

**EDMUND F. FRANZ PAPERS, 1944-1945**  
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**Descriptive summary**

Title: Edmund F. Franz papers

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Accession number: 2000.6.1

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Abstract: The Edmund F. Franz papers consist of records Franz collected while serving as the chief administrator of the U.S. Army's War Crimes Branch in Wiesbaden, Germany. The records include reports and English translations of statements and interrogation interviews with German war criminals, prisoners of war, and other witnesses recorded by U.S. Army investigators in 1945 in preparation for war crimes trials. Some of the English materials are accompanied by German versions. The papers also include official U.S. Army photographs depicting scenes of atrocities at Buchenwald and Nordhausen concentration camps, and at Gardelegen, Penig, and Gotha in Germany.

Languages: English, German

**Administrative Information**

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Acquisition information: Sally Sockel and Susan Nickens donated the Edmund F. Franz papers to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2000.

Custodial history: Before his death, Franz instructed that the papers be given to his friend David M. Berke for final disposition. Berke donated the materials to the Jewish Studies Program at Kent State University in Ohio on September 5, 1985. In 1998, Franz's daughters Sally Sockel and Susan Nickens requested that the papers be transferred to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. The Museum received the papers from Nancy Birk, University Archivist at Kent State University, on March 9, 1999.

Related materials: Digital images of copies of the photographs from Gardelegen, Nordhausen, and Penig and some of the photographs from Buchenwald and Gotha from other sources can be viewed on the Museum's website. Materials in this collection may duplicate records held by the National Archives and Records Administration.

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, April 2013

### **Biographical note**

Edmund F. Franz (1910-1984) served as an attorney in the U.S. Army from 1942-1946 and in 1945 was the chief administrator of the U.S. Army's War Crimes Branch in Wiesbaden, Germany.

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

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### **System of arrangement**

The Edmund F. Franz papers are arranged as a three series:

- Series 1: Statements and reports, 1944-1945
- Series 2: Photographs, 1945
- Series 3: SS organizational chart, approximately 1945

### **Indexing terms**

Buchenwald (Concentration camp)

Nordhausen (Concentration camp)

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945) – Atrocities.  
War criminals – Germany.  
War crime trials – Germany.

Gardelegen (Germany)  
Gotha (Germany)  
Penig (Germany)

Photographs

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### Series 3: SS organizational chart, approximately 1945

Box	Folder	
1	56	SS organizational chart, approximately 1945