

**NICOLAS WEILL PAPERS, 1965-1998 (bulk 1990s)**  
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**Descriptive summary**

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Abstract: The Nicolas Weill papers consist of copies of court documents, evidentiary documents, press clippings, printed materials, and research files pertaining to Maurice Papon, secretary general of the Gironde prefecture under the Vichy regime, investigations into his collaboration in the deportation of Jews from Gironde during the Holocaust, and his 1997-1998 trial.

Languages: French

**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: Nicolas Weill donated the Nicolas Weill papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2000.

Related materials: The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's library also holds copies of several books on Holocaust history and anti-Semitism in France written, translated, reviewed, or with contributions by Nicolas Weill.

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**

Nicolas Weill (1957- ) is a French journalist who has worked for *Le Monde* since 1995 and has written several books and articles about the history of anti-Semitism in France.

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

The Nicolas Weill papers consist of copies of court documents, evidentiary documents, press clippings, printed materials, and research files pertaining to Maurice Papon, secretary general of the Gironde prefecture under the Vichy regime, investigations into his collaboration in the deportation of Jews from Gironde during the Holocaust, and his 1997-1998 trial.

Court documents include copies of the indictment against Papon, hearing schedules, lists of parties involved, interventions, and arguments made by attorneys for the prosecution.

Evidentiary documents include photocopies of official records dating from the 1940s used to demonstrate Papon's complicity with deportations.

Press clippings include photocopies of *Le Monde* articles about Papon from 1954 until the beginning of the trial, copies of *Le Monde* articles narrating the trial, and clippings and photocopies of articles from other sources discussing Papon, the trial, or related matters.

Printed materials include publications or photocopies of publications about Papon, his trial, the Vichy regime, anti-Semitism in France, and the Holocaust.

Research files include copies of reports and subject files related to Papon, the Vichy regime, and the deportations, and information gathered and analyzed during the trial preparation and through the course of the trial itself. This series also includes two articles by Nicolas Weill and three interviews he conducted with lawyers and a trial witness. This files further includes one 1965 photograph showing an unidentified street scene involving officials, police, and representatives of Holocaust victims' groups, and three color photocopies of courtroom scene sketches by Noelle Herrenschmidt.

### **System of arrangement**

The Nicolas Weill papers are arranged as five series:

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### **Indexing terms**

Papon, Maurice, 1910-2007 – Trials, litigation, etc.

Trials (Crimes against humanity) – France – Bordeaux (Aquitaine).

Jews – Persecutions – France.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945) – France – Bordeaux (Aquitaine).

War crime trials – France – Bordeaux (Aquitaine).

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