

POLLAK FAMILY PAPERS, 1909-1951

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Pollak Family Papers Inventory

1. Memorial Album; "Trauer Album" kept in memory of Max and Antonie Tova Kuffler, Liptovsky Svaty Mikulaš, Czechoslovakia, circa 1937; in Hebrew and German.

The memorial album notes all the death anniversaries according to Jewish calendar till 1985. Antonie (October 23, 1872 - January 24, 1937) was the daughter of Abraham and Marie Strauss, Vera Markbreit's maternal grandparents. Max Menachem Kuffler (1851-1933) was born on May 12, 1851 and died on February 17, 1933. Antonie and Max Kuffler had two children: Izidor Kuffler and Valeria Kuffler Pollak, Vera Markbreit's mother. A photograph of Max and Antonie Kuffler is adhered on the third page of the album.

2. Memorial Album; "Trauer Album" kept in memory of Josef Yishay Pollak and Johanna Hendl Frank Pollak, Vera Markbreit's paternal grandparents, Liptovsky Svaty Mikulaš, Czechoslovakia, circa 1937; in Hebrew and German.

The memorial album notes all the death anniversaries according to Jewish calendar till 1993 and 1985 respectively. Josef Pollak (1847-1905) was born in 1847 and died on November 5, 1905. Johanna Pollak died on April 26, 1927.

3. Copy of the birth certificate of Valeria Kuffler, Liptovsky Svaty Mikulaš, Czechoslovakia, issued on January 14, 1947; in Slovak. The certificate states that she was born on January 6, 1903, daughter of Maximilian Kuffler, age 51 and Antonia Schwartz, age 32, of Israelite faith; blue ink round stamp of civil registry in Maluzina and six stamps, 2 Kronen each. Valeria Kuffler is the mother of Vera Markbreit.

4. Medical certificate issued by Dr. Szontagh in Tatransky Novy Smokovec, Czechoslovakia, stating that Albert Pollak is suffering from laryngitis because of heavy smoking, but otherwise is in good physical health, Czechoslovakia, February 26, 1926; in Hungarian. Albert Pollak is the father of Vera Markbreit.

5. School Diploma issued to Valeria Kuffler who attended the Hungarian Royal State Gymnasium and finished 5th grade with satisfactory results, Liptovsky Svaty Mikulaš, Czechoslovakia, June 18, 1918; in Hungarian. Valeria Kuffler is the mother of Vera Markbreit.

6. School Diploma issued to Valeria Kuffler who attended Secular Girls' School and finished 4th grade with satisfactory results, Liptovsky Svaty Mikulaš, Czechoslovakia, May 26, 1917; in Hungarian. Valeria Kuffler is the mother of Vera Markbreit.

7. Birth certificate for Mendel Miksa Kuffler, born on May 12, 1851, his circumcision was performed on May 19, 1851, issued by the Rabbinate in Alsokubin, Czechoslovakia, dated January 27, 1904; in Hungarian. Mendel Miksa Kuffler is Vera Markbreit's paternal grandfather.
8. Graduation diploma issued to Valeria Kuffler, which states she attended the Real Gymnasium and graduated with satisfactory results and is ready to attend University, Liptovsky Svaty Mikulaš, Czechoslovakia, June 17, 1921; in Slovak. Valeria Kuffler is the mother of Vera Markbreit
9. School diploma issued to Valeria Kuffler which states she attended the Real Gymnasium and finished her junior year with satisfactory results, Liptovsky Svaty Mikulaš, Czechoslovakia, June 30, 1920; in Slovak.
10. Death certificate for Jozef Pollak stating he died on November 16, 1905, Kremnica, Czechoslovakia, dated May 6, 1939; in Slovak. Jozef Pollak is Vera Markbreit's paternal grandfather.
11. Birth certificate for Rudolf Mayer, son of Vojtech Pollak and Ilona Farkas, born on October 10, 1923, Liptovsky Svaty Mikulaš, Czechoslovakia, dated September 15, 1945; in Slovak. Rudolf Mayer is the half-brother of Vera Markbreit.
12. Certificate stating that Albert Pollak; his wife, Valeria née Kuffler; his children: Viera Pollak and Pavel Pollak are legal citizens of Czechoslovakia, Liptovsky Svaty Mikulaš, Czechoslovakia, October 6, 1945; in Slovak.
13. Certificate stating that Vojtech Pollak was a political prisoner from December 2, 1944 till May 2, 1945, Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, December 8, 1948; in Slovak. Vojtech Pollak is Vera Markbreit's father.
14. **Certified copy of Citizenship Certificate** stating that Albert Pollak; his wife, Valeria née Kuffler; and his children: Viera Pollak and Pavel Pollak are legal citizens of Czechoslovakia, Liptovsky Svaty Mikulaš, Czechoslovakia, June 6, 1948; in Slovak.
15. Certificate by the British Military Government stating that Albert Pollak is a former inmate of a concentration camp and is to be given preference by local authorities, Lübeck, Germany, June 11, 1945; in German and English. Albert Pollak is Vera Markbreit's father.
16. Certified copy of Albert Pollak's birth certificate stating he was born on December 16, 1892 and is the son of Jozef Pollak and Johanna Frank Pollak, Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, issued on April 16, 1951; in Slovak.
17. Certified copy of a marriage certificate stating that Vojtech Pollak and Helena Farkas were married in a synagogue in Zvolen on November 26, 1922, Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, issued on November 16, 1951; in Slovak. Vojtech Pollak is Vera Markbreit's father. Helena Farkas is Vojtech Pollak's first wife.
18. Diploma issued to Bela Pollak, of mosaic persuasion, born on December 16, 1892, stating that he successfully completed his apprenticeship in the business of Adolf Fischer and is

