>
3	5	<a href="#">Isaak Weinberg, Death Notices, 1918</a>