

## **DEUTSCH FAMILY PAPERS, approximately 1865-1948 2000.93**

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### **Descriptive summary**

Title: Deutsch family papers

Dates: approximately 1865-1948

Accession number: 2000.93

Creator: Deutsch family

Extent: 0.5 linear foot (9 folders)

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Abstract: The Deutsch family papers measure 0.5 linear foot (9 folders) and date from approximately 1865-1948. The collection includes biographical materials, correspondence, and photographs documenting Stella Deutsch's family and their immigration to the United States, her Pollitzer and Gerova relatives' survival in Žilina and Vienna, and her parents' deportation to Theresienstadt.

Languages: German, Czech, English, 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: The Deutsch family papers were donated to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by Harry Deutsch in 2000.

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, August 2012

### **Biographical note**

Harry Deutsch was born in 1938 to a German family living in Katowice. He immigrated to the United States in April 1939 with his mother, Stella Deutsch (1901-1997), twin sister, Helga Meta, and older brother, Hans Günther. His father followed later. Stella Deutsch's parents, Berthold and Sophie Storch, had been living in Čeladná. In September 1942 they were deported from Ostrava to Theresienstadt. The following month they were deported to Treblinka where they were killed.

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

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Documents include Stella Deutsch's passport, a postcard to Stella from the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, her Austrian social security card, three French ten franc notes, correspondence, and black and white photographs.

Correspondence includes letters from Stella Deutsch's aunt and uncle Irma and Janko Gerova, another uncle and aunt Illos and Berta Pollitzer, and her parents Berthold and Sophie Storch. Letters from the Gerovas describe their hiding in the forest during the last months of the war, their postwar lives in Žilina, Irma's loneliness, and the couple's gratitude for the parcels the Deutsch family sent them. Letters from the Pollitzers describe their wartime and postwar lives in Vienna and news of relatives. A letter and postcard from Berthold and Sophie Storch addressed to the Pollitzers date from around the time of their deportation to Theresienstadt. Letters from friends and family include a note to Isidor Pollitzer indicating Berthold and Sophie Storch had been transported to Theresienstadt, a postcard from Berta Pollitzer to Berthold Storch at Theresienstadt, an envelope from J. Glassman, and letters from Rosa Sigmund, W. M. Pollitzer, and Ernst Deutsch describing their wartime and postwar experiences.

Photographs depict Illos and Berta Pollitzer, a group including a young Hans Günther Deutsch holding an accordion, a family home in Kunčice, Sophie and Berthold Storch, and unidentified people, possibly family members, in 19<sup>th</sup> century clothing.

### **System of arrangement**

The Deutsch family papers are arranged as a single series:

- Series 1: Deutsch family papers, approximately 1865, 1919, approximately 1937-1948, 1970-1972

**Indexing terms**

Theresienstadt (Concentration camp)

Holocaust victims' families.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945) – Refugees – Poland – Katowice.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945).

Vienna (Austria)

Czech Republic

Photographs.

**CONTAINER LIST**

**Series 1: Deutsch Family Papers, approximately 1865, 1919, approximately 1937-1948, 1970-1972**

<b>Folder</b>	
1	Biographical Materials, 1938-1939, 1970-1972
2-4	Letters from Irma and Janko Gerova, 1945-1948 (3 folders)
5-6	Letters from Illos and Berta Pollitzer, 1945-1946 (2 folders)
7	Letter and Postcard from Berthold and Sophie Storch, 1942
8	Letters from Friends and Family, 1943-1946
9	Photographs, approximately 1865, 1919, approximately 1937-1945