qualified to become a hardware merchant, Turč Sv. Martine, Czechoslovakia, November 8, 1909; in Hungarian and Slovak.

19. Photocopy of a graduation diploma issued to Valeria Kuffler who attended Real Gymnasium, graduated with satisfactory results and is ready to attend University, Liptovský Svätý Mikuláš, Czechoslovakia, June 17, 1921; in Slovak.

20. Business card of Albert Pollak, mentioning the name of the Slovak man: Jan Sopko, who was an official Aryan owner of the hardware store, Liptovský Svätý Mikuláš, Czechoslovakia, 1941-1942; in Slovak.

21. Photographic postcard of a street in Liptovský Svätý Mikuláš, Czechoslovakia, July 16, 1909.

22. Photographic carte de visite of Albert Pollak's sister, Liptovský Svätý Mikuláš, Czechoslovakia, undated.

23. Photographic carte de visite of Albert Pollak's brother, Budapest, Hungary, undated.

24. Photographic carte de visite of Dr. Adolf Strausz, which served as his identification card for the Austro-Hungarian Railroad, Budapest, Hungary, December 20, 1888. Dr. Adolf Strausz is Vera Markbreit's maternal great-uncle.

25. Photographic postcard of Albert Pollak, sitting first on the right, during his service in the Austro-Hungarian Army, Vienna, Austria, circa 1918. The postcard is addressed to his mother and signed "Bela."

26. Photographic postcard of Margit Silberstein (first on right), her husband and two daughters, location unknown, undated. The eldest daughter's name is Klara Silberstein.

27. Photographic postcard of Klara Silberstein, location unknown, undated.

28. Photograph of the Kuffler family, Liptovský Svätý Mikuláš, Czechoslovakia, circa 1910. From left: Ida, Antonia, Isidor, Albert Kuffler (Vera Markbreit's grandfather), and Valeria Kuffler (Vera Markbreit's mother).

29. Photograph of the Pollak and Strauss family, Liptovský Svätý Mikuláš, Czechoslovakia, circa 1925. Includes Vera Markbreit's grandparents.

30. Photographic postcard of a group of Slovakian Jews during their forced labor service in the Slovak Labor Battalion marching under the guard of a Slovak soldier, Svätý Jan, Czechoslovakia, circa 1940-1941. Albert Pollak is pictured among the group.

31. Photograph of Albert Pollak during his forced labor service in the Slovak Labor Battalion, Svätý Jan, Czechoslovakia, circa 1940-1941.

32. Photographic postcard of a group including Albert Pollak (first on left) and Valeria Pollak (third from left) during their vacation at a resort, Teplice, Czechoslovakia, summer 1933.

33. Photographic postcard of two men sitting on a bench. The two unidentified men are relatives of Vera Markbreit.
34. Photographic postcard of a group of students in the Hungarian Gymnasium, Liptovsky Svaty Mikulaš, Czechoslovakia, circa 1920. Valeria Kuffler stands third from left in the last row.
35. Photographic postcard of the Pollak family, Liptovsky Svaty Mikulaš, Czechoslovakia, circa 1940. First row from left: Albert Pollak; Pavel Uri Pollak. Standing from left: Rudolf Pollak; Viera Pollak; and Valeria Pollak.
36. Photographic postcard of Albert Pollak wearing a prisoner's uniform upon his release from the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, Lübeck, Germany, May 5, 1945.
37. Photographic postcard of Viera Pollak during "Gardoniada," the Gordonia Zionist youth movement which organized sports events for Jewish youths, Czechoslovakia, July 4, 1948.
38. Photograph of Jewish youths during their "hachshara" in preparation for settlement in Israel, Czechoslovakia, 1948. Viera Pollak sits on shoulders of Erich Liebman (now: Nahum Lavon), who was smuggled together with his three brothers from Bielsko, Poland and survived the war in Mikulaš.